



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.

A WORD OF REASSURANCE

While the urgent renovation of the Church in Straffan cost the parish a lot of money, we have not lost sight of, or abandoned, the plans for certain works in St. Patrick's Church.

The relocation of the Baptism Font, Reconciliation Room and the Choir Gallery extension are still in focus. As funding becomes available each element in turn can be done.

The new lighting in St. Patrick's is one such step.

I would appeal to parishioners out in Straffan to try and be generous in helping to reduce the debt of €85,000 that remains on the work done there. You can show your appreciation and pride in the beautiful Church by making a donation specifically to help reduce the debt. As Barack Obama said "Together we can".

Straffan renovation envelopes are available in the Church porch

The Living Spirit

So the saint isn't someone who makes us think, "That looks hard: that's a heroic achievement of will" - with the inevitable accompanying thought, "That's too hard for me" - but someone who makes us think, "How astonishing! Human lives can be like that, behaviour like that can look quite natural" - with perhaps the thought, "How can I find what they have found?"

ROWAN WILLIAMS FROM SILENCE AND HONEY CAKES:

Our Parish Mission Statement:

"As Believers in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live and share the joy of His Gospel message".

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Planned Giving - weekly envelope collection amount was €945.39. Thanks to all who contributed through the standing orders and the Planned Giving. Thanks also to the collectors and counters.

Farewell Fr. Brian

As you are aware, Fr. Brian is being moved to Avoca. His final Mass in Celbridge will be Sunday 25th August at 12.30pm. There will be a reception in Scoil Bríd directly after Mass. His final Mass in Straffan will be on the 1st September at 11am.

To facilitate parishioners who wish to give a gift to Fr. Brian in the special red envelope available at the back of the Church, boxes in which to place the envelopes will be available at the back of the Church also.

Pope Francis in the document "Laudate Si" on the care of the earth, encourages us all to be proactive in doing what we can to care for 'mother earth'.

By recycling, by not wasting water and buying food in a way that minimises waste, we individually can join in a great movement of care.

As a parish too we are committed to action. The lights in St. Patrick's Church consume vast amounts of electricity and so, over the next two weeks we will be replacing them with new LED lights. Not only are they brighter and guaranteed for 5 years, they use just 5% of the amount of electricity of the old ones.

This is a small step in making our parish a "green faith community"

God will send to you the people with whom you can share your anguish, who can lead you closer to the true source of love. God is faithful to God's promises. Before you die, you will find the acceptance and the love you crave. It will not come in the way you expect. It will not follow your needs and wishes. But it will fill your heart and satisfy your deepest desire. There is nothing to hold on to but this promise. Everything else has been taken away from you. Cling to that naked promise in faith. Your faith will heal you. Henry Nouwen

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Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Patrick Heffernan

Sunday 11am: Sean Donovan, Patrick Ashe

St. Patrick's Church

Sat: 6.30pm: Jamie Murray (m.m.), Johnny Murphy

Sun: 8.30am: Tom Murray

9.30am: Special intention

11am: Joe & Phyllis McMahan, Joe Gibbons, Brendan Fox

12.30pm: Raymond Price, Teresa Brown

7pm: Mary & Paddy McDonald, Barry McGloin & deceased family

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 19th 10am: Patricia Cullen, David Laurence Rhoude

Tue 20th 10am: Marie Fitzsimons, John & Margaret Goodwin, Maisie Pedreschi

Wed 21st 10am: Special intention,

Thur 22nd 10am: Patrick McCabe, Liam Farrelly, Cheeves & Farrelly family

Fri 23th 10am: Margaret McKenna & deceased family members, John Murphy

Sat 24th 10am: John, Lena & Michael Haugh

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, STRAFFAN

The renovated Saint Brigid's Church in Straffan is widely praised by all who visit it. If you have not seen it I urge you to make a visit, as it's only 10 minutes from Celbridge.

A guide to some of the features of the church.

1. Over the altar are 3 paintings by the Catholic Australian and Japanese artist Katsuya. They show the crucifixion of Jesus and Our Lady and the young Saint John at the foot of the cross.
2. The Baptism Font, the Ambo (from which the Word of God is proclaimed), and the pillar in the corner are each carved out of a single piece of Portuguese limestone by the Irish artist Mark Ryan.
3. On top of the pillar in the corner near the Baptism Font is the Ambry. The Ambry contains 3 vessels containing the Holy Oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Anointing of the sick. The Ambry was made by Jarlath Daly. A well respected sculptor who lives in Celbridge.
4. The Pipe Organ is nearly 100 years old and came from Derby in England where a Protestant church was being closed. It was rebuilt and installed by Stephen Adams from Tankardstown, Carlow.
5. On the side wall (top right) is a painting of St Brigid feeding the poor by the Irish artist EVIE HONE, RHA was born in Dublin in 1894 and died on her way into Mass in Rathfarnham, Dublin on the 13th March 1955.
6. The next painting depicts Pentecost with the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles gathered together with Mary the Mother of Christ. It is by Patrick Pye. RHA. He was born in Winchester, England in 1929, lived most of his life in Ireland where he died 8 Feb 2018

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Lotto goes to developing our Parish
The prize fund is now at €2800

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

You pick four numbers between 1 -30

One line just €2, 3 lines €5.

This week the numbers were:

1st draw: 27,13,10,4. **2nd draw:** 7, 1, 10, 28

3 consolation prize winners:

Pat Molloy, Dan Brady, Pat McCabe

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



Mass Times St Brigid's Church, Straffan

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm. Sunday 11am **Weekday Mass** 9.15am

Confession before Mass Saturday at 6pm

Adoration Friday Mornings after Mass for an hour.

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.

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