



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection) €1,590. Thanks to all the collectors and contributors.

We are looking for a family to represent the parish at a Special Mass with the Archbishop in the Pro Cathedral, launching the Eucharist Congress Candle in the diocese and in our parish. Mass is at 11am. Please contact the Parish office if you are available to attend.

Celbridge & Straffan Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2011. Five nights departing on the 10th August and returning on the 15th August. Staying at The Hotel Solitude. Cost is €719 per person sharing. Full board. Single supplement of €30 per night. Cost may be paid weekly from now until mid July. Deposit required when booking. For further information please contact Liam White on 086 0487010.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting took place on the 9th May for its 4th meeting since its formation The issues discussed

- ◆ A parish retreat given by Francis Hogan planned for September
- ◆ The Holy Land Pilgrimage - Further Promotion
- ◆ New sound system in Straffan - in progress
- ◆ The Eucharist Congress Desmond Bell parish rep
- ◆ Review of the Easter Ceremonies
- ◆ Parish Census / promotion/ volunteers/
- ◆ Feast of Corpus Christi / Procession 25th June planning required. All night exposition
- ◆ Liturgy Group / sub group formed / report back soon
- ◆ Music in the church / New Roman Missal—new hymns
- ◆ P.P.C. Induction Ceremony
- ◆ First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) review/ discussion and considerations going forward

Next meeting 30th May 2011

About the Mass

At the celebration of the Eucharist we use bread made from wheaten flour and water; it contains no yeast or bread soda. This is unleavened bread. Devout Jews have always used mazzah (unleavened bread) at the Passover memorial meal, and it is probable that it was used by Jesus.

Up to the eighth century Christians used ordinary bread at the Eucharist and, indeed, the Eastern Churches continue to do so. The Council of Florence (1439) which tried to reunite the Western and Eastern Church saw the difference as one of custom.

For many centuries one loaf was used and broken up into pieces for distribution at Holy Communion. "Just as the bread broken was first scattered on the hills, then was gathered and become one, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom," says the prayer of the Didache (165 A.D.) Oneness with Christ and others is at the core of the Eucharist.

Fr. P. Taylor P.P.

Congratulations to the girls from Scoil Brid and the boys and girls from St. Brigid's Straffan on celebrating their First Eucharist last Saturday 14th May. First Eucharist is God's dream for these children and we pray that they will always find the joy and the wonder and the love of these dreams that is always offered in the Eucharist

Cemetery Sunday

Mass will be celebrated in **Donaghcumper Cemetery** on Sunday 12th June at 3.00pm.

Straffan Cemetery 13th July 7.30pm

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 6pm Liam Walsh **Sunday** 11am Nora Blake.

St. Patrick's Church: Saturday 7pm Kathleen Murphy, **Sunday** 8.30am Kathleen and Bridie Jordan, 10am Pro Populo, 11.15 Mary Hanbury, 12.30 Claire Foley, 7pm Thomas Kirwan.

Mon 23rd 10am William Hughes, 7pm Pauline Cusack, **Tues 24th** 10am Frank and Esther Kenny and deceased Brady family, 7pm Betty Kenny **Wed 25th** 10am Patrick Kelly, 7pm Alison McGinley **Thur 26th** 10am John and Sheila Flanagan, 7pm Jeremiah Burke **Fri 27th** 10am Josephine O'Riordan, 7pm Special intention **Sat 28th** 10am Connie Blake.

We welcome into our faith community the children baptised recently : Adam Wallace, and the twins Dylan and Jack Field.

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.

The Parish will require volunteers to prepare the packs for distribution and also to distribute the packs during census week. If you would be available to help in any way please contact the Parish office: email celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com or phone 016288827.

Recently deceased

Josephine Moran died on May 11, after a short illness. From Leitrim originally, Josephine travelled in the 1950s to London, and eventually to Lucan and then Celbridge. She worked for some time as a care assistant in St Raphaels. Someone who loved to travel, Josephine was known by all for her kindness and generosity. We offer our sympathy as a parish community to Dominic Cotter (beloved partner of 'Joan'), to her children, Jacqui and Ken, to her five grandchildren, and to her large circle of friends and relatives.

Johnny Wallace greatly loved by a large family. His wife and a number of his children has predeceased him, including one of his children whom he cared for, for many years after he suffered a serious head injury. He prayed the rosary every day. Gardening and growing his vegetables was his great focus. He was a great story teller and he leaves his grandchildren with many memories of his story telling. He was a man of great faith and kindness. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his family.

Exam students: We pray for all sitting their exams shortly, help them to stay focused and to perform to the best of their ability, and that they always stay close to their dreams and their hopes.

Upcoming Events

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.

The Irish Cancer Society is very grateful to all who contributed to their church gate collection in Celbridge and Straffan. The amount The amount raised was Celbridge €1,854.23, Straffan €311.

Straffan Community Hall Committee

Dear Straffan Resident,
Further to the General Meeting regarding Straffan Community Hall held on the 17th February, a Committee was elected on the night to discuss and action a potential restoration of our Hall. Over the last couple of months the Committee has met frequently and we are now inviting all Straffan residents to receive a progress report on our activities and what our plans are. This is also an opportune time for you to inform us about proposed uses for the hall in the future. The meeting will take place in the Hall on Monday 23rd May at 7.45pm.

Very exciting plans lie ahead and we hope to see you there!

Straffan Community Hall Committee

Maurice Friel; Chairman, Rose Donovan; Secretary, Chris Farrell; Treasurer, Gerry Dalton, Joey McBride, Kate Ryan, Katherine Eve, Mia Barry, Orla Fallon, Paraic Russell, Sandra Walsh, & Sinead Bashir. You are welcome to call Sinead on 086 8864194. Consultants: Donnacha O'Donovan, Legal. Matt Eve, Business Planning. Fergal Fitzpatrick, Architect.

Soulworks:

Church of Ireland Hall by the gates of Castletown Sat 28th May 2011 – 8.00pm Do you play in a Band, Sing Solo If so, we're Looking For Musicians of all types, Experienced or Beginners and anyone who enjoys live music to play up to three songs Friends, family and fans are encouraged to attend for an enjoyable evening with showcases of some great talent! Refreshments available. If you would like to perform please contact Brian at 086 8250296 or brian@ymca-ireland.org Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/YMCASoulworks/314112925931>

CHILDREN'S CORNER

TEACHER : Why does you geography exam have a big zero over it.

Pupil : It's not a zero, the teacher ran out of stars, so she gave me a moon instead !



Student: The brain is a wonder full thing

Teacher: Why do you say that?

Student: Because it starts working the second you get up in the morning and never stops until you get asked a question in class!