



# Renovations Appeal

## ST. BRIGID'S, STRAFFAN

Now €24,758 Total cost €306,000

Envelopes and standing order forms can be found at the back of St. Patricks Church. 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.

## ST. PATRICK'S, CELBRIDGE

Now €35,029 Total cost €235,000

### 10 RESOLUTION suggestions by Pope Francis for the New Year

1. Don't Gossip
2. Finish your meals
3. Make time for others
4. Choose the more purchase
5. Meet the poor in the 'Flesh'
6. Stop judging others
7. Befriend those who disagree
8. Make commitments
9. Make a habit to 'ask the Lord'
10. Be happy

### 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

**The Joy of Love - Parish Conversations:** As part of the preparation for the World Meeting of Families and the Pope's visit we will run 'Parish Conversations' which will be a six-session discussion programme to reflect on Pope Francis' **The Joy of Love**.

We will have 2 group sessions one after morning Mass on a Tuesday at 10.30am and a repeat session on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. If you are interested in participating in the conversations please leave your name in the Sacristy or at the Parish Office.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

From the 18th to 25th January

**We will have an ecumenical service of prayer together on Monday 22nd January at 7.30pm in The Church of Ireland in Straffan. I warmly urge you to support this by your presence on that evening.**

All around the world Christians of all denominations give thanks to the Lord for the progress in Christian Unity over recent decades. We pray to the Holy Spirit that all of us will draw closer together in faith and common witness. The theme of this year's prayer is "setting us free". The prayer service has been drawn up by Christians who live in the Caribbean area.

### Children's Creed

I believe that God is my Father in heaven.  
 I believe that He made the world.  
 That He gives me life. That He helps me grow.  
 I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Son of Mary.  
 Jesus shows me that God is love. Jesus lived and died for me.  
 Jesus is alive now, alive in me and in my neighbour.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit. Who helps me to love others.  
 Who makes me Holy. Who helps me to know God better.  
 I believe in God's family the Church.  
 I believe that I will be happy with God for ever and ever.

**The Parish Confirmation Programme**, which is running well, are anxious to invite new members to join the team working with our young people. If you would like to help or find out more please contact Fr. Taylor 01 6275874.

**PLANNED GIVING:** Weekly envelope collection €1679.17. Thanks for your contributions and thanks also to the collectors.

WELLSPRINGS CENTRE JANUARY 2018			
Monday (Weekly)	22nd January	Art Class	10.00 -12.00 noon
Friday (Monthly)	26 <sup>th</sup> January	Taize Prayer	8.00 – 9 p.m.
Tuesday (Monthly)	30 <sup>th</sup> January	Paper Craft Club	11.00 – 1 p.m.
Wednesdays (Weekly)	24 <sup>th</sup> January	Exposition	11.00 – 12.00 noon

**TRAIN YOUR  
MIND TO SEE  
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SITUATION**

### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### St. Patrick's Church

**Saturday 6.30pm:** Geraldine White (1st anniv) Sean Butler, Tom Byrne

**Sunday 8.30am:** Margaret & Patrick Brady

**9.30am:** William Meaney, Bridget Clements, Margaret Farrell

**11am:** Juliana Brady, Margaret Murray (m.m.) Remy Georges

**12.30pm:** Jimmy Burchall, Carmel Miley, Louis Darlington

**7pm:** Mary Stamper

We offer our sympathy and assurance of our prayers to Isabelle Walsh and her family (Dublin Rd.) on the death of her daughter **Gabriel Lockyer nee Walsh** who died on Friday. May she rest in peace.

**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.

### STRAFFAN CHURCH

A meeting to update the parishioners about the situation regarding St. Brigid's Church, Straffan will take place in the Community Hall on Thursday 1st February at 8pm.

If you are interested in the future of the Church in Straffan it is important that you attend this meeting.

**The Parish Pastoral Council** is the main body tasked with developing and co-ordinating all aspects of our parish life. We are keen to appoint four new people to the Council who will have a sense of vision for our parish and an enthusiasm to strengthen our faith and community care. If you would like to find out more and would be willing to serve a three year term, involving about 9 one hour meetings a year please contact Fr. Taylor or Helen Boothman Chairperson of the Council, at the Parish Office.

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

**Mon 22nd 10am:** Martin McDonagh, Special intention

**Tues 23rd 10am:** Special intention

**Wed 24th 10am:** Ann O'Brien

**Thur 25th 10am:** Margaret Keating

**Fri 26th 10am:** Hugh Hennelly, Maeve Tobin

**Sat 27th 10am:** Bidy & Paddy Meehan

**ENROLMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2018** will take place in the following schools on Wed 7th. and Thurs 8th Feb from 10.00am – 1.00pm.

Scoil Naomh Bríd, Scoil Na Mainistreach, Scoil Mochua, St. Patrick's N.S. Please bring the following documentation with you:

Child's Birth Certificate, Child's Baptismal Certificate (where applicable), Current Utility Bill/s (for other acceptable proofs of address see Enrolment Policy on school website).

Please check school website for further information on enrolment procedure. Scoil Naomh Bríd are experiencing technical difficulties with their website. Copies of School Policy available on request from reception.

Baptismal Certs: If your child was baptised in our Parish and you require a Baptismal Certificate please text parents' names, name of child and child's date of birth to 085-8662255.

Certificates will be available for collection 3 - 5 working days after text request from the Parish Office in the Parochial House on Main Street from 11.00am – 1.00pm Monday to Friday .

### Weekly Parish Lotto

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

The prize fund is now **€10,500** 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: 4,18,28,21 Second Jackpot: 3,17,23,20

No winners of our 1st or 2nd Jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners are: Mary Kane, Shane McGovern, Chris Kearns

**Prizes can only be collected in the Sacristy during weekend Mass times. Prizes have to be collected within 30 days of the draw.**

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

