



Planned Giving - weekly envelope collection amount was €1399.82. Thanks to all who contributed through the standing orders and the Planned Giving. Thanks also to the collectors and counters.

THE RONCALLI RANT

In all the conversations about the Mothers and Babies Homes I often find myself wondering, where were all the men? That collection of men who were fathers. Some of them married to other women, some worried about their position. How did they silence the young woman now pregnant? Money? Power? Fear? I wonder was there other men. Poor, uneducated, frightened. It always struck me as a bit odd. No mention of the men.

I had a similar reaction to the story of the Prodigal son but this time my question was, where are the women? We have the man and his two sons....actually we do have a reference to women but it's not a nice one... 'he and his women!' It's said in a derisive way. These women are not good. These are the ones he squanders his father's money on. It looks like the only women who get a look in in this story are 'women of ill repute!' Tut tut.

I was wondering could it be that there are women in the story of the Prodigal Son and that they have been shut down or shut up or side lined or air brushed out of it?

When I got down into the text and listened carefully to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit I glimpsed three women. The old fellas wife, Lucy, mum to the two lads. The girl in the far of land, Flo, who encouraged the young tearaway to believe more in the father's compassion rather than his disappointment and Rachel who stopped and calmed the older brother's temper.

I am sure Lucy, as her name suggests, brought much light to that house, to that marriage...to parenting.

What would get you up from your chair of waiting to start rushing around organizing a welcome?

How far away do you have to go before you turn back into the beautiful gentle hug of the Lord?

Is there anyone can stop you when you are stomping off in a temper?

It seems to me that if we miss the women in the story we do not even have the half of it.

Actually I believe we should be at least a little suspicious of a story that is devoid of the feminine.

Faternally yours, Joe McD

Irish Hospice Coffee Morning

You are invite to a coffee morning in aid of your local hospice on Thursday 19th Sept between 10am - 1pm in The Mill, Celbridge. Every cup counts. Come along & donate whatever you can.

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".

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

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Mass Times St Brigid's Church, Straffan

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm. Sunday 11am

Weekday Mass 9.15am

Confessions on Saturday before 6pm Mass

Adoration Friday Mornings after Mass for an hour.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: John McManus, Neill & Tom Morrissey, Ann Doherty

Sunday 11am: Peter Hayward

St. Patrick's Church

Sat: 6.30pm: Gerry Fogarty (1st anniv), Phyllis & Anne Greene

Sun: 8.30am: Special intention

9.30am: Special intention

11am: Josephine McCarthy

12.30pm: Monsignor James Mulcahy, Annie Cummins, Sloan family, James McGauran

7pm: Bridie Dunphy

PIZZA & POETRY

The Voice by Thomas Hardy

Woman much missed, how you call to me, call to me,
Saying that now you are not as you were
When you had changed from the one who was all to me,
But as at first, when our day was fair.

Can it be you that I hear? Let me view you, then,
Standing as when I drew near to the town

Where you would wait for me: yes, as I knew you then,
Even to the original air-blue gown!

Or is it only the breeze, in its listlessness
Travelling across the wet mead to me here,
You being ever dissolved to wan wistlessness,
Heard no more again far or near?

Thus I; faltering forward,
Leaves around me falling,
Wind oozing thin through the thorn from norward,
And the woman calling.

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 16th 10am: Maureen Torri, Thresiamma Jose, special intention

Tue 17th 10am: Donal Moynihan, Thresiamma Jose

Wed 18th 10am: Louis Maher, Brendan O' Hara, Thresiamma Jose

Thur 19th 10am: Bella Keane, Eileen Doran

Fri 20th 10am: Bridie Dunphy, special intention

Sat 21st 10am: Kathleen Cavanagh, Thresiamma Jose

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Lotto goes to developing our Parish
The prize fund is now at €3000

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: 11,13, 4,18. 2nd draw: 16, 20, 13, 17

3 consolation prize winners: Clare Turley, Anne Walsh, 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



ADVANCE NOTICE

PET BLESSING SERVICE



Sunday 6th October at 3.30pm @ Christ Church Celbridge
(Beside Castletown gates)

Our Pets are a blessing to us. Join us in blessing them

Refreshments will be available for all pets and their owners

If for whatever reason you cannot bring your pet you can bring a photo (unframed) which we will place on a display board and your pet will be included in the blessing prayers. If you want deceased pets to be remembered you may also bring a photo and they will be remembered in the service

In the interests of safety we would ask that all dogs be kept on a lead and smaller animals in appropriate pet carriers

For further info email: stephen.neill@gmail.com

Mob: 087-2328172 or watch our parish Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/CSNLParish/> or Website: cs-nl.org

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. 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.