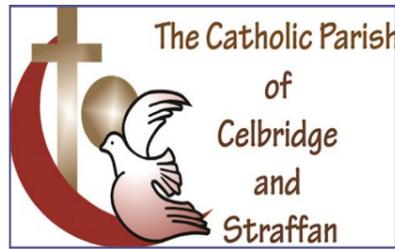




Thoughts for the New Year !



Steve Jobs, the CEO of Apple, died a billionaire. Here are some of his last thoughts and words:

"I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In others' eyes, my life is the epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, wealth is only a fact of life that I have become accustomed to. At this moment, I am on my sick bed, and recalling my life. I realize that all of the recognition and wealth in which I took so much pride, have become meaningless in the face of my impending death.

You can employ someone to drive a car for you, and to make money for you, but you cannot employ anyone to bear illness for you. Material things, when lost, can be found, but the one thing, that can never be found when it is lost, is your health and eventually your life itself.

When a person goes into the operating room, he realizes that there is one book that he has yet to finish reading, "The Book of Healthy Life".

Whatever stage in life we are at currently, in time we all face that day when the curtain comes down.

Treasure love for your family, love for your spouse and love for your friends. Treat yourself well and cherish others.

As we grow older, and hopefully wiser, we slowly realize that wearing a \$3,000.00 or a \$30.00 watch is not important. The time is the same. Whether we carry a \$300.00 or \$30.00 wallet/handbag, the contents are the same. Whether we drink a bottle of \$100 or \$10 wine, the hangover is the same. Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3,000 sq. ft., the loneliness is the same. Whether you fly first class or economy. if the plane goes down, you go down with it.

You will come to realize that true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

Therefore, treasure your buddies, old friends, brothers and sisters. Chat often, laugh, sing songs with them. Talk about north-south-east-west, or heaven & earth. That is true happiness.

Six Undeniable Facts of Life

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy, so when they grow up they will know the value of things, and not just their price.
2. "Eat your food as your medicines, otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food ."
3. The one who loves you will never leave you for another, because, even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he, or she, will find that one reason to hold on.
4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human.
5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, only YOU are in charge of your life.
6. If you just want to walk fast, then walk alone. However, if you want to walk far, then walk together.

The Seven Best Doctor

1. God
2. Sunlight
3. Rest
4. Exercise
5. Diet
6. Self Confidence
7. Friends

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church	
Mon 7th 10am:	Poppie Guinan, Paddy Nulty, Aisling & Collette Browne, Des Riordan.
Tue 8th 10am:	Louis & Elizabeth Maher, Roseline Maher
Wed 9th 10am:	Carmel Byrne, Michael McCann, Sr. Ann's mother
Thur 10th 10am:	Aisling McDermott - Brady (1st anniv), Peter Kelly
Fri 11th 10am:	Terry Ward, Roseleen Doyle
Sat 12th: 10am:	Noeleen Bashford, Special intention

Planned Giving - weekly envelope collection for the 23rd December was €2480.50 and the 30th December was 1207.95. Thanks to all who contributed to the standing orders and the Planned Giving. Thanks also to the collectors and counters.

Weekend Mass Intentions	
St. Brigid's Church	
Saturday 6pm:	Tony Harris
Sunday 11am:	Gerry Sweeney
St. Patrick's Church	
Sat: 6.30pm:	Nora Bolger (1st anniv), Michael Bolger
Sunday: 8.30am:	Catherine Bell, Jim Conlon
9.30am:	C.V. Joseph
11am:	Rose & Luke Fitzgerald, Sandra McGovern
12.30pm:	Sean Healy, P.J. O'Sullivan
7pm:	Special intention

JUST TO BE CLEAR !

In asking people to place their contribution for the support of the Priests in an envelope which has now been distributed to parishioners who contribute to the planned giving appeal by standing order or envelope, we are NOT having an extra collection. It only allows us to credit parishioners with their money they have been putting in the 1st collection blue bag, so we can if appropriate get the tax back facility. If you have any question please contact the parish office.

Planned Giving - Thanksgiving envelope
To pay for the operational cost of the parish and services.

FIRST COLLECTION ENVELOPE
To support the Priests of the parish and diocese including sick and retired priests which is normally given in the blue bags.

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.

Recently Deceased:
Peter Kelly: We offer our sympathy to Peter's wife Maria and her family on their sad loss. Peter and Maria were married for 56 years . He was born up in Castletown House and lived all his life in the parish. He was a devoted husband and father and enjoyed working for many years with horses. We pray that after going through a tough illness for the last year he is now welcomed into the communion of saints.
May he rest in peace.

Weekly Hour of Prayer for Life every Thurs 7pm-8pm. 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.

Mass Times <i>St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge</i>	Mass Times <i>St Brigid's Church, Straffan</i> <i>(Masses in the Church of Ireland)</i>	Parish Office: Office hours Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm. (Closed Wed) Contact Details: 01 6288827 / 0858662255 Mobile use after office hours for emergencies only. Email: celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com Parish website: www.celstra.ie Sacristy: 01 6275942
Saturday: (Vigil) 6.30 pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm & 7pm. Weekday Mass: 10am Holy Days: 10am, 7pm. Bank Holidays: 10am. Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass	Saturday (Vigil) 6pm. Sunday 12 noon Weekday Mass 9.15am (Community Hall - Mon, Wed, Fri) Holy Days & Bank Holidays: 9.15am Confessions: Saturday after 6pm Mass	