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THE RONCALLI RANT!

It feels strange to be beginning a new parish column. The last one I wrote was called 'Rumblings from the Bunker'. I wrote it every week for a few years in my last parish, my beloved St. Matthew's.

I am delighted to be here in the Parish of St. Patrick and St. Brigid in Celbridge and Straffan. I am thrilled to be in a parish with two such marvellous patrons at the helm. To be honest I am also a bit overawed. Clearly this is a great parish. I can see there is so much going on, so many of you are involved in this faith community that is your parish. I am already inspired by it's vibrancy. I hope I will gradually settle in and become part of it and hopefully make some modest contribution to it.

Why Roncalli? Some of you may remember Pope John XXIII. He was chosen as Pope back in 1958. His fellow Cardinals felt as he was old, not in great health and they thought as he was not very bright that he would be a harmless 'caretaker pope' who would be a stopgap until they got somebody they were happier with. Of course it was the old story and God must have yet again smiled at the plans of humanity. Yes the Holy Spirit had something else in store. Pope John's name was Angelo Roncalli. Old Roncalli proved to be one of the great Popes. He proved to be a great reformer and called the Second Vatican Council. In one way I feel we are still experiencing the reverberations of that great event. In fact I often feel we have not really got around to implementing the work of the Council. Roncalli is one of my great heroes.

In the Roncalli Rant, I intend to share with you ideas around my vision of the Irish Church of tomorrow. At times I will offer comment on current themes or issues within the Church today. I hope you will find it an interesting column. I think it is healthy to discuss and debate these things. I hope you will engage with it, including at times taking issue with some of my propositions.

From the outset I trust you will not be offended. To cause offense is never my intention. I do hope though that at times you might be disturbed, a little rattled.

If I had an aim from day one it's this:

My mission is two fold, firstly that we would embark with renewed enthusiasm on the adventure of deepening our personal relationship with Jesus.

Secondly that we would resolve to proclaim and live a more compassionate Church.

I would welcome feedback on the Roncalli Rant, as well as any of the homilies or liturgies, or indeed other aspects of parish life.

I can best be contacted in this regard at joe_mcdonald2006@yahoo.ie

Please remember me at prayer in the coming weeks that I might be up to the task the Lord has given me.

Fraternally, Joe McD

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: Myra Salmon, John O' Hagan, Patricia (Sally) Cully (m.m.), John Cully (1st anniv).

Sunday 11am: Maurice Fitzgerald

St. Patrick's Church

Sat: 6.30pm: Catherine Carr.

Sun: 8.30am: Michael & Teresa Keating, Anna Halpin, Special intention

9.30am: Doine Cahill

11am: Paddy & Kitty Burke, Catherine Culliton

12.30pm: Elizabeth, John, Julia Byrne & deceased family members

7pm: Martin Brophy.

BOY DRIVING HIS FATHER TO CONFESSION

Four times now I have seen you as another Man, a grown-up friend, less than a father;
 Four times found chinks in the paternal mail
 To find you lost like me, quite vulnerable.
 Twice it was your incredible distress,
 Once your adult laughter, now your weakness.
 There was the time when my child-brother died
 And in the porch, among the men, you cried.
 Again, last year, I was shocked at your tears
 When my mother's plane took off: in twelve years
 You had not been apart for one whole day
 Until this long-threatened, two-week holiday.
 I left you lonely at the barrier,
 Was embarrassed later when you stood a beer.
 The third time you made a man of me
 By telling me an almost smutty story
 In a restaurant toilet; we both knew
 This was an unprecedented breakthrough.

Today, a sinner, and shy about it,
 You asked me to drive up to church, and sit
 Morose as ever, telling me to slow
 On corners or at pot-holes that I know
 As well as you do. What is going on
 Beneath that thick grey hair? What confession
 Are you preparing? Do you tell sins as I would?
 Does the same hectic rage in our one blood?
 Here at the churchyard I am slowing down
 To meet you, the fourth time, on common ground.
 You grunt and slam the door. I watch another
 Who gropes as awkwardly to know his father.
 Seamus Heaney

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 9th 10am: Frank & Molly Hennessy, Nancy Deegan

Tue 10th 10am: William Greene, Special intention

Wed 11th 10am: Angeline Smith, special intention, special intention, special intention

Thur 12th 10am: Martin Brophy, Donal Moynihan

Fri 13th 10am: Zenaida Macapaz

Sat 14th 10am: Ann McCabe, Ted Kennelly

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Lotto goes to developing our Parish
 The prize fund is now at €2950

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: 27,22, 7,2. 2nd draw: 4, 26, 8, 19

3 consolation prize winners: M. Coyle, Mary O'Connor, Patricia Brady



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.

Celbridge and Straffan Mother's Prayer Group

The next meeting of the parish mother's prayer group takes place on **Tuesday 10th September** at 8pm in St Brigid's Church, Straffan. Mothers of all ages are very welcome. We will pray for our children, the children of the parish and children world-wide.

We hope to see you there!

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 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.