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**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH NEW PAINTINGS**  
We encourage you to visit St. Brigid's Church to see the two new paintings of Our Lady and St. John which are part of the crucifixion scene.  
The paintings have been done by Katsuya, Japanese/Australian artist whom Fr. Taylor received into the Catholic Church. He and his wife Michelle are visiting our Parish for the next few weeks.

**HAPPY EASTER**



*For he is Risen... and now you have life...*

**AN EASTER PRAYER**  
Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, and we offer You our thanks and our praise, our prayers and our worship, our devotion and our service. Amen.

We would also like to express congratulations to **Bishop Eamonn Walsh** who celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his priestly ordination last week.

Extract from Archbishop Diarmuid Martins homily from Chrism Mass Holy Thursday  
The Gospel reading of our Mass is one where Jesus speaks about his own identity. He is the one who makes definitively present in the world what God's people had sought and hoped for along the path of history. Jesus is the one who brings freedom, who lifts burdens, who is attentive to the marginalised, who brings good news to the downhearted.  
Let us commit ourselves this morning to being a Church that radically opens itself to the power of freedom that springs from faith in Jesus Christ and brings freedom and good news into hearts that are troubled. That is our challenge, but it is truly the beautiful challenge of being a faithful believer in the God who is love, revealed to us in Jesus Christ.  
*Full extract can be read on [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie)*

A special Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion will start at 3pm in St Patrick's Church on the 28th April with Confessions and recitation of the Chaplet followed by Mass at 3.30pm and a blessing with St Faustina's relic.

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**Easter Reflection by Sr. Bridget O'Connell FMA**

After Good Friday there is a pause and a stillness as the extent of the loss sinks in. T. S. Eliot speaking in his Four Quartets says: "Wait without hope, for hope would be hope for the wrong thing." The not knowing what to hope for was very much the experience of the disciples on that morning. They had been so confident until the events of the previous week.

There was no rushing towards Easter Sunday, but on that dawn there was a reminder of a different reality for the disciples. They began to remember that this is what Jesus had told them. Good Friday will not be the end - Jesus is Risen. Remembering his life, his words and the experience of being in his presence enabled the women to cope with their fear and to bring the message of his Resurrection to the others. This is Easter.

When we remember, we find reminders that Easter surrounds us in every circumstance of life.

Easter does not change our reality but it is an invitation to awareness of another kind of reality and way of living. Every aspect of human living is a gift and also a responsibility, a promise and an uncertainty. Life experiences can rock us back and forth between total trust and the deepest despair. We live between the threshold of faith and doubt, between joy and sadness. The invitation of Easter is to remember that Jesus is Risen in each of those experiences.

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

- Mon 22nd 10am:** Nuala Walshe, Michael Goode
- Tues 23rd 10am:** Special intention, Special intention
- Wed 24th 10am:** McHugh family, Jessie & Billy McCauley, Dan, Tom & Peg Lenihan
- Thur 25th 10am:** Nuala Walshe, Peggy & Joe Doran
- Fri 26th 7pm:** Nuala Walsh, Michael Hennigan, Maria Macari, Austin Cox
- Sat 27th 10am:** Peter Masterson, Pat Smith

**Cake Sale** will be held after some of the Masses on Easter Sunday supporting 17 young girls from St. Wolstan's school participating in the John Paul II award. They are going on a pilgrimage to Rome. The cakes and biscuits made by the girls on sale today will be a nice Easter treat.

**THANKS.**

The Priest's of the Parish, Fr. Paul P.P. Fr. Brian and Fr. Jacob wish you the abundance of Easter blessings. Our thanks to all the parishioners for your support and encouragement.

A Big Thank You to ...

The ladies who decorate and clean the Church, and those who do the flowers and the Altar.

The Choirs, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, the leaders of the Play & Pray group, the Collectors, Stewards and the Baptism Team who enriched our services.

All those who contributed to the Easter Offering envelopes. Sylvia who has worked so hard to keep the Church grounds clean and beautiful.

**Weekly Parish Lotto**

The profit from our Parish Lotto goes to developing our Parish and its outreach. The prize fund is now at €2050

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: 26,23,2,3 Second Jackpot: 1, 17, 11, 20**

No winners of our 1st or 2nd Jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners: Vera Kenny, Kathleen Price, Patricia Brady  
**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

**Mass Times St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge**  
Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm,  
Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am (Family Mass) 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**  
Saturday (Vigil) 6pm.  
Sunday 11am  
**Weekday Mass 9.15am**  
**Holy Days & Bank Holidays: 9.15am**  
**Confessions: Saturday after 6pm Mass**

**Baptism:**  
St Patrick's Church: Sunday 2pm  
St Brigid's Church: Last Sunday of the month at 12pm  
To organise your baptism contact the Parish office to make an appointment to meet a member of the Baptismal Team.  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :**  
St Patrick's Church: Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 9.50am).

