



The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan



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**PLANNED GIVING:** (weekly envelope collection) €1,910.

Thanks to all who contribute and to the collectors.

*As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter Day, we wish you the joy the disciples experienced.*

*In a world and country not short of doom and gloom, may the joy that radiates from Jesus Risen give us hope and a firm conviction, as we work to roll back the stone of anxiety and fear that threatens many lives.*

**Happy Easter**

**Bank holiday Monday Mass at 11am.** There will be no evening Mass.

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.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** will be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, with a special Mass and veneration of St. Faustina's Relic at 3.30pm in St. Patrick's Church.

On the same day the Beautification of John Paul II is taking place in Rome.

**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.

**About the Mass**

One liturgical acclamation synonymous with Easter joy is Alleluia!

For older Catholics the Gregorian chant Alleluia rekindles memories of chocolate, flowers, incense and bells. After the gloomy austerity and tentative discipline of Lent, life and joy surged.

Alleluia, a Hebrew word meaning "Praise Yah(weh)" was used so many times in the Psalms of the Old Testament, eg Psalms 115-117 that it became a part of the Jewish liturgy.

Strangely, it is only found in one passage in the New Testament.

In the Book of Revelation 19:1-10, we find the angels singing Alleluia in praise of God's justice and then follows the great hymn of Alleluia sung by the whole Church. "Alleluia!" became a part of the prayer and worship of the early Church.

Alleluia is appropriate for Easter because death and sin are overcome through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We welcome the proclamation of the Gospel with the Alleluia. May this Good News draw from our inner depths, not a flat, unenthusiastic, whispered Alleluia, but one that is joyful and vibrant.

Fr. P. Taylor. P.P.

**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.

**Thank You.**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St Patrick's Church: Holy Saturday** 10pm Margaret Lynch, **Easter Sunday** 8.30am Maureen McGovern, 10am Patrick Wyse, 11.15am Kate Walsh, 12.30pm James Kearney, Felix Cox, 4.00pm Filipino Community, 7.00pm Thomas Henry.

**Monday 25th** 11am Russell Wills, jnr **Tuesday 26th** 10am John Young 7pm Oliver Noonan, Rosemary Durhan (month's mind) **Wednesday 27th** 10am John Doyle 7pm Billy Farrell **Thursday 28th** Alexander and Geraldine Wallace & Kathleen and Peter Sherry 7pm. Eric Dunne **Friday 29th** 10am Lil Johnstone 7pm Michael (Mocky) Core **Saturday 30th** Josephine Higgins and deceased family.

We welcome into our faith community the children baptised recently: Isla Robertson, Cian Kennedy, Peter Moulton, Tadhg Doyle, Alastar Aherne.

**Congratulations** to Donna Lawlor, Martin Porebski who received the sacrament of Confirmation at our Easter vigil here in St. Patrick's.

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



For he  
is Risen...

and now  
you have life...

**AN EASTER PRAYER**

*Lord Jesus, we greet  
You, risen from the dead,  
victorious over sin and  
death, over suffering and  
shame, over all evil and  
wrong.*

*Lord Jesus, we greet  
You, risen from the dead,  
overcoming death by the  
power of love, by patient trust in your  
Heavenly Father's promise.*

*Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the  
dead, proving that nothing can separate  
us from God's love, showing us how far  
that love will go, and suffering for the  
sins of the world.*

*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.*

**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.

**Upcoming Events**

**Friday 29th. April** : Legion of Mary/Patrician Meeting. A discussion will take place in the Eustace Centre (basement of Parochial House) Celbridge @ 8pm. Topic for discussion: "Benefits, Fruits and Power of Fasting". Refreshments will be served. All welcome

**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

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**



**Easter Joy and Peace I  
pray  
Find their way to you  
today.**

**HAPPY EASTER**