

PLANNED GIVING: Weekly envelope collection €1457.14.
Thanks for your contributions and thanks also to the collectors.

Farewell to Fr. Kevin

As Fr. Kevin takes up his appointment in Newcastle this weekend officially, we will be organising a special celebration to give thanks for the work he has done in the parish and wish him well as he takes up his new appointment.

We hope to have a special Mass at 12.30pm on Sunday the 1st October follow by a farewell party. An envelope to enable people to give a gift to Fr. Kevin is available at the back of the Church and can be put in the Lotto Safe or handed into the Sacristy or Parish office.

Dear Friends. We are all aware of and troubled by the crisis of homelessness and poverty that, despite many efforts, persists right across our diocese and our country. For over 75 years now, Crosscare has mirrored the loving kindness of Jesus Christ through providing food and accommodation, information and advice, education and support to those who are most in need in our society; people who are homeless, in crisis, disabled and isolated, elderly and alone.

Crosscare sets out to redress the harsh consequences of poverty and disadvantage. It works to identify social exclusion, in its old and new expressions, and to lead those who are excluded into being once again people who can realize their God-given dignity and potential to the fullest degree possible.

Crosscare's actions and programmes are shaped by the fact that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. This guides Crosscare to provide the highest standard of care and support to those who use their services. In the face of the uncertainties, the insecurities and the precariousness of our times, those who need support can rely on Crosscare. In the past few weeks, Crosscare's family hub on the former Mater Dei campus has begun providing new dignified emergency accommodation for families. This is still temporary accommodation, but in a short space of time, Crosscare has already helped a significant number of these families to move out into homes of their own.

The Annual Collection for Crosscare takes the place of the Share collection at all Masses today. I would like to thank you, the people, of our Archdiocese for supporting the work of Crosscare each year and I urge you to be generous again this year and to give what you can to this collection today.

Yours sincerely in the Lord
Diarmuid Martin -- Archbishop of Dublin

Líonta Dé: The Nets of God

Anyone who likes to knit (or crochet) and would like to be part of a different type of prayer group are welcome. As a group we will each knit a wrap/blanket for someone in our parish who is unwell and needs our prayers and support. Prayers will be 'knitted' into the wrap as it is made and it will be blessed before being given to the recipient.

The group meet 2nd Tuesday of the month (next meeting 10th October) 10.45am - 12.15pm in the room beside the sacristy of St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge.

Weekly Parish Lotto

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

The prize fund is now **€7250** 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: 1,15,19,3

Second Jackpot: 20,6,8,14

No winners of our first or second jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners are:

- Pat Molloy
- Noeleen Kane Lyons
- Ann Feehan

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



RECENTLY DECEASED

Bridget Dempsey lived all her 90+ years of life in and around our parish. She was baptised, made her Holy Communion and Confirmed in St. Patrick's Church. Her wedding to her late husband Paddy took place here. She is survived by seven of her eight children and a large family. A woman of strong faith and resolute character she was a daily communicant for years. She died as she wished in her own home in St. Patrick's Park having been cared for with heroic and exemplary energy by her son Adrian with the support of his wife and a team of carers. I am very confident that Bridget, her suffering now over, has received a warm welcome into the communion of saints and heard from the Lord Jesus the words "well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your master".

Carmel Cunneely: Carmel died after a short period of ill health. We offer our sympathy to her husband Tony to whom she was married for over 50 years. A devoted mother of her two children and five grandchildren. She will be remembered fondly by all who knew her. May she rest in peace.

Rita Gately: Rita entered into eternal life ever so gently seated in her armchair with a half cup of tea beside her on the little table, she was called home to God. She began her 84 years of life in Straffan and ended her days back in Straffan Gate where she lived with her son John. A keen gardener for many years we pray that she is now "set down in the fresh beauty of paradise.

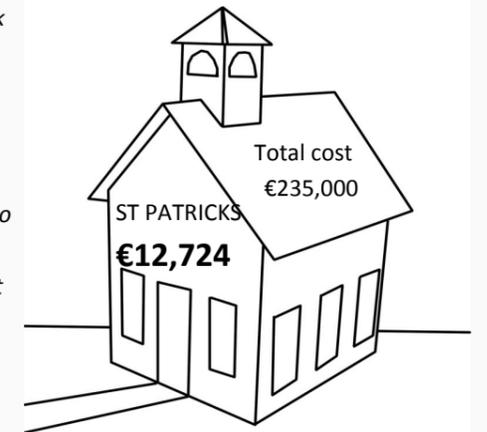
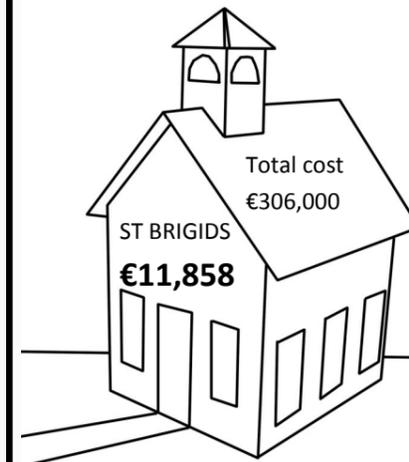
We offer our sympathy to her two sons John and Tom.

Renovations Appeal

WINDOW OF OPPURTUNITY

Tenders for the Renovation work in both St. Patrick's Church and St. Brigid's Church are finalized. They will not stay valid for too long.

I am urgently appealing to you to support our Special Building Appeal for these projects so that work can be completed within the next 12 months.



In order to proceed with the works the Diocese requires us to have 80% of the cost pledged or to hand.

There are a number of options or combination of support for these capital works.

- (1) A donation would be appreciated.
- (2) To pay €25 per month for 2 years by direct debit.
- (3) To lend €1000 or €500 to the parish to fund the work for three years after which your loan will be repaid to you.

We look forward to your support and if you can have any questions or suggestions please feel welcome to contact the parish at celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com or call 01-6288827.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Nel & Tom Morrissey, John McManus, Patrick Ashe

Sunday 11am: John Keating, Fiona Binchy

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday 6.30pm: Margaret (Gretta) Sloan (m.m.)

Sunday 8.30am: Deceased members of Breslin Family

9.30am: Special intention

11am: Margaret Reilly

12.30pm: Teresa Browne (m.m), Monsignor James Mulcahy, Jim McGauran

7pm: Christina Dowling

What's your talent? Is it singing, telling stories, dancing, magic, playing the guitar, telling jokes, telling memories of Straffan in times past? This is your chance to show YOUR talent at the Straffan's Got Talent Show - Saturday 7th Oct 7pm - Straffan Community Hall. Open to people of all ages

Weekly Hour of Prayer for Life every Thurs 7.30pm-

8.30pm. 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.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 18th 10am: Andy Byrne (1st Anniv) **7pm:** Special intention

Tues 19th 10am: Bella Keane & Frank & Alec **7pm:** Philip Drachenberg

Wed 20th 10am: Michael Harte **7pm:** Francis & Patricia Lee

Thur 21st 10am: James O'Reilly **7pm:** Special intention

Fri 22nd 10am: John Fitzsimons Snr & John Fitzsimons Jnr **7pm:** Jimmy Leonard

Saturday 23rd 10am: Olive Coogan, Devassy Ittera

Harvest Dues: A word of thanks to the people of the parish who have contributed their Harvest offering. For most farmers, the bounty of the harvest has been gathered in. The Harvest dues are a way of expressing appreciation to the priests of our parish for the work they do. As you know your Priests depend totally on the generosity and support of the People of God. The Harvest, Christmas and Easter dues offerings are vital in enabling your priests to be paid a salary that is below that of the average industrial worker, teacher, nurse or garda We thank you for your support.

Wellsprings Centre - September Events

Reopens on: 18th September for Art Class 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Wednesday 20th September – Exposition 11 a.m. – 12 noon
Tuesday 26th September – Papercraft Club, 11 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Friday 29th September – Prayer Around the Cross 8 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Brochures are available at the back of the Church

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CAR PARK WILL BE LOCKED 10 MINUTES AFTER THE EVENING MASS FINISHES.