

PLANNED GIVING: Weekly envelope collection €1266.16 Thanks for your contributions and thanks also to the collectors.

CHANGING TIMES

As the number of Priests assigned to the parish full - time is now just 2, our main focus is to provide services for the people of God on the Lord's Day, Sunday.

As and from Monday October 30th there will be no more 7pm weekday evening Masses. The weekday Mass Times will be 10am St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge, 9.15am St. Brigid's Church, Straffan.

The Monday evening Devotions to the Divine Mercy and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Thursday Hour of Prayer for Life will continue. There will be an evening Mass on the First Friday of each month at 7pm.

If you have booked an anniversary Mass for 7pm after October 30th please contact the parish office to re-arrange the time.

Sunday 24 September is Diocesan Safeguarding Day.

I wish to take this opportunity to address you on this vital matter and to thank you for all of the work you have been doing to make the Church in Dublin a safer place for children.

As we prepare for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next August, we should recall the words of Pope Francis: "Families need to know that the Church is making every effort to protect their children. They should also know that they have every right to turn to the Church with full confidence, for it is a safe and secure home".

Considerable efforts have been made in the Archdiocese of Dublin to ensure that the Church is a safe and secure home for children. Last year alone, nearly 1,200 people attended one day safeguarding training sessions and a further 1,500 attended information sessions. We now have almost 400 parish safeguarding representatives who are working alongside clerical and lay colleagues to ensure that best safeguarding practice is followed in each of our 199 parishes. I commend this work and I am grateful to those of you who have accepted this responsibility. There have been significant developments over the past 12 months or so. In 2016, the state vetting legislation came into operation. Up to that point, vetting was a matter of good practice. Now it is become a legal requirement for those working with children and vulnerable persons. The system for applying for vetting changed and this placed an extra burden on parishes and, most particularly, on those parish workers and volunteers who are not familiar or comfortable with computers and with communicating by email. I want to thank you for bearing with the anxiety and trouble this has caused you. There will be further developments in this area over the coming years.

With prayerful good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

+ Diarmuid Martin

Archbishop of Dublin

The names of our Parish child safe guarding team, Maureen Giblin, Abika Odofin and Margaret O'Shea who for many years has been in the role and is now handing over. Thanks to them for their commitment.

Farewell to Fr. Kevin will take place next Sunday after the 12.30pm Mass. The Mass and the social gathering afterwards will give us all the opportunity to give thanks for his time here with us and affirm him as he takes up his new role in Newcastle.

Special white envelopes are available at the back of the Church should you wish to contribute to the farewell gift.

Weekly Parish Lotto

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

The prize fund is now **€7500** 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: 20,10,1,4

Second Jackpot: 16,9,8,4

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

- Niamh McCarthy
- Noeleen Kane Lyons
- Bernie Bailey

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.

Volunteers are the Life Blood of our Parish

We invite you to consider becoming a volunteer for one of our many forms of service in our faith community. We need new helpers for:

- Church Cleaning Team (1 hour per week)
- Church Flower Team (1 hour per week)
- Baptism Team
- Funeral Ministry
- Special Ministers of the Eucharist
- Readers
- Folk / Gospel Choir
- Parish Pastoral Council (1 hour per month)
- Welcoming Ministry
- Altar Servers - young people
- Confirmation Programme

Appropriate training will be given.

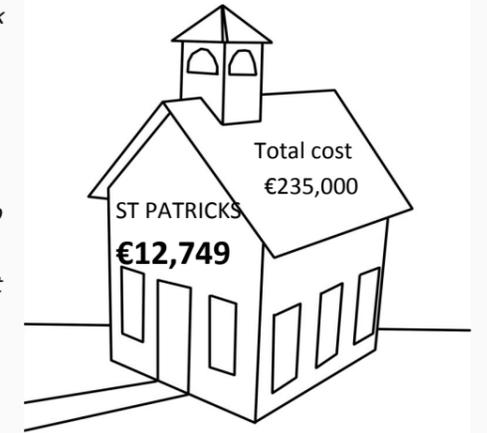
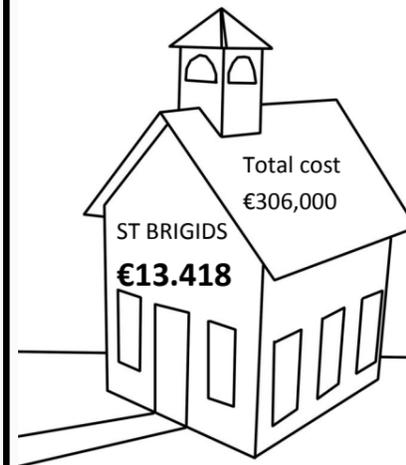
If you are willing to volunteer please leave your name contact details and the ministry of your choice on the clipboard at the back of the Church.

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 warmly 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. **(Green forms are available from the back of the Church)**
- (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.

Thank you to all you have donated, loaned or signed up to the direct debit in the last number of weeks.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Paul Stanley & Rosaleen Doyle

Sunday 11am: Ellen & John McKenna

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday 6.30pm: Maurice & Nancy Murray

Sunday 8.30am: Una Miller

9.30am: Niall Power, Power, Greene & Dunne Family

11am: Phyllis Greene

12.30pm: John McCabe, Liam Lagan

7pm: Special Intention

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 25th 10am: Cheriya Mariyam

7pm: Kitty & Christy Fitzsimons, & Fitzsimons & Core Families

Tues 26th 10am: Patrick Crowe

7pm: Austin Cox, Barry McGloin & deceased family members

Wed 27th 10am: Nancy & Brendan Walsh, Special Intention

7pm: Una Quirke

Thur 28th 10am: Special Intention **7pm:** Seán Tansey

Fri 29th 10am: Teresa & John O'Donnell **7pm:** Special Intention

Saturday 30th 10am: Florence Brophy

Wellsprings Centre - September Events

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

A huge number of people attended the funeral Mass of the late Pat Geraghty who died at the age of 62 after an 18 month struggle with a brain tumour. Pat grew up in Celbridge and was always proud of his north Kildare roots. He was very involved with the Munster Rugby Club and will be greatly missed by his wife Kathy, his two daughters, extended family and many friends especially in the rugby world. May he rest in peace.

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.

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.