



The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan



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**PLANNED GIVING:** (weekly envelope collection) €1,400. Thanks to all the collectors and contributors.

**Parishioners:** We are looking for a family to represent the parish at a Special Mass with the Archbishop in the Pro Cathedral, on June 26th, the feast of Corpus Christi at 11am, The special Mass is to launch the Eucharist Congress Candle for 2012 in the diocese and in our parishes.

**Please contact the Parish office if you are available to attend.**

Congratulations to the boys from Scoil Na Mainstreach and the boys and girls from St Patrick's N.S. who celebrated First Eucharist last Saturday and Sunday. We also congratulate the children with special needs from the North Kildare Educate Together who made their First Eucharist on Saturday 28th May.

First Eucharist unites at the deepest level the young children and our Risen Lord. May they share in the "The Bread of Life" frequently.

We are filming an episode of 'The Genealogy Roadshow', presented by Derek Mooney, this Sunday May 29 at Carton House. As the programme focuses on local history we would love if local people came along as they may find out something new about their parish that they may never have heard before. Admission is free and anyone who attends will be able to talk to one of our team of historians and genealogists if they have any questions about their own family history. The audience participation is divided into two slot the first beginning at 12:30 (to approx 2:30) and the second at 3:30 (to approx 5). If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 086 2375499 or [kate@bigmountainproductions.com](mailto:kate@bigmountainproductions.com).

**Straffan Community Hall: Your Community needs a Community Hall**  
**To raise the funds required for the renovation of Straffan Community Hall parishioners are asked to hold a coffee morning.**  
**For more information contact: Sandra on 087 7696179 or Orla on 087 2373142**

**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**

Wine and joy have an ancient association. For the Jewish people the "fruit of the vine" expresses the blessing of God who has provided the land.

At the preparation of the gifts, before saying the prayer of gratitude to God for the gift of the wine which is the result of God's goodness and the work of human hands, the celebrant adds a little water to the wine.

Why? In the time of Jesus, wine was always mixed with water at meals. This practice was carried over into the Eucharist. St. Cyprian saw a symbolism in this. "When wine is mixed with water in the chalice, the people are united with Christ . . . if wine alone were to be offered, the Blood of Christ would become present without us; if water alone were to be offered, the people would be there without Christ." (Letter 63) So the union of wine and water represents the unity between Christ the head and we the body. The inaudible prayer of the priest is very beautiful: "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

Fr. P. Taylor P.P.

**Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

There are currently 19 parishioners going on the pilgrimage, and there are still some vacancies available. 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 more information contact the parish office.

**Cemetery Sunday**

Mass will be celebrated in **Donaghcumper Cemetery** on Sunday 12th June at 3.00pm.  
**Straffan Cemetery** 13th July 7.30pm

**Mass Intentions:**

**St Brigid's Church: Saturday** 6pm Special Intention. **Sunday** 11am Peter and Peadar Doran

**St Patrick's Church: Saturday 7pm** Susan Ireland (month's mind), **Sunday 8.30am** John and Catherine Cotter, **10am** Pro Populo, **11.15** Jenny, Patsy and Jimmy jnr. Kelly, Matthew Plunkett, **12.30** Catherine McGrath, **7pm** Peter Kelly.

**30th** 10am Graham O'Loughlin, 7pm P.J. and Brian Dempsey **31st** 10am Marion Tierney Loneragan, 7pm Christy Fitzsimons, **1st** 10am John Gallagher, 7pm Ben and Sheila Fay, **2nd** 10am Pat Doyle, 7pm Helena Kelly **3rd** 10am Altar List 7pm Altar List **4th** 10am Cissie Boothman. Please pray for Margaret O'Dwyer (anniv).

We welcome into our faith community, the children recently baptised : Sebastian Kelly, Nell McDonagh, Darragh Shannon, Sadie Kelly and Cora Purcell.

**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 we had 180 volunteers, each of whom would bring the census form to fifty houses, we would cover the whole parish. All you would be asked to do, is call to the house, hand in the sealed envelope and if the resident is not there, to leave the envelope in the letter box.

If you would be available to help in any way please contact the Parish office: email [celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com) or phone 016288827.

**Recently deceased:**

**Michael Delaney**, who died last week, aged 80, moved to Celbridge in 1982 with his wife Carmel. He was the post master in Ballyfermot for many years, after he moved to Dublin from his native Galway. He is survived by his seven children and eighteen grandchildren. Michael survived being shot at the post office during an armed robbery. His life revolved around his family and his work and he was greatly loved as a true gentleman. May he rest in peace. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his loved ones, especially Marian, who was so supportive of her father in latter years.

**Graham O'Loughlin.** Graham was 22 and died on May 16 (suddenly). Among his many friends he was known to have a lovely easiness with people. Also, Graham's love for horses was well-known. It was very important in his life and he was highly regarded in the equestrian world. He had diverse interests – from driving and cars, to cooking. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to his parents Margeret and James, his brother Andrew, and his twin sister, Niamh, and his baby daughter Charlotte.

**Marina Cooke.** Marina died peacefully on 14th May. We offer our sympathy to Paul (her husband of 53 years), and to their children, Lorraine, Paul, Mark and Samantha. Marina had a range of interests, including her love of painting, and reading mystery novels. She also had a great appreciation of nature. Marina and Paul used to love visiting Bray. Her faith was important to her, and we entrust her to the risen Lord in whom she believed.

**Biddy (Bridget) Nolan.** Biddy died peacefully on 9th May. Originally from Clondalkin she has been resident in Elm Hall for the last five years. She was a fan of St Theresé of Liseaux. In her early days she trained as a nurse in the Eye and Ear Hospital. Biddy was renowned for her sense of welcome to her home – everyone from tourists and strangers, to those less fortunate. She had a great love of the outdoor life, possibly from her visits as a young girl to a family farm near Kilbeggan. Wife of the late John (Jack), we offer our sympathy to their children Declan, John, Brian, Niall, Una, David, Hilary, Peter and Louise, and also to the residents of Elm Hall.

**St. Patricks Senior Parish Choir**, has a vacancy for a part-time organist. The organist would be required to accompany the choir for Sunday mass, for church ceremonies, weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings and to accompany the choir to choral festivals and competitions. The ideal candidate would be energetic, dynamic and an enthusiastic musician. An ability to assist the Musical Director in rehearsals would be required and to fill in for the Musical Director on occasions'. This is a remunerated position. Please send applications to The Senior Choir Secretary, C/O The Celbridge Parish Office, Main Street, Celbridge, Co. Kildare or e-mail FAO Senior Choir Secretary, [celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com). Closing date for applications is Friday 10th of June 2011.

**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 hopes and their dreams.

**HOPES & DREAMS**

Loving God, as I begin this time of exams,  
I sometimes feel anxious and frustrated,  
Help me to stay focused  
and give me a clear mind to perform to the best of my ability.  
Help me to study with dedication and vigor.  
Grant me silence so that I may process the knowledge I have obtained.  
Let me sleep peacefully at night, so that I am refreshed and renewed for my exams.  
Be with me, gentle God, during these days.  
Undoubtedly, there will be moments when I want to quit and give up,  
Please sustain me, Holy Spirit, guide me during times of trouble.  
Help me be satisfied with the work I have done,  
And guide me to where I will be happiest in the future. Amen.

