



The Parish Team

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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly envelope collection €1731.94 Thanks for your contributions and thanks also to the collectors.

Farewell to Fr. Kevin

The Archbishop has appointed Fr. Kevin to the parish of Newcastle effective 15/16 September. We give thanks for all the good work he has done here and wish him every blessing in his new position. A farewell celebration will be organised shortly.

Volunteers Needed

The Baptism Team and the Eucharistic Ministers Team urgently need volunteers to assist in their work. The time commitments are as follows: Baptism Team; one hour Tuesday once a month and one mass Sunday once a month, Eucharistic Ministers; one mass once a fortnight. Full training will be given. Please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office if you are interested in helping.

Weekly Hour of Prayer for Life from 7.30pm-8.30pm will resume Thursday next 7th September. 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.

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is U!

YOUR PARISH NEEDS "U"!

Our Year 2 (6th class) parish Confirmation journey begins in a few weeks. Our parish volunteers who help lead our groups are the heartbeat of it. And we need 150 volunteers. If you do it we need 149! Let's do this. Let's make faith alive! It is incredibly rewarding ... and hugely important.

- ◆ If U have a passion for the JOY of knowing Jesus Christ
- ◆ If U want the YOUNG PEOPLE of our parish to know this Joy
- ◆ If U would like to grow in your own faith ... then **YOUR PARISH NEEDS "U"**

celbridgeparishconfirmation@eircom.net

Weekly Parish Lotto

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

The prize fund is now **€6750** 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: 6, 14, 15, 2
 Second Jackpot: 29, 20, 16, 13

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

Christy Wallace
 Ann Fitzsimons
 Tom & Eilish Burke

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.

Straffan Parent and Toddler Group

This community group has been running for over 10 years and is a great way for young toddlers and their minders or parents to meet up. Unfortunately the current volunteers cannot continue with the Straffan Toddler group from September and are looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Julia for more information on 0879377678

St Vincent De Paul will be holding their usual monthly collection after all Masses this weekend, 2nd / 3rd September. Your support, helps us to alleviate to some extent the needs of the less fortunate among us. We appreciate your support.

Renovations Appeal

In every generation improvements were made to our parish facilities as needs changed and the population of the parish increased. I thank you for your financial support of the parish. However, we now need to enhance our church facilities.

St. Patrick's Celbridge

The choir gallery needs to be extended and a new stairway erected up to it for health and safety.

The baptismal font will be relocated halfway down the church.

A new Reconciliation Room will be put in place.

The flooring around the altar may be done in marble tiles.

The total cost will be €235,000 - including 13% VAT.

Contributions given to particular appeal will be used exclusively for that Church.

Renovation appeal **white** envelopes for Straffan Church.

Renovation appeal **green** envelopes for Celbridge Church.

St. Brigid's Straffan

Lower the sanctuary by one step

Re-centre the present altar and tile floor and move new tabernacle to centre of the altar area.

Install new limestone lectern/ambo for readings and new baptism font in similar material.

New gas mains boiler etc.

Build a new gathering space with toilets and small kitchen facility which can accommodate overflow congregation at funerals and provide a safe space for children's liturgy of the word.

The total cost will be €306,000 - including 13% VAT.

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

I am appealing for your support of the project. 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.

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

The totals so far for St. Patricks Celbridge is €9,409 & St. Brigid's Straffan is €10, 448

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: John O'Hagan

Sunday 11am: Myra Salmon

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday 6.30pm: Sean Kearns

Sunday 8.30am: Peter Mary Lynch

9.30am: Catherine Culliton

11am: Bill & Paul Burke, Mary & Richard Duncce & family

12.30pm: Lally Young, Elizabeth, John, Julia Byrne & Byrne family

7pm: Tony Farrell

Congratulations to St. Patrick's N.S. on their 10th anniversary. They first opened their doors on 1st September 2007. We give thanks for all the good work the parents, teachers and students do.

We welcome the Salesian Deacon Paul Tran who will be on Pastoral work placement in the parish over the next year. Reverend Paul is from Vietnam and is part of the Salesian community and lives at their house here on Maynooth Rd. Celbridge.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 4th 10am: Grace **7pm:** John & Lena Haugh

Tuesday 5th 10am: Teresa Browne **7pm:** Michael Kavanagh

Wednesday 6th 10am: Teresa Browne **7pm:** William Pratt

Thursday 7th 10am: Special intention **7pm:** Christina Dowling

Friday 8th 10am: Edward McKenna **7pm:** Kieran Newman

Saturday 9th 10am: Frank & Molly Hennessy, Teresa Browne

Margaret Sloane

Celbridge Christian Meditation Group: Meditation is a universal spiritual wisdom and a practice found at the core of all the great religious traditions. Christian Meditation Ireland is part of the World Community for Christian Meditation which continues the work initiated 40 years ago by the Benedictine monk, John Main, to renew and share the ancient and simple Christian path of meditation. We meet weekly resuming on Wednesday September 6th at 19.30 in St John of Gods Oratory Clane Road. Parking available on the left after the Mill. Entrance to the Oratory is through the 2nd Gate on the left hand side after the car park. New members are always welcome. Contact Lucy on 0872394734 or Jean 0863923166 for further information or just drop in.