



The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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Unforgettable Trip.

Sitting in the boat, with the engine turned off, the only sound the gentle lapping of the waves as we looked over at Capernaum, and the Mount of the Beatitudes, a view which Jesus saw many times, was just one of the great moments in the recent parish trip to the Holy Land.

The 27 pilgrims took home wonderful memories which have made the gospel more alive

The weather was warm and sunny, the food plentiful, and the hotels very comfortable.

Our guide Abraham was an expert in keeping us together, a rich source of knowledge, and a man sensitive to the rich history of both Jewish and Christian tradition.

Of course, a pilgrimage is an energetic experience and I was full of admiration for the "get up and go" especially for those of our group who are 80 plus.

The visit to the Holy Land has left us all richer in faith, knowledge, and friendship. Could one ask for more?.

PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection) was €1,625

Thanks to all the collectors and contributors.

What is the role of a Parish Pastoral Worker (PPW)?

As a PPW you work in partnership with the Parish Priest, Parish Team and Pastoral Council in the service of the Gospel and in the Mission of the Church.

There are four key elements: Relating, Educating, Animating and Praying.

"Relating", involves building community through quality relationships and pastoral care. This includes for example: building links between home, parish and school.

"Educating", involves promoting lifelong learning in the Catholic tradition and in Christian living. An example would be providing opportunities for various groups of people to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.

"Animating" involves supporting lay Catholic, in bearing witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and encouraging involvement in existing and new initiatives expressing the mission of the Church today. These might include reaching out in welcome to newcomers, to those disconnected from Jesus and the Church and those marginalised by society.

"Praying" involves enhancing the prayer and worship of the parish community. Broadening the range of parish liturgies and prayer forms and assisting in making the Sunday Eucharist fruitful.

Baptism Programme

A special programme of preparation for Children over 4 years who have not been baptised and whose family wish them to be baptised will begin in November.

For further information please contact Christina, Parish Pastoral Worker at the parish office on 01 6288827

St. Patrick's Church Celbridge: Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm & 7pm.

Weekday Mass: 10am & 7.30pm **Holy Days:** 8am, 10am, 12am, 7.30pm. **Bank Holidays:** 11am

St Brigid's Church Straffan: Saturday (Vigil) 6pm, Sunday 11am. **Week day Mass** 9.15am. **Holy Days and Bank Holidays:** 10am

Confessions: Celbridge: Saturday 10.30am. **Straffan** Saturday After 6pm Mass

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 - 9.50am) in St Patrick's Church St. Brigid's Church after Mass.

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church: Saturday: Mary Dungan. **Sunday:** Anne O'Hagan

St. Patrick's Church: Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm Patricia and William McKenna, Tony Farrell (month's mind),

Sunday: 8.30am Liam Devine, **9.30am:** Aidan Duggan, **11am** Dan Logan, **12.30pm** Paddy Donegan, **7pm** Mickey Geraghty.

Please pray for Suzi Gallagher and Mrs Kitty Fitzsimons, Gary Kennedy, Patricia Maher, William (Bill) McFarland.

Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon 10th 10am Tony Farrell, **7pm** Christopher Condell,

Tues 11th 10am Sarah Anne Lovett, **7pm** James Condell,

Wed 12th 10am Joseph Lovett, **7pm** James Beere,

Thur 13th 10am Thomas Clinton, **7pm** Ned Condell,

Fri 14th 10am Aidan McDonnell, **7pm** Thomas Murphy,

Sat 15th 10am Michael Gillespie.

We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised: Oliver Connolly,, Sam O'Connor,, Cian Doyle, Adam O'Brien, Johnny Lynch and Fionn O'Reilly

Message from Fr. Taylor P.P.

I know many parishioners value the presence of the Altar Servers at our celebration of the Mass. In order to conform with Child Protection Policy we need volunteers, at least four in Celbridge, and four in Straffan who would be willing to work with the Altar servers. Obviously such persons will have to be Garda Vetted and receive some training. If we cannot find people willing to undertake this form of service we will have to discontinue the altar server's presence. If you are willing to help please leave your number with Bernadette at 01 6288827.

Confirmation 2012

The Parish is looking for some adults who would volunteer to join the team, helping to prepare the children of the parish for confirmation. The programme "You Shall Be My Witness" is very user friendly, and offers adults an opportunity to journey with the young people of the parish towards the celebration of their Confirmation. The time commitment will be no more than 10 hours over the whole year.

Church gate collections

The Parish has expressed concern about the frequency of Church Gate Collections, over which the parish has no say or control. Parishioners are reminded that such collections are required by the Law to be at least 25m (40 feet) away from the gates of the Church. Such collectors are not allowed to collect in the Convent Avenue or at the school car park. The St Vincent De Paul collection will continue to take place in the Church grounds on the 1st Sunday of the month. Your help in enforcing these rules is requested.

Diocesan Assembly of Priests called by the Archbishop Diarmuid Martin is happening on Tuesday and Wednesday this coming week. Please keep the assembly in your prayers

We welcome **Sr. Marie Fay** from the Columbian sisters who will speak at the Masses today about the good work Irish men and woman are doing as Missionaries.

During the month of October the Rosary will be recited at the Grotto in Celbridge at 8pm after the 7.30pm. All welcome.

Children's Corner



October is the month of the Rosary

Just as Our Lady helped and supported Jesus in his life, our Blessed Mother in Heaven loves and prays for all the followers of Jesus. When we pray the Rosary we are united with Mary in Faith, Hope and Love.

How to pray the Rosary

Look at a Rosary beads. It's made up of tiny beads that go around a circle. The beads in the circle are divided into five groups, for each of the five mysteries.

Each group has ten beads on which you say the prayer The Hail Mary. Each group begins with one bead that you say the prayer The Our Father.



FOOTPRINTS

Liturgy of the Word

The READING

From the prophet Isaiah
(written in the 8th Century BCE
from Judah - in modern Israel)

The **Eternal Banquet** is described

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The sentence of death is cancelled out

The GOSPEL

As written down for us by Matthew
(after the fall of Jerusalem AD 70)

Jesus reminds us ... The **Eternal Banquet**
is OFFERED

The decision to attend or not is up to us.

