



Renovations Appeal

ST. BRIGID'S, STRAFFAN

Now €29,758 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 €38,529 Total cost €235,000

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

PLANNED GIVING: Weekly envelope collection €1262.87.

Thanks for your contributions and thanks also to the collectors.

We keep in our prayers the Children from our Parish Schools preparing for First Sacrament of Reconciliation over the next two weeks. We pray that their encounter with the forgiving love of Christ in the Sacrament of Confession will help them to live their lives with forgiveness of others.

During Lent we will have a weekly gathering with members of our local Church of Ireland community to share together and deepen our common discipleship of Christ.

Two session each Tuesday - one at 10.45am repeated at 7.30pm. Location will be the Eustace Centre (underneath the Parochial House).

Our topic will be 'Deepening Faith' Exploring the Gospel of Mark .

If you would like to attend please write your name on the clipboard on the table at the back of the Church.

Each session will be no more than 90 minutes.

You are invited to participate in a Lenten Sacrifice for Life 2018 for the intention of Saving the 8th Amendment to our Constitution, which currently protects unborn children from abortion. Lent began on Ash Wednesday - 14th of February - and continues for 40 days (excluding Sundays) to Holy Saturday which falls on 31st March. In addition to your normal Lenten Sacrifice you are invited to choose, each day, one of the following practices, for the duration of Lent.

- Attend a weekday Mass • A period of Eucharistic Adoration • In a day abstain from the internet, (this excludes access required by your job) • Recite one decade of the Rosary • Read and meditate on the Gospel of the day for 15 minutes. • Give money/alms to the poor, to pro-life, or some other worthy charity. • Fast from food or abstain from meat for a day, fasting from using social media for one day.

February: Month of Call to Service

Jesus encourages us all to use our talents. Fear and a strange inverted pride prevent many people from laying hold on the 'talents' and 'gifts of the Holy Spirit' that are poured into their laps.

To be baptised is to be called into service. This service is something we do for the benefit of others; it's a giving of self.

The Parish Pastoral Council has nominated February as a "Call to Service" month.

If everyone in our parish took on 1 service to others what vitality we would have.

Please consider and respond to one of the options offered. Step out of the boat of complacency in faith and not be afraid.

The blue sheet enclosed and around our Church suggests some options, indeed you might suggest others we have not highlighted.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Kathleen Heffernan, Bridget Maloney, Kathleen & Denis Mulhall

Sunday 12pm: John Lawlor

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday 6.30pm: Ned Dwyer (m.m.), Kevin Galvin (1st anniv)

Sunday 8.30am: Seamus & May Walsh

9.30am: Special intention, Carmel Miley

11am: Mary Gannon

12.30pm: Marie Feehan, Gaye Lockyer, Aislinn Wickham

7pm: Special intention

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 19th 10am: David & Josephine O'Sullivan, Brigid Fitzpatrick

Tues 20th 10am: Delia Fitzgerald

Wed 21st 10am: Special intention, Maureen Hanan

Thur 22nd 10am: John & Julia Tallon

Fri 23rd 10am: Frank & Mary Fitzpatrick, Monica Martin

7pm: Special intention

Sat 24th 10am: Annie, Matt & Frank Gough

We offer our sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the families of **Ita McElligott** whose funeral took place last Monday here in St. Patrick's Church. Ita was a daily Communicant and for many years she rang the bells during morning and evening Masses. May she rest in peace.

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 pray the Night prayer of the Church & finish with Benediction.

Next Sunday 25th the Share collection will be replaced by a National Collection to help with the cost of the World meeting of families taking place in Dublin in August which Pope Francis will attend.

WELLSPRINGS CENTRE 01 6288267/0866647608

Lenten Talks - 4 Monday nights in Lent
2 in February and 2 in March

Is Irish Catholicism Dying: Is this Good News?

19th, 26th February, 5th, 12th March 8.00—9.30 pm

More information on Wellsprings leaflet

Saturday 24th February (Booking essential)

Lenten Reflection Day Meeting Jesus on the Mountain
10.00 am—4.30 pm

Brother Brian Johnson a Franciscan brother will be speaking at all Masses next weekend about their missionary work.

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 in the collection bags at the week-end Masses in Straffan.

One line (you pick four numbers between 0-30) at just €2, 3 lines cost €5.

This weeks numbers are: First Jackpot: 12, 22, 18, 7 Second Jackpot: 30, 9, 8, 27

No winners of our 1st or 2nd Jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners: ABC Team, Mary Kane, Gino Ruperfl

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

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