The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan

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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €2,211. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.

THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU

CONFESSIONS FOR LENT

A Message from Archbishop Martin

When asked by an interviewer who he considered himself to be, Pope Francis surprised many by responding that the best description of himself was: "I am a sinner".

Lent is the season of conversion and return to God. It is a time also in which we can rediscover the joy of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Earlier this year Pope Francis set out a challenge for us all: "I would like to ask you — but don't say it aloud, everyone respond in his or her own heart: when was the last time you made your confession? Two days, two weeks, two years, twenty years, forty years? And if much time has passed, do not lose another day. Be courageous and go to Confession! Jesus will receive you; he will receive you with so much love". As Lent comes to a conclusion I have asked a number of Centre City Churches (listed below) in Dublin to provide Confessions continually on the two Final Saturdays of Lent 12th and 19th April, all day from 09.30 until 18.00 There will be a number of confessors available throughout the day so that ample time will be available for a conversation about your life. The Light over the confessional is still on for you and I ask you to make the most of this special occasion of grace.

+Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin

- **Saint Mary's** - Pro-Cathedral **Saint Saviours** - Dominick Street **Saint Andrew's** - Westland Row
- **Saint Francis Xavier** - Gardiner Street **Saint Teresa's** - Clarendon Street **Our Lady Queen of Peace** - Merrion Rd.
- **Blessed Sacrament Chapel** - Bachelors Walk **Saint Joseph's** - Berkely Road **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** - Whitefriar St.
- **Our Lady Refuge of Sinners** - Rathmines **Saint John's Priory** - Johns Lane **Saint Mary's** - Haddington Road

LENT:

This week in the Parish:

St. Patrick's Church

Every weekday morning, the Prayer of the Church will be said before Mass at 9.45 am.
Wednesday and Friday mornings during Lent 9am -10am there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
The Stations of the Cross: Fridays mornings and evenings of Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the Mass.
On Friday lunchtime after the Stations of the Cross about 11am soup and rolls will be served in the room off the sacristy. Everyone welcome.

St. Brigid's Church, Straffan

Wednesday mornings of Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the Mass.
Friday mornings after Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Trocaire boxes are available at the back of the Church.

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church:
Saturday 6pm: Jim O'Hagan, Jessica O'Hagan Murphy
Sunday 11am: Ted Donovan

St. Patrick's Church:
Saturday
6.30pm: Derek Brien (m.m.)

Sunday
8.30am: Margaret, Edward & Michael Concannon, Patricia Brown
9.30am: Michael Fitzgerald
11am: Olly Maloney, Barney Kelly
12.30pm: Kathleen & Patsy Doyle
7pm: Mary Francis Finn & daughter Anne Morris

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 7th 10am Jack Guinan **7pm** Timmy Slaughter
Tues 8th 10am Michael Harmon **7pm** In Thanksgiving
Wed 9th 10am Deceased members of Redmond, Cummins, & Daly families **7pm** Bernard, James, & Bridget Kealy, Breda Finn
Thur 10th10am Patrick & Maura Hughes **7pm** Margaret Kilgarriff
Fri 11th 10am Marie McNamee **7pm** Christina Wallace
Sat 12th 10am Mona O'Connell.

Recently deceased: We remember in our prayers **Anthony Maguire** whose funeral took place on Tuesday and offer our sympathy to his two daughters Rachel, Ruth. We pray also for his wife Madeline who died just two years ago. May they rest in peace.
We offer our sympathy to Patricia wife of **Michael O' Brien** whose funeral took place on Wednesday and to his children, grandchildren and friends. Michael braved his long illness with courage. We pray for Michael and his family at this sad time.
Denise Noonan: We offer our heartfelt sympathy to her husband David, daughter Julie, sons Paul & Sean, grandchildren, family and friends. Denise whose funeral took place in St. Brigid's Straffan this Saturday had battled bravely and quietly throughout her illness.
May she rest in peace.

We warmly welcome Our Lady of Victories Gospel Choir, Ballymun rd. joining with our own Gospel Choir at the 6.30pm Mass this Saturday 5th April.

St. Patrick's Choir Celbridge, seeks a talented organist, and Choir Director. The church has a long tradition of fine music, featuring the classical repertoire but extending well beyond. The choir has currently about 32 active members.

Inquiries and expressions of interest should be sent to martin.wickham@gmail.com. Interested candidates are also encouraged to visit the church, Main St. Celbridge, at Sunday Mass (12:30 a.m.) to hear the choir.

The Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage

will take place from 22nd July 2014 (6 nights, full board). Staying at the Hotel Solitude, the all in cost is €719 per person sharing. The fare includes full board, travel insurance and coach links from/to the airport in Lourdes. Accompanied by one of the priest of the parish as spiritual director. **Further details** from Liam at 087 3868959.

School Enrolments: To meet demand the Boards of Management of Scoil Naomh Brid and Scoil Ná Mainistreach are establishing a third Junior Infant class in each school this year. Both schools have some places left in these classes, so Parents/Guardians, should contact these school if they wish to enrol a child for Junior Infants for September 2014. Scoil Naomh Brid 01 6272922. Scoil Ná Mainistreach 01 6271149

We thank the parishioners and we appreciate the time taken to give us feedback on our Parish Mission Statement. We are proposing the following as our new mission statement;
As followers of Jesus Christ, powered by God's Holy Spirit we seek to live and share the joy and hope of the Gospel.
If you still wish to give us your input they can be sent to Fr. Taylor P.P. at the Parochial House or by email to celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com

Note from Trócaire: Monday, 7th April will mark the 20th anniversary of the start of one of the most horrific events in modern history. Over the course of just 100 days in 1994, around one million people were killed in the Rwandan genocide - more than a fifth of Ireland's population. Irish people donated £6m to Trócaire's emergency appeal for Rwanda. This was, at the time, the largest public donation in the history of the organisation.

Trócaire continues to work in Rwanda on your behalf, helping to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people. Thank you for continuing to support Trócaire's work, particularly during this Lenten season.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Collection taken up outside Masses on the first Sunday of each month will **not take** place this weekend 5/6 April. Instead a special collection for the Saint Vincent de Paul 'Sunshine Fund' will take place next weekend 12/13 April. The Sunshine Fund is a unique part of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society which provides summer holidays in SVP Sunshine House, Balbriggan for children aged 7 - 11. These children typically come from disadvantaged areas and children from Celbridge and Straffan have attended in the past. Please give generously.

Straffan GFC race night. Saturday 5th April The K Club, Palmer Course
First Race 8.30 10 euro per horse Sponsorship Welcome
Contact Patrick 087 813 7301