



**Parish of Celbridge and Straffan Receipts and Payments Year ended 31st December 2017**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Family Offering	138929	135740
Tax Refund	35657	39866
Stole Fees (Offering given at funerals/ weddings/ baptisms)	5016	5241
Income from shrines in the Churches	40656	44060
Offerings for the use of the Church for weddings	14900	15272
Other income: Sacramental Programs / Bank interest / other donations	6733	7355
Donations to the renovation fund : Celbridge	24749	16589
Straffan	22008	2085
World/ Youth Day / Lourdes Pilgrimage	124	15240
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>288772</b>	<b>280448</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries: Parish Secretary, Office assistant / Straffan Sacristan	55459	52724
Payments to: 2 Choir Directors / 4 Organists / musician 1 Cantor	30135	23052
Materials for Church cleaning	7447	9372
Rent / Insurance	17541	22864
Confirmation program expenses payment to schools / caretaker/ co - ordinator	10339	10923
First Communion program expenses	500	504
Repairs and Maintenance to Parish Properties	28122	18518
Heat & Light	18288	17238
Security costs	1125	5200
Water charges	234	135
Altar Supplies - Bread, Wine, Candles, Vestments etc.	20084	17739
Printing - Mass Leaflets, Books, Booklets/ stationary	17974	14114
Bin charges	1003	849
Interest and Bank Charges	3104	2401
Telephones / postage /	7354	4607
Parish mission	2200	109
Youth initiatives / Lourdes	2337	15879
Sundry Fund-raising Expenses	1235	110
Other Payments: Catering & Entertainment / donations to third party	2732	3721
Professional fees and depreciation e.g. architect/ Kildare Council etc.	35652	37188
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>262865</b>	<b>257247</b>

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

- Mon 9th 10am:** Joe Corrigan, Special intention
- Tue 10th 10am:** Patrick Ginty, P.J. Murphy
- Wed 11th 10am:** Special intention
- Thur 12th 10am:** Barbara McCabe
- Fri 13th 10am:** Mary & Harry Pedreschi
- Sat 14th 10am:** Moyra Moore

**WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES**

**COLLECTION 1**

This money the 1st Collection whether you put it in the envelope or directly in the collection bags goes to the Common Fund of the Diocese to support the Priests of the Diocese including sick and retired Priests.

**COLLECTION 2**

This money the 2nd collection (SHARE) goes to the Diocese to pay for Diocesan Development & Services and contributes to initiatives of the Irish Bishops' Conference.

**ENVELOPES / STANDING ORDERS**

**PLANNED GIVING: This money is the MAIN source of income for the Parish covering: Parish Operational Costs, Sacramental Programme's, Parish Maintenance and Development.**

**Renovation Works - St Brigid's Church, Straffan income and expenditure as of June 2018**

<b>Income from Renovation fund</b>	
Renovation appeal Straffan	€30,313
Smurfit's donation to Straffan	€20,000
Insurance from flood damage	€50,000
Expenditure including professional fees of €36202	€193476
<b>DEBT IS €93476</b>	
Renovation appeal for St. Patrick's to date : €38,595	

**Note from Fr. Paul Taylor P.P**

I would like to thank you all who have supported the Special Fund Raising Appeal for St. Brigid's Church in Straffan. Dating from 1786 over 12 generations of Catholics have gathered within its walls for prayer and worship in good times and tough times, times of joy, times of sorrow. So many have expressed delight in the renovated Church and we can all go forward in hope.

I warmly appeal to your generosity to help clear the debt we now have, as quickly as possible. Every kind donation no matter how small will assist in getting us out of the "RED". May St. Brigid, herself renowned for her generosity inspire you.

Fr. Paul, Fr. Brian, Fr. Jacob and the Parish Pastoral Council.

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

- St. Brigid's Church**
- Saturday 6pm:** Paddy Dowling, Kathleen McManamon & family  
Kathleen & Thomas Power
- Sunday 11am:** Cillian Kane
- St. Patrick's Church**
- Saturday: 6.30pm:** Daragh & Fionnula Montgomery,  
John Fitzgerald
- Sunday: 8.30am:** Eddie Clarke
- 9.30am:** Elizabeth & Ignasuis Chukwynenye,  
Gabriel & Regina Nwosy, Fr. P.J. Brian.
- 11am:** David & Anne Greene
- 12.30pm:** Gerard Colgan, Joe Corrigan (m.m)
- 7pm:** Nancy Condell

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will hold their monthly collection this Sunday 8th in support of those less fortunate than ourselves. Please give generously.

**Weekly Parish Lotto**

The profit from our Parish Lotto goes to developing our Parish and its outreach. The prize fund is now at its max **€10,500**.

The lotto envelopes can be placed in the safe 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: 4,20,10,29**

**Second Jackpot: 29, 22, 3, 2**

No winners of 1st or 2nd Jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners: Nancy Walsh, Shane (Leixlip), Ann Heffernan

**Prizes can 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

One day my eyes fell on 1 Corinthians chapters 12 and 13. I read that all cannot become apostles, prophets, and teachers; that the Church is composed of different members; that the eye cannot also be the hand. Meditating on the Mystical Body of Holy Church, I could not recognize myself among any of its members as described by St. Paul - or was it rather that I wished to recognize myself in all? Charity provided me with the key to my vocation. I understood that since the Church is a body composed of different members, the noblest and most important of all the organs would not be lacking. I knew that the Church has a heart, this heart burns with love, and love alone gives life to its members. I knew that if this love were extinguished, the apostles would no longer preach the Gospel, and the martyrs would refuse to shed their blood. I understood that love embraces all vocations, that it is all things, and that it reaches out through all the ages, and to the uttermost limits of the earth, because it is eternal. Then, beside myself with joy, I cried out: "O Jesus, my Love, at last I have found my vocation. My vocation is love!"

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