

**The Parish Team**

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**PLANNED GIVING:** Weekly envelope collection €1933.30  
 Thanks for your contributions and thanks also to the collectors.

**Please Note:**

The **Trocaire** boxes can be returned to the church.

**Easter dues** envelopes are now available at the back of the church. The Easter Dues (offerings) envelopes are an important way in which parishioners support financially the Priests of the Parish and the diocese. The Priests of this Parish are deeply grateful for the generosity of those who contribute. Thank you.

The **Parish Office** will be closed until Thursday the 20th of April.

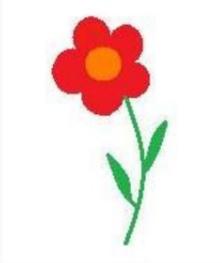
**Advanced Notice**

A special Divine Mercy Sunday celebration (23/4/2017), will start at 3pm in St Patrick's Church Celbridge, with the blessing/ veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, followed by the recitation of the chaplet. It will conclude with Holy Mass and a blessing with St Faustina's Relic. It is hoped to have confessions available on the day. The novena leading up to this feast starts on Good Friday and leaflets are available at the back of the church.

A big thank you to **Joe McNally SuperValu** in Celbridge who generously donated cupcakes for all the First Communion children on Thursday the 13th of April at their 5.30pm Mass in both Celbridge and Straffan!



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



Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Parish Lotto will go to developing our Parish and its outreach.

The prize fund is now €1750 and will increase weekly until won. The lotto envelopes are available at the back of the church in St. Patricks and on the top of the safe in St. Brigid's beside the confessional.

One line (you pick four numbers between 0-30) at just €2, 3 lines cost €5.



This weeks numbers are First Jackpot: 10, 4, 27, 24.  
 Second Jackpot: 4, 8, 30, 5

No winners of our first or second jackpot but our 7 consolation prize winners are:

- Anne Walsh
- Carmel O'Brien
- Michael McKenna
- S & N Eiffe
- Joe & Mary Kane
- Ned Noonan
- Gerard Hennigan

**Please support our Lotto!**

Our next draw will take place every Monday evening. Please have your lotto envelopes submitted before 10.30am on the day the draw takes place.

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Easter vigil and Easter Sunday : Mass intentions per Easter List for both St. Patrick's and St. Brigid's.**

**Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church**

**Monday 17th 11am:** Peg Lenihan, Patrick Gilligan  
**No Evening Mass**

**Tuesday 18th 10am:** Maureen Donnelly, John O'Hagan  
**7pm:** Special Intention

**Wednesday 19th 10am:** Billy Farrell  
**7pm:** Jane Moynihan

**Thursday 20th 10am:** James Kirby  
**7pm:** Margaret Kilgarriff

**Friday 21st 10am:** John Kenna & Marie Murray  
**7pm:** John Nolan, Johnny Fitzsimon

**Saturday 22nd 10am:** Frank Smith, Moud Gjellerup

**Priests Roster for the Masses Weekend 22nd/23rd March**

**St. Brigid's - Sat 6pm:** Fr. Kevin  
**Sun 11am:** Fr. Paul

**St. Patrick's - Sat 9pm:** Fr. Paul  
**Sun 8.30am:** Fr. Brian **9.30am:** Fr. Brian  
**11.00am:** Fr. Jacob **12.30am:** Fr. Kevin

**No Evening Mass**

**The Holy Week Timetable is now available at the back of the church.**

**Annual National pilgrimage to Knock Our Lady's Shrine Nurses & Doctors Day Saturday 6th May 2017**

All healthcare workers, friends and families welcome Theme: Witness to Hope

Return fare: €25 (incl. morning tea/coffee). Local coach pick up point: Spa Hotel Lucan - 8.15am.

Fr. Paul is leading it as the national chaplain of the guild of nurses.

For further information & bookings please contact: Anne Kiely 012828966

Or 0851104833

The Priest of the Parish, Fr. Paul P.P. Fr. Kevin, Fr. Brian and Fr. Jacob wish you the abundance of Easter blessings. Our thanks to all the parishioners for your support and encouragement.

A Big Thank You to ...

The ladies who decorate and clean the Church, and those who do the flowers and the Altar.

The Choirs, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, the leaders of the Play & Pray group, the Collectors, Stewards and the Baptism Team who enriched our services.

All those who contributed to the Easter Offering envelopes. The men who have worked so hard to keep the Church grounds clean and beautiful.

The children who participated in the ceremonies and all those Parishioners who assist in any way at Easter time.

**AN EASTER PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, and we offer You our thanks and our praise, our prayers and our worship, our devotion and our service. Amen.

**Happy Easter**

*For he is Risen... and now you have life...*



Easter Reflection by *Sr Bridget O'Connell FMA*

After Good Friday there is a pause and a stillness as the extent of the loss sinks in. T S Eliot speaking in his Four Quartets says: "Wait without hope, for hope would be hope for the wrong thing." The not knowing what to hope for was very much the experience of the disciples on that morning. They had been so confident until the events of the previous week.

There was no rushing towards Easter Sunday, but on that dawn there was a reminder of a different reality for the disciples. They began to remember that this is what Jesus had told them. Good Friday will not be the end -Jesus is Risen. Remembering his life, his words and the experience of being in his presence enabled the women to cope with their fear and to bring the message of his Resurrection to the others. This is Easter.

When we remember, we find reminders that Easter surrounds us in every circumstance of life.

Easter does not change our reality but it is an invitation to awareness of another kind of reality and way of living. Every aspect of human living is a gift and also a responsibility, a promise and an uncertainty. Life experiences can rock us back and forth between total trust and the deepest despair. We live between the threshold of faith and doubt, between joy and sadness. The invitation of Easter is to remember that Jesus is Risen in each of those experiences.