



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection) €1,475. Thanks to all the collectors and contributors.

“THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN”

In order to facilitate easy parking at Sunday Masses, as of the 1st September the Mass times are changing as follows:

St. Patrick’s Church. Saturday evening (Vigil) 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 7pm.

The weekday Masses 10am, 7 30pm. (7 30pm in order to allow people time to get home from work).

St Brigid’s Church Straffan. No change week end Masses.

Weekday morning Mass 9.15am.

Month’s Mind Mass

The month’s mind Mass for **Larry O’Toole** will take place in St. Raphael’s Oratory on Sunday 14th August at 11am.

We remember Larry in our prayers.

May he rest in peace.

August 15th Feast of the Assumption the 7pm evening Mass will be offered in Latin in accordance with the Tridentine Rite. Celebrant will be Fr. Jimmy Larkin. At the Mass Holy Communion will only be given on the tongue and those receiving must kneel.

Celbridge & Straffan Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes departing on the 10th August. We ask God’s blessing on them all and hope they have a wonderful trip.

Eucharistic Ministers:

If you are a parishioner who brings Holy Communion to other parishioners please phone the parish office so that the parish record for the sick and the elderly can be brought up to date.

St. Patrick’s Church Celbridge: Vigil Sat 7pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am, 12.30 & 7pm.

Week day Mass 10am & 7pm

St Brigid’s Church Straffan: Vigil Sat. 6pm, Sunday 11am. **Week day Mass** 10am

Confessions: Celbridge: Saturday 10.30am. **Straffan** Saturday 5.30pm

Baptisms: St Patrick’s Church – Sunday 2pm St Brigid’s Church. Last Sunday of the month at 12.15pm

Pre- Baptism meetings Tuesday 8pm in St. Patrick’s Church. To book contact Myles 01 6275942.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : Every Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 10am) in St Patrick’s Church St. Brigid’s Church after Mass until 11.30am.

Why do we use incense ?

Millions of dollars are spent by people on fragrances and aftershave. The scent business is vast, as a visit to a pharmacy or department store can testify.

Scent is evocative. The smell of freshly baked bread, or freshly cut grass stirs even the coldest heart.

For Catholics and other Christians incense is synonymous with liturgy and worship. In pagan religions incense was used as an apotropaic, that is, a means of warding off evil spirits.

In the Old Testament it is associated with offering sacrifice (Malachi 1:11, Exodus 30:34-38). So incense is a mark of honour given to sacred things and persons because of their role in the worship of God.

It is fitting that in worship our senses be suitably involved. Incense is a wordless evocation of honour towards God. It can draw us gently into awe and wonder.

Fr. Paul Taylor P.P.

For your Diary : Parish Retreat - 24th of September 2011 (for one week).

The Theme of the retreat is “The Eucharist”. Francis Hogan will lead it. The retreat coincides with the preparation for the Eucharistic Congress and the 225th Anniversary of St Brigid’s Church Straffan.

Further details over the coming weeks.

Mass Intentions:

St Brigid’s Church: Saturday 6pm: Sean King. **Sunday 11am** Ita Harrington

St Patrick’s Church: Saturday 7pm: Bernadette Russell **Sunday 8.30am:** Mary Bermingham **10am:** Pro Populo **11.15am:** Edith Stirling **12.30pm:** Carmel Timpson **7pm:** John O’Connor.

Mon 8th: 10am Thomas Corcoran, **7pm** Mary Condell (month’s mind) **Tues 9th: 10am** Tadhg Doyle, **7pm** Josie McCormack

Wed 10th: 10am Rita Sinnott, **7pm** Special intention **Thur 11th: 10am** Sr. Consilio, **7pm** Thomas Bean

Fri 12th: 10am Special intention, **7pm** Noel Walsh **Sat 13th: 10am** Dick Crofton.

May he rest in peace

Michael Collins whose funeral took place on Thursday died at the age of 81years. We offer our prayers and our sympathy to his sister and brothers.

We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised: Daragh Lavin, Alice Coyne, Finn Brennan, Maeve McGrogan, Hannah and Faith McKeon and Sean Cowler.

Congratulations.

A Priest, crossing from Dublin to Holyhead one very dark night, asked the Captain of the ferry, "How do you find the harbour on such a dark, starless night as this?" The Captain replied, "Do you see those three lights just ahead? They must be lined up one behind the other in one straight line, and I follow them, keeping the ship in line with the three, until I enter the harbour."

The priest was taken with this explanation and used it often with his catechumenate groups. "The navigation lights are like the Holy Spirit," he said. "When the Spirit comes to the believer, he makes Christ dearer, Heaven nearer and the Word of God clearer."

Escorted tour to Rome with Fr. Tom Kennedy and Lucan Parish for 1 week departing the 7th October 20011. Cost €1,049.

For further details please contact Fr. Tom Kennedy 016280205

World Youth Day 2011- Madrid.

16th - 21st August



We invoke the blessing of the Holy Spirit on:

Rosanna, Niamh Darragh, Orla, Connor, and Caoimhe from our parish who will represent us at World Youth Day.

“Planted and built up in the faith of Jesus Christ Firm in the Faith”. (St. Paul)

‘Happy in the Presence Children Choir’

The Children’s choir is now forming to sing at 11am Sunday Masses in St. Patrick’s Celbridge.

New members from all 1st and 2nd level Parish schools, male and female, having made their Communion, are invited to join.

Practice will take place on Thursdays from 6pm - 7pm.

Adults also required to help supervising - please consider volunteering.

Details on Parish website: www.celstra.ie or contact Grainne on 0876206845.

Children’s Corner



Johnny was coming home from church one Sunday morning with his mother. His mother noticed he had a serious look on his face. "What's on your mind, Johnny?" she asked. "Is it true what the Priest said about us all coming from dust and turning back to dust?" " Why , Yes, it is, Johnny," she said. "Why do you ask?" "Well, when we get home," he answered, "You better look under my bed, because someone's either comin' or goin!"

Keep my little tongue to-day,
Keep it gentle while I play;
Keep my hands from doing wrong.
Keep my feet the whole day long;
Keep me all, O Jesus mild,
Keep me ever Thy dear child Amen.