



**Planned Giving** - weekly envelope collection was €1061.90. Thanks to all who contributed to the standing orders and the Planned Giving. Thanks also to the collectors and counters.

### 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.

**Congratulations** to all the Girls and Boys from our Parish Schools who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation during the past week. It was a prayerful and joyous occasion for them and their families.



"When we have the Holy Spirit we have all that is needed to be all that God desires us to be." A. W Tozer

### TROCAIRE

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin tells annual Trócaire lecture that the public can be a force for positive change

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin delivered the annual Trócaire lecture in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth on the 12 March and told a packed Hall that organisations such as Trócaire have a vital positive role to play in influencing public opinion. The Bishop said that progress has been made in many parts of the developing world but unfortunately this progress is often unequal for a country's citizens. 'The poor may be becoming less poor in many parts of the world but inequality is rising.' He quoted Pope Benedict who said that 'globalisation will be worthy of its name when it enhances the unity of the human family. Any form of globalisation that breeds exclusion or marginalisation, instability or crass inequality, doesn't have the right to call itself global'. Archbishop Martin stated that 'Migration should be an intrinsic dimension of a global economy and society. Migration enriches culture and society. Migration is about people who search for their dreams but it is also about those who have nothing. How we treat refugees is a barometer of our own humanity'. The rise of international public opinion should not be underestimated the Archbishop said. Public opinion can change political policies, the Archbishop said, and organisations such as Trócaire have a vital role to play in influencing public opinion in a positive way on both the national and international stage. The recent Cyclone Idai has caused unprecedented devastation in southern Africa. The flooding and damage has destroyed homes and infrastructure, displaced thousands of people and the humanitarian needs are enormous. Trocaire have teams on the ground and are working through partners in Zimbabwe and Malawi and Mozambique. They are responding to humanitarian needs, including providing food and ensuring safe water and sanitation. The priority is to save lives, shelter the survivors, and prepare for long term support. There is an urgent need of food, water, sanitation facilities, shelters, and seeds to replant all the crops that have been washed away. We can help financially through our support of the Trocaire Boxes. We will hear from a Trocaire representative of the continuing work of Trocaire at all Masses this weekend.

The Parish of Celbridge and Straffan in conjunction with The Archdiocese of Dublin, as a constituent member of the Catholic Church in Ireland, recognises and upholds the dignity and rights of all children, is committed to ensuring their safety and well-being and will work in partnership with parents/ guardians to do this. We recognises each child as a gift from God, and values and encourages the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. All personnel (including clergy, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

Our Parish representatives are Maureen Giblin, Abike Odfin, Alan Stirling and can be contacted through the Parish Office. To access the Diocesan Child Safeguarding Policy on our website <https://www.celstra.ie/child-protection-policy/>

### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### St. Brigid's Church

**Saturday 6pm:** James O' Hagan, Jessica O'Hagan Murphy

**Sunday 11am:** Ann Dennehy (1st Anniv)

#### St. Patrick's Church

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Maureen & Andy Greene, Ria Young (m.m.) & deceased family members

#### Sunday:

**8.30am:** Frank & Elizabeth, Jack & Mary Birchall, Jack Crean

**9.30am:** Kathleen & Sally Hartigan, Kathy Stokes (1st anniv)

**11am:** Bernard Massey, Bernard Judge, Matthew O' Farrell (m.m.)

**12.30pm:** Ollie Maloney, Liam Hyde

**7pm:** Patrick & Charlotte Collins, Jimmy Slaughter, Mary Francis Finn, Anne Morris

**To Note:** The first anniversary for Mary Flynn will take place next Saturday evening at 6.30pm in St. Patrick's Church.

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

**Mon 8th 10am:** Jack Ginan, special intention

**Tue 9th 10am:** Jimmy, Pauline, Raymond Price, Special intention

**Wed 10th 10am:** Laurie Kenny (m.m.), Bridie Collins, Michael Cleary

**Thur 11th 10am:** Thomas & Elizabeth Carey, Elizabeth & Michael Rodan, Christine Wallace

**Fri 12th 10am: 7pm:** Patricia Cullen, Josie McCormack

**Sat 13th: 10am:** Sadie Clarke, Pray for the Holy Souls

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**Ann Meehan:** We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Ann. Ann lived in the Deanery, here in Celbridge for many years. Ann was a woman of strong faith and had great devotion to Padre Pio. She had a good sense of humour and was well known in Tesco where she shopped and had a high standard of expectation of the quality of fruit. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and we pray that she is now at peace.

### WHY WE COVER THE STATUES / IMAGES DURING LENT

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered. The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

**The Easter Mass Cards** are available in the Sacristy and from the Parish Office. The offering is €5. The intentions of all listed in the Easter triduum will be prayed for at all Masses in Celbridge and Straffan.

### Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Parish Lotto goes to developing our Parish. The prize fund is now at €1950.

The lotto envelopes can be placed in the safe at the back of the Church in St. Patricks & 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: 24, 1, 10, 27  
Second Jackpot: 24, 15, 1, 19.

No winners of 1st Jackpot or 2nd jackpot. 3 consolation prize winners: Patricia Murphy, Len Cotter, Anne O Sullivan. 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 afternoon. Envelopes must be submitted before 10.30am on Mondays

### Parish Baptism Team

The birth of a new baby is a source of joy for the family and the community. Celebrating the baptism of a child is a joyous event as they become a brother or sister of Jesus Christ.

We are looking to increase the numbers of people on our parish baptism team. Basically, it involves no more than 2 hours a month. Training will be provided and present team members all attest to the joy they derive in accompanying young families.

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

After 45mins of silent prayer we will pray the Night Prayer of the Church and finish with Benediction.

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

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