



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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€1,905.17. Your support is very much appreciated.
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YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Over the next month we will be outlining an exciting development in how we approach the celebration of Confirmation in our parish (and new, anywhere in Ireland)!

We are responding to the appeal from Archbishop Martin ...

“Faith is not just about of the joy of the Gospel but also the joy of spreading the Gospel, the joy of evangelising”

IF you have a passion for the JOY of knowing Jesus Christ
IF you want the YOUNG PEOPLE of our parish to know this Joy
IF you are aged 16 ... to forever
IF you would like to grow in your own faith
IF you believe that the LOVE of Jesus Christ is everything

Then **YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU ...** (and the person beside you)

We need 200 of our Parish Family to help our Young People know that to Our Lord, Jesus ... they are loved beyond measure

More next week ...

We are the largest of the 199 parishes in the Diocese. And so ...
“IF NOT US, WHO? IF NOT NOW, WHEN?”

Understanding the Mass

Millions of euros are spent by people on fragrances and after-shaves. 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.

The Importance of Silence: To be silent, truly silent, it to dissolve all the projections that make up the story that we call “me” and “my life”. To be silent is to be: not floating in fantasy or memory, not thinking of this or that. It is to see things as they are, rather than as we think we would like them to be. By spending a little time in silence, we will really notice how most of the time we are simply not present, not even to ourselves or each other, never mind God, because we are living instead in the past of future. We can only encounter God in the silent emptiness of being that is the deepest reality of what we are.

Our Parish Mission Statement:
As Believers in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live and share the joy of His Gospel message.

Weekend Mass Intentions
St Brigid’s Church:
Sunday 11am: Madeleine Travers
St. Patrick’s Church:
Saturday: Special Intention
Sunday
8.30am: Patrick & Margaret Breslins
9.30am: Paddy & Marie Watters
11am: Anne Doherty
12.30pm: Keith Kiernan
7pm: Maura Doyle

Heritage Week

The Tea Lane Graveyard Committee will host an OPEN MORNING at the cemetery on Sunday the 24th, from 11 to 1 PM.

All are invited to visit this historic graveyard, the original burial ground of William and Katherine Connolly of Castletown and Henry Grattan Jr MP. Several Celbridge residents are laid to rest at Tea Lane.

The committee will be on hand to give an update on the conservation project they hope to implement at Tea Lane.
The graveyard is situated on Church Rd. All are welcome to come along.

Celbridge and Straffan Mother's Group

The first meeting of our parish mother's prayer group takes place on Tuesday Sept. 9th 2014 at 8pm-9pm in St Brigid's Church, Straffan. Mothers of all ages are very welcome. We hope to pray the Rosary, reflect on Spiritual Reading and discuss the lives of different Saints. Our focus is to pray for our children, the children of the parish and children worldwide who are in difficulty. We hope to see you there!

Organised by the Legion of Mary. For further information: 085 7777122

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), 8am, 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 0858662255

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.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick’s Church
Monday 25th 10am: Special Intention 7pm: Bridget Cummins
Tuesday 26th 10am: Jack & Bridget McDermott 7pm: Bridget & Laurence Bolger
Wednesday 27th 10am: Special Intention 7pm: Richard Lawlor
Thursday 28th 10am: 7pm: Special Intention 7pm: Margaret & Eamonn McKenna
Friday 29th 10am: Special Intention 7pm: Lorraine Bagnall
Saturday 30th 10am: Ann McCabe

Knock Shrine will again host the **National Grandparents Pilgrimage on Sunday 14th of September 2014**

Schedule
2.30pm Anointing of the Sick with Music and Song
3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary

(Grand-) Children’s Prayer Appeal
I invite all (Grand-) Children to write a prayer for their Grandparents. All prayers must be dropped in to the Parish Office in Celbridge or emailed to christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie before the 5th of September. All prayers will be sent to Knock and will be blessed at the pilgrimage.

The bus leaves Celbridge on Sunday the 14th of September at 8.30am. The cost per Person is €20. Limited places available. For more information please ring Christina Malone (Parish Pastoral Worker) 085 8519110 or christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie **September 2014.**

Pope Francis Speaks

The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer. It is essential that the revealed word radically enrich our catechesis and all our efforts to pass on the faith. Evangelisation demands familiarity with God’s word, which calls for dioceses, parishes and Catholic associations to provide for a serious, ongoing study of the bible, while encouraging its prayerful individual and communal reading. We do not blindly seek God or wait for him to speak to us first, for he has already spoken.