



The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan



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**PLANNED GIVING:** (weekly envelope collection) €1,449. Thanks to all who contribute and to the collectors.

**Karol Wojtyla** was born in the Polish town of Wadowice on May 18, 1920. He became pope in 1978. He died in 2005. Pope John Paul will be beatified next Sunday, the first step on the path to sainthood in the Church. He was the third longest serving pope in history. He came to Ireland in September 1979. John Paul was very much loved by young people, especially in his meetings with them at World Youth Days (which he began in 1985). Near the end of his life he said to them ...



*You are young, and the Pope is old – 82 or 83 years of life is not the same as 22 or 23. But the Pope still fully identifies with your hopes and aspirations. Although I have lived through much darkness, under harsh totalitarian regimes, I have seen enough evidence to be unshakably convinced that no difficulty, no fear is so great that it can completely suffocate the hope that springs eternal in the hearts of the young. You are our hope, the young are our hope. Do not let that hope die! Stake your lives on it! We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son. (WYD Toronto, 2002).*

**Divine Mercy Sunday** is celebrated today (a feast initiated by Pope John Paul). Sister Mary Faustina, consumed by tuberculosis and by innumerable sufferings died in Krakow at the age

of just thirty three on October 5, 1938 with a reputation for spiritual maturity and a mystical union with God. The reputation of the holiness of her life grew as did the devotion to the Divine Mercy and the graces she obtained from God through her intercession. Beatified in 1993 she was canonised by John Paul II in 2000. He designated the first Sunday after

Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The feast day will be celebrated in our parish with a special Mass and veneration of St. Faustina's Relic at 3.30pm in St. Patrick's Church.

**Easter Dues**

The Easter Dues (offerings) envelopes are an important way in which parishioners support financially the Priests of the Parish and the diocese. The Priests of this Parish are deeply grateful for the generosity of those who contribute.

The Priest of the Parish, Fr. Paul P.P. Fr. Kevin, and Fr. Douglas together with the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Staff, wish you the abundance of Easter blessings.

Our grateful thanks to all the parishioners for your support and encouragement.

A Big Thank You to ...

The ladies who decorate and clean the Church, and those who do the flowers and the Altar.

The Choirs who enriched our services.

All those who contributed to the Easter Offering envelopes.

The men who have worked so hard to keep the Church grounds clean and beautiful.

The children who participated in the ceremonies .

and all those Parishioners who assist in any way at Easter time.

**Trocaire Boxes :** Please return to the sacristy as soon as possible. Thank you.

**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 after 10am Mass in St Patrick's and St. Brigid's Church until 11.30am.

**Mass Intentions:**

**St Brigid's Church: Saturday (vigil)** 6pm. Kay McNally **Sunday 1st May** 11am Thomas and Ellen Walsh.

**St Patrick's Church: Saturday (vigil)** 7pm Evelyn Farrell (month's mind), 8pm Elma McDermott, **Sunday** 8.30am Julia and Edward Bobbett, 10am Pro Populo, 11.15am Joseph and Bridget Fortune, 12.30pm Patrick and Margaret Brady, 7pm Brendan Byrne.

**Monday 2nd** 11am Brendan Hannigan, **Tuesday 3rd** 10am Kate Carroll, 7pm Billy Meade, Colette Dowling, **Wednesday 4th** 10am Carmel Timpson, 7pm Margaret and Kevin Kilgariff, **Thursday 5th** 10am Tom Lenihan, 7pm Evelyn, Sean, Peter, Michael and Bill McDermott, **Friday 6th** Altar List, **Saturday 7th** 10am Patrick Fitzgerald and Harry Boothman.

**We welcome into our faith community the children baptised over the Easter season:** Laura Duggan, Matthew Lyons, Katie Tipper, Margaret Mongan, Casey Burton, Lucy Murray, Luke Winters, Finn O'Shea, Abi Cooney, Cynthia Rodriguez, Elysa Bradford, Grace Collins and Juliette Collins.



**The Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** is taking place in September, departing on Friday 16th and returning Saturday 24th. Spiritual Director Fr. Paul Taylor P.P.

The trip offers an opportunity to see the places where Jesus was born, grew up and lived, and the sights associated with many great events of the gospel. For information [www.celstra.ie](http://www.celstra.ie) or contact the parish office.

**Parish Census:** Between now and the summer we are having a complete census of the Parish. This is very important as it will let us know those who wish to be considered members of the Church and it will help us plan for the future in terms of Masses, Sacraments, Education in Faith and Pastoral Care. More information will be available over the coming weeks.

No evening  
Mass Monday  
2nd May (Bank)

**Upcoming Events**

**Saturday 7th May 2011 CREATIVE EXPLOSION IN CELBRIDGE!**  
Free Interactive Artistic Workshop Event Acre Centre, Salesian College, Celbridge. 11am – 3pm For more information phone 085-1858716

**Saturday 7th May,** Pieta House Darkness into Light 5K event will be held in the Phoenix Park Dublin, starting at 4.30am(early morning)  
Registration on line @ [darknessintolight.pieta.ie](http://darknessintolight.pieta.ie) Or by post to Pieta House, Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin This is a symbolic event to give hope to those affected by Suicide and Self-Harm Get involved, Have some Fun, Make a Difference

**Monday 9th May,** Celbridge Historical Society - Talk by Elaine Murphy on the 1641 Depositions in Kildare- at 8pm in Library- all are welcome

**Sunday 22nd May,** Cake Sale will be held after all the mass's, starting from 9.30am in St. Brigid's School yard, in aid of the Niall Mellon Township Trust.



**AN EASTER PRAYER**

For he  
is Risen...  
and now  
you have life...

Lord Jesus,  
we greet You, risen from  
the dead, and we offer  
You our thanks and our  
praise, our prayers and  
our worship, our devotion  
and our service.

Parishioners will be glad to see we moved to having real candles available at Our Lady's Shrine. The donation for each candle is 50 cent. It is not necessary to multiply the number of candles one lights. The candle lit represents your prayer for all your intention. Please be careful when placing the candle in the sand.

**Fr. John Sullivan, S.J.** To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of The Servant of God, Fr. John Sullivan, Mass will be celebrated in Clongowes Wood College on Sunday, 8th May at 3pm Principal Celebrant: Bishop Jim Moriarty, Bishop Emeritus of Kildare and Leighlin. Homilist: Fr. Ciaran O'Carroll. The anointing of the sick and the Blessing with the Cross of Fr. John Sullivan will take place immediately after Mass. All are welcome

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

How to get in heaven !

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him 'How do you expect to get into Heaven?' The boy thought it over and said, 'Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!

*Always put yourself in the other's shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the person too.*

