



LETTER OF ARCHBISHOP DIARMUID MARTIN IN SUPPORT OF THE CROSSCARE APPEAL

My Dear People,

The weekend of the 31 August / 1st September the Annual Collection to support the work of Crosscare takes place and replaces the Share Collection at all Masses. Individuals, young people and families who have found themselves in situations of precariousness depend on our help and caring support.

Crosscare is the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin and sets out to ease the harsh burden that so many feel. For nearly 80 years now Crosscare has delivered services to respond to the many unmet needs in our society. It cares for young people whose voices may be unheard, for those who may be hungry, or without a home. Day by day, more and more people experience the dedicated support of Crosscare where they are welcomed in a spirit of respect, dignity and love. They are met as equals with the belief that everyone is created in the image and likeness of God.

Over the past decade, the crisis of homelessness and poverty has severely impacted thousands of people across our Diocese. Over 10,000 people are currently experiencing the pain and hurt of homelessness. The pain that homelessness brings upon the body is not only physical. The wounds it creates on the person's spirit and soul are far more painful.

In next Sunday gospel, Jesus urges humility and tells us when we serve the poor we will be blessed. Your continued generosity enables Crosscare develop new ways of working with vulnerable adults, families and young people providing support services across our parishes that will help build a better future for all.

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and vulnerable adults in Crosscare, I would like to thank you for your generous support over the years. I know that all who work at Crosscare take their work and responsibility very seriously and I urge you to support them once again in this appeal.

Yours sincerely
+ Diarmuid Martin,
Archbishop of Dublin.

Message from Fr. Paul

I will be moving to my new parish this coming Tuesday. Once again I would like to thank all the parishioners for their support and kindness to me over the last 11 years I have been in the parish. Your faith and practical care especially in so many forms of service in the Parish Community have been an inspiration to me. We have journeyed together over the years and while none of us is perfect we have supported each other.

I am sure that you will welcome the new P.P. Fr. Joe McDonald, Fr. Jonathan and Fr. Peter and support them in the service of the parish community.

I look forward to seeing so many of you at the official farewell on the 20th October in Celbridge at 12.30pm Mass at 6pm on the 19th October in Straffan.

Fr. Paul Taylor P.P.

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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Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Martin Purcell

Sunday 11am: Tom McCormack

St. Patrick's Church

Sat: 6.30pm: Liam O' Sullivan,

Sun: 8.30am: Peter & Mary Lynch, Catherine (Creina) Curran

9.30am: Special intention

11am: Richard Lawlor, James, Ester & Frank Kenny, Cora Stoooley, Gretta Brady.

12.30pm: Anne Browne, Francis Casey, Keith Kiernan

7pm: Matthew Farrell, Austin Boylan

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 26th 10am: Michael & Maureen Dignam,
Michael, Mary & Rita Hearnis

Tue 27th 10am: Bridget & Laurence Bolger, special intention

Wed 28th 10am: Peter & Mary Lynch, John & Rita Finnan

Thur 29th 10am: Lorraine Bagnall, Seamus Connolly

Fri 30th 10am: John Magee, Special intention,
John, Lena & Michael Haugh

Sat 31st 10am: Special intention, Jim Lynch

Planned Giving - weekly envelope collection amount was €1146.78. Thanks to all who contributed through the standing orders and the Planned Giving. Thanks also to the collectors and counters.

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 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.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to the break - in and damage done in St. Patrick's Church there will be no parish lotto on Monday due to the damage of the safe.

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Lotto goes to developing our Parish
The prize fund is now at €2850

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: 3,13, 6,10. **2nd draw:** 24, 5, 6, 19

3 consolation prize winners :

Ann O' Sullivan, S & T Eiffe, Jim Healy

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



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

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.