



**The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan**



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**PLANNED GIVING:** Weekly envelope collection €2485.48. 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.

**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!


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

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th January - 25th January**  
The theme this year is "Crossing Barriers". In this week of prayer we give thanks for all that unites us as Christians. We repent and regret the human failings that have caused divisions among the followers of Jesus Christ.  
Looking at one another with the eyes of Christlike love we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and dedicate ourselves to be open to the Holy Spirit who is weaving the tapestry of greater Christian Unity slowly but patiently. And so we pray:  
God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we thank you for this week of prayer that has brought us together as Christians and that has enabled us to experience your presence in different ways.  
Grant us ways to praise your Holy name together so that we continue to seek reconciliation and grow toward unity.  
Amen.




**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*

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**Mass Times: St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge**  
**Saturday (Vigil)** 6.30pm **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:** Dick Cotter  
**Sunday**  
**8.30am:** Margaret & Patrick Brady  
**9.30am:** Elizabeth Murphy  
**11am:** Leo Ferris, Elsie & Gerry Galvin  
**12.30pm:** Louis Darlington  
**7pm:** Jimmy Birchall, Richard Cotter

**Priests Roster for the Masses Weekend 28th/29th January**  
**St. Brigid's - Sat 6pm:** Fr. Kevin  
**Sun 11am:** Fr. Kevin  
**St. Patrick's - Sat 6.30pm:** Fr. Brian  
**Sun 8.30am:** Fr. Paul **9.30am:** Fr. Kevin  
**11.00am:** Fr. Paul **12.30am:** Fr. Brian  
**7pm:** Fr. Brian

**Parish Mission** will be happening from Mon 20th to 23rd March.  
From Monday the 23rd of January 2017, 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

**Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church**  
**Monday 23rd 10am:** Special Intention **7pm:** Bernie Lanigan  
**Tuesday 24th 10am:** Hugh & Josephine Hennelly  
**7pm:** Special Intention  
**Wednesday 25th 10am:** Eamonn Gildea, Maureen O'Connor  
**7pm:** Margaret Keatinge  
**Thursday 26th 10am:** Special Intention **7pm:** Mary Alioke  
**Friday 27th 10am:** Bidy & Paddy Meehan  
**7pm:** James Greene, Kathleen Murphy, Tom Byrne  
**Saturday 28th 10am:** John Crottey

**Rosters for 28th / 29th January 2017**  
**Ministers of the Word (Readers)**  
**6.30pm:** G. Fogarty **8.30am:** J. Murphy  
**9.30am:** J. Deane-King **11am:** A. Kelly  
**12.30pm:** M. Macapaz **7pm:** J. Birmingham  
**Roster for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**  
**6.30pm:** P. Donohoe, M. Watters **8.30am:** B. Quinlan, H. Boothman  
**9.30am:** A. Byrne, R. Melvin, A. Menton  
**11.00am:** G. O'Callaghan, M. Blessing, J. McMahon  
**12.30pm:** D. Harkness, M.O'Shea, B. Ryan, A. Condell  
**7pm:** M. O'Fiannachata, R. Gajkowski

**Catholic Schools Week in from Jan 29th-Feb 4th**  
**A message from Fr. Paul Taylor P.P.**  
We give thanks for the ways in which our Catholic parish schools are welcoming, affirming and enabling our young people to grow in knowledge, wisdom and joy.  
Working together with parents, teachers, young people and our parish faith community we desire to nurture the rich potential for the future our children represent to build a "civilization of love".  
In some sections of the media there is a concealed effort to suggest that Catholic schools have a "baptism barrier". This is not true. The real problem is that the state is not providing sufficient school places and choices for families in areas where the number of pupils exceeds the school capacity of the area.  
We should also remind people that the vast majority of our Catholic schools were built on land bought by the parish and that the parishioners paid substantial sums towards the building of the schools in the first place and their maintenance. Great sacrifices were made by generations of parishioners to provide educational opportunity to many when the state did little or nothing. Fair is fair and the truth should be told as we face an ideological assault by some who want to "grab" our schools. Catholics are tax payers too and have a right to their schools as do other Christians, believers in other faiths and non believers too. Let us have real diversity of choice but not an unjust grab of Catholic schools.  
- Fr. Paul Taylor.  
**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.