



The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly envelope collection €2127.74. Thanks for your contributions and thanks also to the collectors.

A Weekly Hour of Prayer for Life from 7.30pm-8.30pm.

We live in a world where there are many threats and dangers to human life and wellbeing. This weekly hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament invites us to pray for an end to all violence, injustice and neglect which threaten human flourishing. After 45mins of silent prayer we will pray the Night Prayer of the church and finish with Benediction.

Straffan National School will be having their Junior Infant enrolment on Thursday the 2nd of February from 9:30-11:00 in the school hall.

If you wish your child to start school this September, please attend on that date to complete an application form. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate together with a utility bill on the day.

If your child has special needs please inform the school immediately. This is to ensure that their needs can be catered for in September. Further information can be found on www.straffanschool.com

ENROLMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017 will take place in the following schools on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February** from 10.00am – 1.00pm.

Scoil Bríd, Scoil na Mainistreach, Scoil Mochua, St. Patrick's N.S.

Please bring the following documentation with you: Child's Birth Certificate, Child's Baptismal Certificate (where applicable), Current Utility Bill/s.

[Please check school website for further information].

Baptismal Certs: If your child was baptised in our Parish and you require a Baptismal Certificate please **text parents' names, name of child and child's date of birth** to **085-8662255**. Certificates will be available for collection **3 - 5 working days** after text request from the Parish Office in the Parochial House on Main Street from **11.00am – 1.00pm Monday to Friday except Wednesdays**.

Pope Francis Homily for Christian Unity, 25 January 2016

[All] of us, believers in Christ, have been called to proclaim the mighty works of God. Beyond the differences which still separate us, we recognise with joy that at the origin of our Christian life there is always a call from God himself. We can progress on the path to full visible communion between us Christians not only when we come closer to each other, but above all as we convert ourselves to the Lord, who through his grace, chooses and calls us to be his disciples. And converting ourselves means letting the Lord live and work in us. For this reason, when Christians of different churches listen to that Word of God together and seek to put it into practice, they make important steps towards unity.

God is always at work in the hearts of those who are searching for him. As we hand ourselves to silence we are allowing the Lord to work in us. He is moving in the very depths of our being, in the place we call the subconscious. He is at work in those areas where our hurts are buried, where problems and past traumas are deadening our inner lives.

Benignus O'Rourke *In Finding Your Hidden Treasure: The Way of Silent Prayer* (Darton, Longman & Todd, 2010)

PARISH CONFIRMATION

Next month more than 280 girls and boys from our parish will begin their journey to Confirmation in 2018. They are excited and nervous ... and they need us to help.

Our need is 2 adults per group of 10 girls and boys ... 52 in total
The commitment is 3 nights between now and May



This is not in any way difficult ... it is easy. All that is needed is a heart that wants the children of our parish to know that they are loved by Jesus and cared for by us.



Please do not leave this to someone else. Our parish asked last week for help and did not get any response

Contact Us  Rita @ 083 882 7426
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Weekend Mass Intentions
St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Special Intention

Sunday 11am: Special Intention

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday

6.30pm: Special Intention

Sunday

8.30am: Molly & Andrew Clarke

9.30am: The Kelly family - Patrick, Elizabeth, Peter, Tom & Edward

11am: Francis Fitzharris

12.30pm: Mick Reidy, Tom & Kathleen Cummins

7pm: Joseph, Michael & Oliver Foley

Priests Roster for the Masses Weekend
4th/5th February

St. Brigid's - Sat 6pm: Fr. Jacob

Sun 11am: Fr. Jacob

St. Patrick's - Sat 6.30pm: Fr. Paul

Sun 8.30am: Fr. Kevin **9.30am:** Fr. Jacob

11.00am: Fr. Kevin **12.30am:** Fr. Paul

7pm: Fr. Paul

Parish Mission will be happening from Mon 20th to 23rd March.

The side gate and side door entrance into the church will be locked after morning Mass until evening Mass time excluding funerals, weddings etc. This is for health and safety reasons.

Womens Group - A newly formed women's group meets in Celbridge library on a Tuesday morning, 10.30-12.30, once per month. The group is led by Ann Egan who also leads a similar group in Rathangan. The group members are provided with a comfortable space, tea/coffee and an opportunity to discuss their interests, life in or out of Celbridge, local/national traditions etc. Membership is free of any charges. The next meeting is Tuesday 31st January 2017 at 10.30am. For more information contact Ann Egan at 0872386057 or Celbridge Library at 016272207 or celbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie

The Church Gate Collection in aid of Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland (Kildare Branch), for weekend of 21st / 22nd January, amounted to €628 for Celbridge and €178 for Straffan. We extend our sincere thanks for your generous support, and also to our volunteer collectors.

We would ask parishioners in Straffan to please collect their planned giving boxes in the sacristy in St. Brigid's.

God of compassion, you await the sinner's return and spread a feast to welcome home the lost. Save us from the temptations that lead us away from you, and draw us back by the constancy of your love, that we may take our place in your household and gladly share our inheritance with others. **Kieran J. O'Mahony OSA** *In Speaking From Within: Biblical Approaches For Effective Preaching* (Veritas 2016).

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 30th 10am: Sarah Harrison **7pm:** Elizabeth Darlington

Tuesday 31st 10am: Ann Millea **7pm:** Francies & Patricia Lee & family

Wednesday 1st 10am: Jessie & Billy McCauley, John Harte
7pm: Special Intention

Thursday 2nd 10am: Sheila Keegan **7pm:** Ruth Doyle

Friday 3rd 10am: Owen McKenna & family, Altar list of the dead
7pm: Altar list of the dead

Saturday 4th 10am: Gordon Marshall

Rosters for 4th / 5th February 2017
Ministers of the Word (Readers)

6.30pm: T. O'Regan **8.30am:** C. Curran
9.30am: G. Hennigan **11am:** D. O'Shea
12.30pm: A. McHugh **7pm:** A. Menton

Roster for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.30pm: L. O'Connor, B. Preston **8.30am:** B. Quinlan, H. Boothman

9.30am: G. McLoughlin, D. McDonnell, M. Waters
11.00am: J. Murphy, I. Murray, A. O'Connell

12.30pm: D. Harkness, M.O'Shea, B. Ryan, L. White
7pm: C. Barry

Recently deceased

Geraldine (Pip) White RIP. We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to the four children of Pip White from St. Patrick's Park who died suddenly on 19th January at just 49 years of age.

Pop as she was affectionately known was a devoted mother to her children. A book of her art was brought up to the altar at her funeral mass and reminded all present of her talents and friendly character. She will be missed by her children, siblings, neighbours and friends. May she rest in peace.

Please pray for recently deceased Mrs Barry a former parishioner in Straffan and Kathleen O'Sullivan a parishioner from Celbridge.

How can we in our Parish reach out in welcome and hope to others? If you have any practical suggestions write it down and put it in the box near the offertory table halfway down the church. The box will have 'New Life' notice on it. The Parish Pastoral Council will look seriously at your suggestions.

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