



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €1,935. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Thanks also to the collectors.

The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto, Celbridge on Friday evenings after the 7 p.m. Mass for the month of May.

Please answer Our Lady's call to pray the Rosary.

Bring flowers

Bring flow'rs of the fairest,
Bring flow'rs of the rarest,
From garden and woodland
And hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our Glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest Rose of the vale.

Chorus:

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
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Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May

Their lady they name thee,
their mistress proclaim thee.
O, grant that thy children on earth be as true,
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

Chorus:

Notice for parishioners attending evening Mass in St. Patrick's Church

Scoil Brid car park will be open for car parking.
Please vacate immediately after Mass so Myles the Sacristan can lock up.
Under no circumstance is the access to the convent to be blocked.

The Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from 8th August and returning on 14th Aug (6 nights). Staying at the Hotel Solitude, the all in cost is €739 per person

We will be accompanied by a Spiritual Director.

Further details contact Liam White at 086 0487010.



A special appeal is underway to renovate St. Brigid's Church Straffan and the Presbytery. The Church was opened in 1786 and is one of the oldest functioning Churches in the Archdiocese.

The target figure is €70,000.

We hope to repaint the Church internally and externally, re - centre the Altar and Tabernacle.

A special appeal letter & envelope is available in Straffan Church. Your support would be appreciated with this project.

Mass Times

St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge

Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm,
Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am (Family Mass) 12.30pm & 7pm.

Weekday Mass: 10am & 7pm

Holy Days: 7pm (vigil), 10am, 7pm.

Bank Holidays: 11am.

Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass

Mass Times

St Brigid's Church, Straffan

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm.

Sunday 11am.

Weekday Mass 9.15am.

Holy Days 10am.

Bank Holidays: 10am.

Confessions: Saturday after 6pm Mass

Baptisms:

St Patrick's Church: Sunday 2pm

St Brigid's Church: Last Sunday of the month at 12pm

Pre- Baptism meetings: To book contact the parish baptismal team 085 8519110.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : St Patrick's Church: Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 9.50am).

St. Brigid's Church Friday morning after 9.15am Mass.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm Florrie O'Brien

Sunday 11am Margaret & Tom Durkin

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday

6.30 pm Emily Byrne

Sunday

8.30am Jack & Ellen Hunt

9.30am Hamilton Delargy

11am Marina Cooke

12.30pm Patrick & Margaret Brady, Margaret

& Kevin Kilgarraff

7pm Margaret, Edward & Michael Concannon

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 6th 11am Tom Lenihan, Patrick Fitzgerald No evening Mass

Tuesday 7th 10am Brendan Hannigan, **7pm** John Joe O'Dwyer

Wednesday 8th 10am Patrick Clarke, **7pm** Susan Ireland

Thursday 9th 10am Michael Joyce, Kay Sidi, Bridget Nolan **7pm** Teresa Meaney

Friday 10th 10am Deceased members of the Tyndall family, Anne & David Greene

7pm Dinny & Kate O'Connor

Regina Coeli (Recited instead of the Angelus from Easter to Pentecost)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He Whom Thou was worthy to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He promised. Alleluia.

Pray for us to our God. Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

For the Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

Fr. John Sullivan, S.J.

To commemorate the anniversary of
The Servant of God, Fr. John Sullivan, S.J.

Mass will be celebrated in
Clongowes Wood College

on Sunday 12th May 2013 at 3.00 pm.

Principal Celebrant: Fr. Tom Layden, S.J.,

The anointing of the sick & Blessing with the Cross
of Fr. John Sullivan will take place afterwards.

All are welcome

The Straffan-Ardclough community games,
Athletics heats for County Finals takes place on
Saturday, May 25th, at Ardclough GAA club.
Races for U8s to U16s. Registration on the day at
10am. €2 per child. All welcome.

The living Spirit

Though we are in such pain, trouble and distress,
that it seems to us that we are unable to think of
anything except how we are and what we feel, yet
as soon as we may, we are to pass lightly over it,
and count it as nothing. And why?
Because God wills that we should understand that
if we know him and love him and reverently fear
him, we shall have rest and be at peace.

The mystery of Christ is the ultimate truth the reality
towards which all human life aspire.
And this mystery is known by love. Love is going
out of oneself, surrendering the self, letting the
reality, the truth, take over.

We remember in our prayers and offer our sympathy to the families of
Ann Kennedy, Sean Connolly, James Somers, Mary O' Connor, whose funerals
took place in St. Patrick's Church this week.

May they rest in peace.

We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised:

Ryan Bolger, Madison Mahony, James-Andre Cottin, Emily Barry
Loftus, Amelia Crean, Daisy McDermott & Conor McElvanna.

Congratulations.



This Saturday, 4 May was designated as a national Day of prayer for Life 'from
womb to tomb' in the Basilica at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. People from every
parish in Ireland are invited to come to Knock for this day which will focus on
prayer and liturgy for the intention of protecting Unborn Life.

Choose Life: Ireland faces a defining moment

The decision by the present Irish Government to legislate for abortion means
that Irish law will permit the direct and intentional killing of innocent unborn
babies. Doctors in Ireland have confirmed that mothers already receive any
life-saving treatments they need during pregnancy – and that this is achieved
without *directly* targeting the life of the baby.

The *Choose Life: We Cherish them Both*, Vigil of Prayer for the Right to Life of
Mothers and their Unborn Babies, is an opportunity for all people of faith and
goodwill to join in prayer for mothers and unborn babies, that they will
continue to be protected, cherished, and safeguarded from all harm.

In the words of Pope Francis, before he became Pope:

*"Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a
beautiful thing. So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth
it!"*

We pray that our legislators may be guided by the Holy Spirit in their
decision making.