



**The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan**



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: The amount this week: €1,467. Thank you for your generosity. Thanks also to the collectors.

As the summer holidays begin we wish all parishioners a safe and refreshing holiday.

Advance notice: Next week Sunday 28th June a special collection for Pope Francis's Charities known as the Peter's Pence collection will replace the share collection. Pope Francis distributes all the money raised to various charities who turn to him for assistance.

House Keeping

- From now on the parish newsletter will give the names of the Ministers of the Word (Readers) and the Eucharistic Ministers for the following Sunday. This will allow those engaged in this ministry to know a week in advance that they are on a particular Mass.
- When receiving the Precious Blood of Christ from the Chalice one should only take a very small sip so as to allow others to also consume the Blood of the Lord as well.
- During the celebration of the Mass it is better that people do not light candles at the shrines, as this activity is a distraction from the main focus of our celebration of Christ's presence.
- In making the responses at the Mass we should try to speak slowly and with meaning. Our participation should be a good example to others, especially to the stranger or visitors.
- We are very fortunate to have a gardening team led by Len Cotter who look after the Church grounds of St. Patrick's. However sadly people are being careless in the way they are reversing / driving and are damaging the flowers. If people aren't more attentive or careful it will be necessary to close the Church grounds to parking.

Celbridge Cemetery Mass: We would like to thank Evelyn for providing the music, members of the parish choir who sang, and John and Vincent who organised the leaving collection at last Sunday's annual Mass for those interred in Donacomper cemetery. We were blessed with the beautiful day as we recalled with love and faith our loved ones who are in God's care.

A reminder that the Cemetery Mass in Straffan is on 15th July.

Altar Society Straffan

Having recently redecorated our church, St. Brigid's in Straffan we would like to establish a team of volunteers who will give one hour a month as part of an Altar Society to help keep the Church in so far as possible in good order. If you have the time and are willing to help out please contact Josie in the sacristy.

The annual **St Joseph's Young Priests Society** pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 27th June. Bus will depart from Castletown Gates at 8am. Bring a packed lunch. Please contact Niall on 086 3008750 for further information.

The Living Spirit

The man who is filled with the Holy Spirit speaks in different languages ... different ways of witnessing to Christ, such as humility, poverty, patience and obedience; we speak in those languages when we reveal in ourselves these virtues to others. Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak. We are full of words but empty of actions, and therefore are cursed by the Lord, since He himself cured the fig tree when He found no fruit but only leaves.

Gregory says: "A law is laid upon the preacher to practice what he preaches." It is useless for a man to flaunt his knowledge of the law if he undermines its teaching by his actions. But the apostles spoke as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Happy the man whose words issue from the Holy Spirit and not from himself!

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA (1195-1231).

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: James O'Hagan

Sunday 11am: Thomas, Peter, & Annie Doran

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm: Alec Keane

Sunday

8.30am: Christina Kiernan, Marie O'Keeffe

9.30am: Special intention

11am: The Farrell & Brennan families

12.30pm: Julia & Molly Young

7pm: Joan Ronan

The Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place from 6th August, accompanied by Fr. Brian McKittrick as spiritual director. Further details from Liam at 0873868959.



The **Lourdes Fund Church Collection** will take place this week-end, to help send people to Lourdes whose financial circumstances are limited and otherwise may not be able to attend.

Rosters for 20th / 21st June

Ministers of the Word (Readers)

6.30pm: Luke McDonnell

8.30am: Joe Curran

9.30am: Marian Lyons

11am: Alma Menton

12.30pm: Martin Wickham

7pm: Joe Bermingham

Eucharistic Ministers

6.30pm Declan Kissane, Winnie Lynch, Lorraine O'Connor

8.30am: Helen Boothman, Bridie Quinlan, Sean O'Regan

9.30am: Mary Waters, Anna Byrne, Annette Melinn

11am: Ingrid Murray, A. O'Connell, Pat Sexton

12.30pm: Liam White, Ann Condell, David Harkness, Margaret O'Shea

7pm: Ciaran Barry, Rafal Gajkowski, Carol Walsh

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

The collection of the clothing bags takes place this weekend on the 20th/21st June. Once again we would like to thank you for your assistance.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 22nd 10am: James, Catherine, Mary O'Sullivan, Peader, Margaret Ryan
7pm: Christopher Byrne, Geraldine Reidy

Tues 23rd 10am: Joe & Peggy Doran. **7pm:** Frankie, Kitty, & Francis Brabazon
Please pray for Geraldine Scally, James, Elizabeth Mulrooney, Simon McNulty

Wed 24th 10am: Pauline Dooley, Please pray for Mary Moore **7pm:** Bea Pratt

Thur 25th 10am: Liam Murphy **7pm:** Mary Condell

Fri 26th 10am: Biddy & Paddy Meehan **7pm:** PJ Donovan

Sat 27th 10am: Jack & Phyllis Collins, May Beatty,

Recently Deceased: We offer our sympathy to the family of **Rose Abel** from the Maynooth Rd, Celbridge who died on Monday. She got married to Jack in 1972. They met at a dance in Straffan hall and as Carol the daughter said at the Mass "he thanked God every day that he was at that dance. She was a well loved child minder to a number of families in the parish. Rose would be known for her kindness and generosity and she was a woman of great faith. May she rest in peace.

We keep in our prayers the late **Maura Walsh** from the Grove, who after a long battle with ill health was born into eternal life on Monday evening last. Wonderfully cared for by her husband Dr. Michael and the family she died peacefully at home. She is reunited now with her son Luke who drowned tragically in the USA a few years ago. Even in her frailty she was brought to Sunday Mass and always had a warm smile to all who greeted her. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

3-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg Bus departs: Fri 3rd -Sun 5th July. Contact Mick Sammon 045-526830 or Mobile 087-6697902.

Copies of the new encyclical letter by Pope Francis on Care for our Common Home called 'Laudato Si' will be available at the back of the Church from the Friday 26th.

On Children by Kahlil Gibran

Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them,
but seek not to make them like you.

For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children
as living arrows are sent forth.

The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and He bends you with His might
that His arrows may go swift and far.

Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as He loves the arrow that flies,
so He loves also the bow that is stable.