



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €1,767. Your continued support is appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors. The correct figure for last week was €1,991.

**Parish Retreat to
Ballyvaloo**



Fr. Brian will lead a retreat, open to all parishioners. The retreat will take place in Ballyvaloo, Retreat House, Co. Wexford beginning Friday the 20 March and finishing Sunday afternoon the 22 March. The cost is €170. There are only 8 places left.

A golden opportunity for reflection and inspiration during Lent in a tranquil setting along the sea shore in Co. Wexford. Please leave your name and deposit of €50 in the Sacristy and sign the relevant sheet.

WELLSPRINGS CENTRE LENTEN/NEIGHBOURHOOD RETREAT

Tuesday nights 7.30 – 9.15. Tuesday March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, 14th April. Retreatants meet once a week for the seven weeks of Lent. Cost €4 a night, concessions can be arranged. To book for the retreat at wellspringscentre@gmail.com

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

COME AND SEE THE IRISH CATHOLIC CATHECHISM FOR ADULTS

The Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults is a new resource from the Irish Bishops. Designed to complement the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is adapted for an Irish audience and written in accessible, easy-to-understand language. This Catechism is a resource to facilitate adult faith development. The New Catechism is on view at a table at the front of the Altar. It costs €25. If you would like to order one put your name and telephone number on the sheet.

The Play and Pray at 11am Sunday morning Mass urgently need a few more volunteers to help with the energetic team who are helping the children to know Jesus better. Would you be willing to give an hour a month to this delightful service to our younger parishioners? If so please leave your name in the sacristy. 0858662255

We are hoping to paint the interior of Straffan Church. We are appealing to parishioners to financially support this cause. 'Percy Pig' is outside Straffan Church this weekend for all who wish to contribute to it. For those who wish to make a donation to it later please place your donation in an envelope with St. Brigid's Church Painting fund and place it in any of the collections next weekend.



Advance Notice: There will be **NO** evening Mass on Easter Sunday the 5th April 2015

The Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage

will take place from 6th August 2015 (6 nights, full board). Staying at the Hotel Solitude, the all in cost is €759 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 086 0487010.

Celbridge and Straffan Mother's Prayer Group The next meeting of the parish mother's prayer group takes place on Tuesday March 10th at 8pm-9pm in St Brigid's Church, Straffan. Mothers of all ages are very welcome. We will pray for our children, the children of the parish and children worldwide. We hope to see you there! For further information: 0857777122

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: May Keegan

Sunday 11am: John Lawlor

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday 6.30pm: Dympna Moore (m.m.)

Sunday

8.30am Molly Nicholls

9.30am: Lorna Kirwan

11am: Carmel Timpson

Please pray for David O'Brien

12.30pm: Michael & Ann Murphy

7pm: Kathleen & Sean Collins

Trocaire

A representative from Trócaire, Lydia McCarthy will speak at the 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am and 12.30pm Masses this weekend. There will be a speaker at both Masses in Straffan over the weekend.

A number of the candidates for Confirmation have been working with Lydia, the primary school liaison officer for Trócaire. They have learned about Climate Justice and Mahlet, the girl on the Trócaire box. Climate change is affected by how we choose to live in this part of the world and has effects where she lives in Ethiopia.

Trocaire boxes are available at the back of the Church.

Trocaire - Working for a just world. "The Church is likewise conscious of the responsibility which all of us have for our world, for the whole creation, which we must love and protect." Pope Francis

The Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day will take place on Friday 27th March 2014. Can you help by volunteering for one hour of your time to the collection in Celbridge.

If you are available please Contact Teresa at (087)9047222 or Michael at (087)7949535 or email mloco54@gmail.com. You can also contact Irish Cancer Society at CallSave 1850 60 60 60 or email fundraising@irishcancer.ie.

Mass Times

St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge

Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm

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

Weekday Mass: 10am & 7pm

Holy Days: 7pm (vigil), 8am, 10am, 7pm.

Bank Holidays: 11am.

Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass

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St Brigid's Church

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm.

Sunday 11am.

Weekday Mass 9.15am.

Holy Days 10am.

Confessions: Saturday after 6pm Mass

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 9th 10am Sally Ann Lotz

7pm Barbara Moriarty

Tues 10th 10am Matthew Kilduff

7pm Peter & Pat Fox

Wed 11th 10am Margaret Leydon

7pm Tom, Elizabeth, Thomas, Sean, Henry, & Chris Kenna

Thur 12th 10am Veronika Cekuliajeva

7pm Maureen Hanan

Fri 13th 10am Special intention

7pm Bridget Fitzpatrick

Sat 14th 10am Christopher Kenna



Novena Of Grace

The Novena (9 days of special prayer), through the intercession of St. Francis Xavier began on the Wednesday 4th March until the 12th, in St Patrick's Church, Celbridge.

The Novena of Grace

O most kind and loving saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise.

I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession, the all important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech you to obtain the favour I ask in this Novena (here ask the favour you wish to obtain), but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen.

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman's Prayer

O Lord, support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen and evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

Prosperous Dramatic Society presents ALONE IT STANDS written by John Breen. 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th March at 8.30pm. Price €12. Prosperous Theatre beside Church. Book text 085 1615590

Evening Pro Life Event - Stand Against Media Bias
7- 8pm 11th March outside Dáil Éireann

Challenging Media Bias & Groupthink.
Did you know that 33 articles appeared in the national media pushing a pro abortion line and only one pro life item.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :

St Patrick's Church: Friday morning's 9am - 9.50am.

St. Brigid's Church Friday morning after 9.15am 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 0858662255