



Letter to priests and parishes from Archbishop Martin

I wish to let you know of a change regarding Sunday collections in the coming weeks.

Last weekend the 11 and 12 May, we celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday. Vocation Sunday will continue to be an irreplaceable occasion to reflect on the importance of the ministerial priesthood and on prayer for vocations to the priesthood. This is an urgent call for the future of our diocese. There will no longer be special collection on that day because as it is - with the smaller number of seminarians - the funds collected over the past years are now sufficient to cover such expenses for at least five years. The funds already collected will be devoted exclusively to the original intention and especially to the fostering of vocations.

This weekend, 18/19 May, we will for the first time hold a new collection which will be called the Ministry Sunday Collection. This new annual collection will replace the Share Collection and will be devoted to support the building up of new forms of lay ministry in our parishes. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in our changing religious culture will require more lay men and women working in various ways alongside our priests at the heart of parish communities.

We are already blessed with many people who give of themselves generously in various ministries in parishes. These include our Parish Pastoral Workers. We also count on an increasing number of parish catechists, attending to the faith development of young adults and young families and to the catechetical needs of the increasing number of children who do not attend Catholic schools.

The Ministry Sunday Collection is about ensuring that we will have the people we need - men and women who will be to the fore in making our parishes vibrant faith communities into the future. While many of those involved will be volunteers, we will have to equip and train leaders and provide facilities for formation. We want to work towards a situation where all parishes in this Archdiocese benefit from their gifts and expertise. The new collection is one-step in that process. In the second reading on Ministry Sunday our God says, 'I am making all things new'. This is a powerful challenge to us to trust in God's future. I hope that today's appeal will inspire a generous response in your hearts for our future as vibrant communities of faith.

+Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin

Break - in at St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge

It is with great sadness that we inform parishioners that our Church was burgled once again and two of the stained glass windows were broken. This happened in the early hours of Monday morning 6th May. The repair of the windows is underway but will take some time.

The only other damage done was to the wooden box in the centre of the Church. Occasionally parishioners drop Church envelopes into the box and we ask if you put an envelope in over the weekend please contact the parish office or call into the sacristy. We will no longer use this box as a facility for envelopes.

Congratulations to the Children from Scoil Mochua and Children's Ark who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. We thank the parents/ guardians and the teachers of the children for the work done in preparing for this special day.

ATTENTION morning Mass goes: First Communion for the children of Scoil Na Mainistreach next Saturday at 10am. Seats will be reserved and allocated for the Children and their families.

The Priest's of the Parish

Fr. Paul Taylor P.P. tel 6275874 Fr. Brian McKittrick C.C. tel: 6288827
Fr. Jacob Shanet P.C. tel: 6012303

Planned Giving - weekly envelope collection amount will be given next week. Thanks to all who contributed through 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.

Mass Times St Brigid's Church, Straffan

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm. Sunday 11am

Weekday Mass 9.15am

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Tom, Elizabeth & Liam Rowley, Anne Neville

Sunday 11am: Michael Keane

Sat: 6.30pm: Terry O' Sullivan (m.m.), Anne Greene, Diarmuid O'Brien

Sun: 8.30am: Charles, Kathleen, Philip & Billy Timpson, deceased members of the Bell family

9.30am: Mamie Walsh, Emmet Percy, Ann Meehan (m.m.)
Adrian Crehan

11am: Mary Osborne (m.m.), Declan Keenan, John Magee

12.30pm: Kathleen Murphy, Mary Osborne

7pm: Ned, Peg & Eileen Lynch

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place on the 20 June 2019 for 5 nights. 36 people from our parish will travel with Fr. Brian. The final payment for those travelling should be paid between the 23rd - 26th May in the parish office.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The Cemetery Mass will take place in Donaghcumper Cemetery on this Sunday 9th June at 3.30pm and in Straffan Cemetery on Wednesday 12th June at 7.30pm

St. Brigid's Church, Straffan

A Mass with the Blessing of the Elements in the refurbished Church of St. Brigid will take place this Sunday 19th May at 11am. The Celebrant will be Bishop Raymond Field D.D. with con celebrants: Fr. Paul Taylor P.P. Fr. Brian McKittrick, Fr. Jacob Shanet.

The Mass will be followed by a cup of Tea / Coffee and refreshments in the Community Hall.

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Lotto goes to developing our Parish
The prize fund is now at €2250

The lotto envelopes can be placed in the safe at the back of the Church in St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's & the collection bags at the Masses.

You pick four numbers between 1 -30

One line at just €2, 3 lines cost €5.

This week numbers **will be in next weeks newsletter**

3 consolation prize winners will be named next week

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.



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

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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

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 20th 10am: Special intention, John Magee

Tue 21st 10am: Special intention, Willy Farrell, Rebecca Dowling, Celine Dwyer

Wed 22nd 10am: Gerard Peppard, Bobby Quinn, Mary Osborne

Thur 23rd 10am: John Magee, Ray Kelly

Fri 24th 10am: Toby Roche, Owen Moran

Sat 25th 10am First Holy Communion Scoil Na Mainistreach

Sat 25th 6.30pm; Sheila & Oliver, Ellen & James Noonan

Sunday June 9th - Pentecost Sunday

We celebrate the birthday of the Church.

The gift of the Holy Spirit who unites us to Christ and one another. The 12.30 Mass that day we celebrate our rich diversity and unity as a parish. We will bring flags representing home countries of parishioners and encourage different national groups to come in traditional costumes. The prayers of the faithful will be in different languages. After Mass we will have a party in the Church forecourt. We wish to invite parishioners from Poland, Lithuania, U.K, Philippines, Nigeria, India, and any other countries to take part. Parishioners who are willing to bring a plate of food please leave your name in the sacristy or parish office.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO: Rosary will be recited at the Grotto, Clane Road on the Friday's of May at 7pm.

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.

CHILD PROTECTION: The Archdiocese of Dublin and the Parish of Celbridge and Straffan encourages the participation of children and young people in parish liturgies and in Diocesan activities in order to enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development.

We recognise the dignity and rights of all children, and are committed to ensuring their protection from all forms of abuse. This is a commitment binding on all priests and on those who work in our parish and our Diocesan offices and agencies. It extends to all the many and varied ways children share in the life of the Church in Celbridge and Straffan and in our Diocese. **THE WELFARE OF THE CHILD IS ALWAYS PARAMOUNT.** The Dublin Diocese Director of the Child Protection service is Mr. Andrew Fagan 01 8360314. Our parish child protection officers are Maureen Giblin, Alan Stirling, Abike Odofin and can be contacted through the parish office.