

For your attention: Next Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Because of the storm damage there will be **No Mass** in Straffan. The Mass times in Celbridge are: Thursday (vigil) 7pm and Friday 10am and 7pm.

PLANNED GIVING: Weekly envelope collection €1361.35. Thanks for your contributions and thanks also to the collectors.

PARKING IN THE CHURCH FORECOURT

Because of various incidents and near accidents we have had to review the question of parking in the Church forecourt. For health and safety reasons it will no longer be available for parking for morning and evening Masses.

The good news is that people can park free of charge on the Main Street and Kildare County Council Car Parks up to 10.45am.

I know all of you will accept the health and safety of people especially the elderly is paramount.

Today we begin the new Church year. We set off on the journey of Advent to create space in our hearts and lives for a fresh encounter with Jesus Christ whose coming among us we celebrate at Christmas. The Holy Spirit invites us to clear a space in our busy lives and to focus on what is really valuable; peace, kindness, love and care.

During the summer while visiting Canada I came across the little booklet "Living with Christ" which is used throughout Canada. I was so impressed with it I am making it available in our parish. It contains all the readings, Mass prayers and other prayers for the month of December, morning and evening prayer, quotes from the Saints and the Pope's intentions.

It costs just €5 and I invite you to consider it. It is available on the table at the back of the Church and you can put your €5 in the Green Box beside the bookstand. I have found it inspirational.

Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families 2018

God, Our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
 One family, in the Spirit of your love.
 Bless us with the joy of love.
 Make us patient and kind,
 gentle and generous,
 welcoming to those in need.
 Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
 Protect all families with your loving care,
 Especially those for whom we no pray:
 [We pause and remember family members and others by name]
 Increase our faith,
 Strengthen our hope,
 Keep us safe in your love,
 Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
 This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen

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ST. BRIGID'S STRAFFAN

Due to storm damage the Church will be closed for the foreseeable future. The Sunday Masses will be celebrated in St. Brigid's Church of Ireland Straffan at 6pm Saturday Vigil and 12 noon Sunday. Weekday Masses will take place in the Community Hall at 9.15am Mon, Wed and Fri. There will be no Mass Tues and Thur. We thank Rev. Stephen, the community of the Church of Ireland and the committee of the community hall for facilitating us.

St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge Opening Hours

The Church will open at 9am everyday except Sunday when it will open at 8am.
 The Church will close at 7pm everyday except after evening services or Holyday Mass' when it will close 10mins after. The car park will close 15 mins after Mass. The Parish Office is open from 9am - 1pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

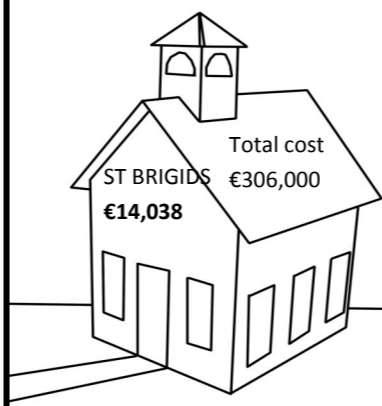
Christmas is not the same for everyone. The annual SVP Christmas Appeal will replace the Share Collection next weekend (9th & 10th Dec). Many people in our community are less fortunate than some. No money for food – no money for heat - no money for bills. Peace, joy, family and celebration are replaced with worry, stress and fear of disappointment. Please help your local St Vincent de Paul to assist in making Christmas special by giving generously to our 'in Church' collection or send a donation from social or workplace fundraising events to SVP c/o Celbridge Parish Office, Main Street, Celbridge. All proceeds will go to those in need.

There will be no SVP monthly Church Gate Collection this weekend.

The Parish Team

Fr. Paul Taylor P.P. tel 6275874
 Fr. Brian McKittrick C.C. tel: 6288827
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 Sr. Olive - Holy Faith Sisters

Renovations Appeal



If you would like to sponsor the cost of the new baptism font in Straffan or ambo in remembrance of a deceased family member please contact the parish office.

In Celbridge the new Ambry (the special container in which the holy oils used in the sacraments are kept) can also be sponsored by a particular family. Please contact the parish office for further information.

Other options available - please contact office



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.

The Crosscare Food Appeal will be taking place on Sat & Sun the 2nd and 3rd of December 2017. Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household items. This year we are asking that collections be **held on one weekend only**. This will allow us to distribute hampers in good time for Christmas to hundreds of families. We have identified items that are most needed at this time: These include Shampoo & Hygiene Products, Soups, Tinned Meats, Seasonal Biscuits, Cleaning Products. No open or out of date foods. please.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Patrick's Church
Saturday 6.30pm: John Keegan, Catherine Grant,
Sunday 8.30am: Bridget, Mary & Larry Cully
9.30am: Veronica Murphy (m.m) Michael & Phyllis Grant, Marie Slater, Pat Heerey
11am: Mary & Patrick Kilduff, Frank Finnucan
12.30pm: Des O' Connor, Kathleen Ward, Pat Heerey
7pm: Kit (Christy) Sherry, Michael & Maureen Donohoe, Peggy & Frank Browne

Weekly Parish Lotto

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

The prize fund is now **€10,000** 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: 21, 25, 7, 5
 Second Jackpot: 19, 4, 26, 30



No winners of our 1st or 2nd Jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners are: **Mauricio Neto, Micheal Ó Fiannachta, Maureen Lawlor**
Prizes can only be collected in the Sacristy during weekend Mass times

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

NO Shaking of Hands: During Mass at the Sign Of Peace for the winter months we will bow to each other rather than a hand shake for health reasons in order not to spread infection .

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 4th 10am: Dick, Annie, Paddy & Peggy Bolger, Mary Brannigan, Nora & Michael McLoughlin
Tues 5th 10am: Bill Duffin, Eileen Ferguson
Wed 6th 10am: Brian Blackwell, Michael Cotter
Thur 7th 10am: Thomas Shanahan, Elizabeth Maher
7pm: Patrick & Teresa McNamara
Fri 8th 10am: Mary Clasby, Susan Melady,
7pm: Moynihan & Doyle families
Sat 9th 10am: Brigid, James, Brendan Byrne,

The **Christmas Mass Cards** are on sale in the Sacristy and from the Parish Office. They cost €5 each. The intentions for both the living and the deceased will be remembered at all the Masses on Christmas eve and Christmas day.

Weekly Hour of Prayer for Life every Thurs 7.30pm-8.30pm. After 45mins of silent prayer we pray the Night prayer of the Church & finish with Benediction.