



**The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan**



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The next **'Do This in Memory' Masses** for the children from our parish schools preparing for First Holy Communion will take place the weekend of the 21st/22nd January.

**Week of Christian Unity** 18th - 25th of January 2017. There will be a service to mark this event on Sat the 21st of January at 11am in Christ Church, Church of Ireland, Celbridge.  
We encourage all to participate as a sign of solidarity and unity between our faiths.

**Missing Music Bag** - A black music bag has been missing since Christmas Day. The books inside will have the name Nita Whelan inside them. If anyone has any information could they please contact the parish office on 016288827.

**World Youth Day Gifts for the Parish**  
The young people who went to World Youth Day with Pope Francis, in July 2016, have a couple of small gifts, they would like to give to Parishioners, as a thank you for making the unforgettable experience that was World Youth Day happen. Some were donated by the Papal Nuncio, Rev Charles Brown, some are from Krakow, the city in Poland where World Youth Day took place, and some from the Divine Mercy Shrine also in Krakow.  
After the 12.30pm Mass on Sunday 22nd January in St. Patrick's Church Celbridge, we will hold a draw, where some of you may have a chance to take home one of these gifts! But for everyone, there will be tea/coffee and cake! Please join us, everyone is very welcome!

**Parish Office:** Office hours Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm. (Closed Wednesday)  
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**PLANNED GIVING:** Weekly envelope collection €932.81. Thanks for your contributions and thanks also to the collectors.

**Christmas Dues :** Thanks to all parishioners who have returned the Christmas Dues envelopes. The contributions made by you, for the support of the priests of the parish is deeply appreciated. **THANK YOU.**

**A Weekly Hour of Prayer for Life** beginning Thursday the 19th of January 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.

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Next month more than 280 girls and boys from our parish will begin their journey to Confirmation in 2018. They are beginning Year 1 (5th class level). 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*

*If you have been a Confirmation Volunteer in the past please offer your gifts and time to our Confirmation children again.*

**CONTACT US**  
New volunteers also are welcome, and training will be given.  
The commitment is 3 nights between now and May  
celbridgeparishconfirmation@gmail.com  
or Rita @ 083 882 7426

Good News! An Bord Pleanála have approved our plans for Straffan Church.

**Mass Times St Brigid's Church**  
Saturday (Vigil) 6pm. Sunday 11am.  
**Weekday Mass:** 9.15am.  
**Holy Days:** 10am.  
**Confessions:** Saturday after 6pm Mass

**Mass Times: St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge**  
Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm  
Sunday 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm  
**Weekday Mass:** 10am & 7pm  
**Holy Days:** 7pm (vigil), 10am, 7pm.  
**Bank Holidays:** 11am.  
**Confessions:** Saturday after 10am Mass

**Weekend Mass Intentions**  
**St. Brigid's Church**  
Saturday 6pm: Special Intention  
Sunday 11am: Special Intention  
**St. Patrick's Church**  
Saturday  
6.30pm: William Bermingham, Maresa Tansey  
Sunday  
8.30am: Special Intention  
9.30am: Lenie Noonan  
11am: Juliana Brady  
12.30pm: Carmel Miley, Frank Burke  
7pm: Special Intention

**-Parish Lotto Coming Soon-**  
Will begin February 2017. Jackpot €1,000 increasing to €15,000. More to come...

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

**Priests Roster for the Masses Weekend 21st/22nd January**  
St. Brigid's - Sat 6pm: Fr. Brian  
Sun 11am: Fr. Brian  
St. Patrick's - Sat 6.30pm: Fr. Kevin  
Sun 8.30am: Fr. Jacob  
9.30am: Fr. Brian  
11.00am: Fr. Jacob  
12.30am: Fr. Kevin  
7pm: Fr. Kevin

**Rosters for 21st / 22nd January 2017**  
**Ministers of the Word (Readers)**  
6.30pm: M. Donovan  
8.30am: M. Brannelly  
9.30am: R. Kavanagh  
11am: L. Maher  
12.30pm: J. Rogers  
7pm: C. Anderson

**Roster for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**  
6.30pm: C. Wynne, J. Wynne  
8.30am: B. Quinlan, H. Boothman  
9.30am: A. Menton, D. McDonnell, M. Watters  
11.00am: P. Sexton, I. Murray, A. O'Connell  
12.30pm: M. O'Shea, B. Ryan, L. White, A. Condell  
7pm: C. Barry

**Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church**  
Monday 16th 10am: Des Riordan 7pm: Tony Lawlor  
Tuesday 17th 10am: Sheila Gyves  
7pm: Special Intention, Brendan Lyons  
Wednesday 18th 10am: Special Intention  
7pm: Ann O'Brien  
Thursday 19th 10am: Special Intention  
7pm: William Meaney  
Friday 20th 10am: Maura Clancy  
7pm: Sean Butler  
Saturday 21st 10am: Special Intention

**Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees (15 January 2017)**  
**'Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless'**  
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

'Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me' (Mk 9:37; cf. Mt 18:5; Lk 9:48; Jn 13:20).  
With these words, the Evangelists remind the Christian community of Jesus' teaching, which both inspires and challenges. This phrase traces the sure path which leads to God; it begins with the smallest and, through the grace of our Saviour, it grows into the practice of welcoming others. To be welcoming is a necessary condition for making this journey a concrete reality: God made himself one of us. In Jesus God became a child, and the openness of faith to God, which nourishes hope, is expressed in loving proximity to the smallest and the weakest. Charity, faith and hope are all actively present in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, as we have rediscovered during the recent Extraordinary Jubilee.

But the Evangelists reflect also on the responsibility of the one who works against mercy: 'Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin: it is better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and be drowned in the depth of the sea' (Mt 18:6, cf. Mk 9:42; Lk 17:2). How can we ignore this severe warning when we see the exploitation carried out by unscrupulous people? Such exploitation harms young girls and boys who are led into prostitution or into the mire of pornography; who are enslaved as child labourers or soldiers; who are caught up in drug trafficking and other forms of criminality; who are forced to flee from conflict and persecution, risking isolation and abandonment.

For this reason, on the occasion of the annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees, I feel compelled to draw attention to the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone. In doing so I ask everyone to take care of the young who, in a three-fold way, are defenceless: they are children, they are foreigners, and they have no means to protect themselves. I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families.

**Wellsprings Centre**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Art Class resumes 10 am  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Paper Craft Club 7.30 – 9.45 pm  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January - "More Inspiration from the Art of Sieger Koder" 7.30 – 8.30 pm  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11 am to 12 noon  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Prayer Round the Cross: Taize Prayer 8.00 – 9.00 pm.