



Planned Giving - weekly envelope collection was €1388.92 Thanks to all who contributed to the standing orders and the P.G

Tomás, who spoke at all the Mass over the last two weekends of his upcoming trip to Panama for World Youth Day in January, would like to thank most sincerely all the parishioners who supported him. We keep him and all the other young people travelling to Panama in our prayers.

Carol Service in Straffan Church: There will be a Carol Service in Straffan Church on Sunday 16th December at 5pm.

Featuring St Brigid's Church Choir and the Children's Choir from St Brigid's National School, Straffan. Some local guests will also be participating on the night. All are welcome.

The **annual SVP Christmas Appeal** will replace the Share Collection this weekend (8th & 9th 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.

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 (12 Masses).

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Parish Lotto goes to developing our Parish. The prize fund is now at **€1550** The lotto envelopes can be placed in the safe at the back of the Church in St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's and the collection bags at the week-end Masses.

**You pick four numbers between 1 -30
One line at just €2, 3 lines cost €5.**

**This weeks numbers are First Jackpot: 1,17,22,28
Second Jackpot: 8, 29, 15, 23.**

No winners of 2nd Jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners:

John Roden, Rafel Wirkus, Rose Hyde

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

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Advent Wreath Candle—2nd Sunday - "Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD!" (Luke 3:4-6). We look forward to the Kingdom when, pure and blameless, we will reach the perfect goodness which Christ produces in us. So we light this second candle which is purple and name it ... **"FAITH"**.

Parish Carol Service with Parish Choirs

Monday 17th December @ 7.30pm Everyone Welcome

The evening will consist of our traditional Carols which we can all join in and a repertoire chosen from all of our parish choirs.

Let this evening get us into the Christmas spirit as we come to prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ in harmony together.

Remembering a loved one at Christmas in aid of The Abbey Community Project.

This service is run on a voluntary basis from the Eustace Centre, offering support to individuals and their families seeking assistance with issues pertaining to substance abuse, homelessness and other areas of mental health. We engage with people as they present and have a six day drop - in centre in operation.

Please help support our fund raising event by sponsoring a star in memory of a loved one this Christmas. Pick up a special envelope in St. Patrick's Church. The lighting of the tree will take place on Saturday 15th December St. Patrick's Church after 6.30pm Mass. Carols will be sung.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 10th 10am: Tom, Peg & Dan Lenihan, Yvonne Claxton

Tue 11th 10am: Brian Blackwell, Susan & Margaret Teague, Cian Mullaly

Wed 12th 10am: John & Kathleen Murphy, Michael McGee, Michael Byrne

Thur 13th 10am: Dermot Cribben, Donal O' Dwyer, Brendan Hennigan, John Walsh (1st anniv) Thomas Reynolds

Fri 14th 10am: John & Julia Tallon, Ita O'Dwyer

Sat 15th: 10am: Eamonn & Martin Murray, Angela Conway

Christmas Miscellany of music & readings. The Christmas story told through carols.

Straffan Church of Ireland

Friday 21st December at 8pm

Proceeds in aid of St. Brigid's Catholic Church Renovation Appeal

Tickets Limited- Contact 0872328172

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Vincent & Anne Byrne

Sunday 11am: Peadar & Peg Doran

St. Patrick's Church

Sat: 6.30pm: Frank Kelly (m.m.), Sean, Mary, Dillon, James,& Alice Flynn. Eddie & Phyllis Hughes

Sunday: 8.30am: Chris Donovan, John & Margaret O' Driscoll

9.30am: Tom Bailey (m.m.) & Patricia (Pattie) Bailey, Frank Kelly

11am: Des O' Connor, Betty Meehan

12.30pm: Philip Wright, James Kavanagh, Michael Murray, Sarah Clarke
7pm: Keith Sherry

The 'Do This in Memory' Masses for the children from our parish schools preparing for First Holy Communion will take place the week-end of the 15th/16th December at 6.30pm (vigil), 9.30am and 11.00am.

We ask you to keep the children in your thoughts and prayers as they journey forward with the support of their family, school and parish community.

WHAT THE CHURCH IS.

If we are to grasp something of the nature of the church, we must look to its sacramental constitution. There we discover that the church is first constituted by baptismal initiation into a community of disciples. The community of the baptized gathers together at the Sunday liturgy to be nourished in the life of communion and sent forth in mission. The eucharistic liturgy is "the summit toward which the activity of the church is directed; it is also the source from which all its power flows" (SC 10). Established in baptism and nurtured in the Eucharist, the church is a spiritual communion realized on several levels: (1) communion with God in Christ by the power of the Spirit, (2) communion with the fellow believers gathered at the eucharistic assembly, (3) communion with other eucharistic communities throughout the world, (4) communion with Christians who supped at the Lord's table in times past, (5) communion with the saints who celebrate at the eternal banquet, and (6) communion with the world in which it is sent in mission.

Christmas Dues The Christmas Dues (Offerings for the Priests of the Diocese) envelopes are available at the back of the Church. The contributions made by you, include the support of the priests of the parish and is deeply appreciated. THANK YOU.

Celbridge and Straffan Mother's Prayer Group

The next meeting of the parish mother's prayer group takes place on Tuesday 11th December at 8pm in St Brigid's Church, Straffan. Mothers of all ages are very welcome. We will pray for our children, the children of the parish and children world-wide. We hope to see you there!



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.

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 .

Mass Times

St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge

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

Mass Times

St Brigid's Church, Straffan

(Masses in the Church of Ireland)

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

Parish Office: Office hours Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm. (Closed Wed)

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