

**THE
NUTS
& BOLTS**

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Weekend Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Sat: 6.30pm: Patrick O' Keeffe (m.m.), James Greene, Anne & Aaron Moore, Margaret (Peggy) Keatinge
Sun 8.30am: Patrick, Elizabeth, Patrick Jnr, & Monica Kelly
9.30am: Patrick Kelly, Elizabeth, Edward, Thomas, Peter & Paddy Kelly
11am: Gary Kenny, Maureen Devine
12.30pm: Kathleen O' Sullivan, John Fitzgerald, Francis Fitzharris, Alice Whelan
7pm: Elizabeth Darlington, Richard Cotter

Planned Giving-amount was €2352.91. Thanks to all who contributed through the standing orders and the Planned Giving. Thanks also to the collectors and counters.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 20th 10am: Alice McNamee, Elizabeth (Betty) Doherty, Special intention
Tues 21st 10am: Special intention
Wed 22nd 10am: Eimear Farrell, Tony Preston
Thur 23rd 10am: Alfie Lambe (Legion of Mary), Paddy O'Keeffe
Fri 24th 10am: Mary & Frank Fitzpatrick, Kathleen O' Flaherty,
Sat 25th 10am: John Flynn, Hugh & Josephine Hennely, Special intention

New Baptism Procedures:

Due to a reduction in personnel in the parish, we have reduced the number of Baptisms and changed the procedure. Also, to make the sacrament more meaningful to the families involved, there will be a maximum of three babies baptised at each ceremony. Due to these changes there will be a considerable waiting time for Baptism. These changes will begin on 1st January 2020. All queries should be made through the Parish Office.

- (1) The baptism form is now on the parish website, as are the dates for the Preparation meetings and Welcoming. www.celstra.ie
- (2) Parents should complete and print the form.
- (3) Parents should bring the completed form to the Preparation meeting of their earliest convenience listed with the form. These will take place in the Sacristy at 7pm on the dates listed.
- (4) At the Preparation meeting, the dates for the Welcoming and Baptism can be agreed.

ENROLMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 will take place in the following Celbridge schools Scoil Naomh Bríd, Scoil na Mainistreach, Scoil Mochua and St. Patrick's N.S. on Wed 5th and Thurs 6th February from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Please bring the following documentation with you: Child's Birth Certificate, Current Utility Bill/s (for other acceptable proofs of address see Enrolment Policy on school websites). Please check school websites for information.

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The prize fund is now at €3450. You pick four numbers between 1 - 30. One line just €2, 3 lines €5. This week 1st draw: 9, 6,23,29 2nd draw: 14, 29,21, 8, 3 consolation prize winners: Larry Ready, John McCormack, Marie McEvoy. 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 by 10.30am Mondays.

Painting for pleasure resumes St. Eustace Centre Mondays 10am - 12 noon. All levels welcome. Contact Margaret 087 6799104

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church
Sat 6pm: Edward, Mary & Bernadette Coyne, Dympna Doran,
 Alsie, Maureen & Eileen Madder
Sun 11am: Special intention

Weekdays; St. Brigid's Church

Mon 9.15am: Ciaro Power
Tue 9.15am: Michael Brady
Wed 9.15am: Pat McGuinness
Fri Adoration after 9.15am Mass

YOU, THE VISION & THE NUTS AND BOLTS!!

Following on from last week, I believe 2020 will be a very important year in the life of our faith community.

We need more people to volunteer in all areas of parish life. The more of us involved then the less pressure on all of us. Indeed the more of us involved the more vibrant our parish will become.

There are three immediate areas where your help is required: the spiritual/ sacramental life of the parish, administration and the development of the dream/ vision of us as a faith community. The most urgent of these is administration. We need help in the sacristy and the office.

I am suggesting a team of four or five sacristans, who could share and work on a rostered basis. Training will be available. It is also envisaged that we have a new person who will work alone looking after the front counter in the office. Again training will be available.

We are always looking for people to assist in the sacramental life of the Church.

This includes being part of our Baptism Team, Funeral Ministry, Confirmation and Holy Communion programmes.

If you feel you would like to be involved with me in developing the vision and mission of the parish I invite you to read this week's Roncalli Rant.

In the more immediate if you are interested in being part of our new Sacristan Team please let me know: By email joe_mcdonald2006@yahoo.ie Or by leaving your contact details for me in the office or sacristy.

Thank You, Fr Joe

A New Direction in our Faith Community !!! THE VISION

RONCALLI RANT 18

SOME QUESTIONS.....AND A FEW ANSWERS...

Well last week's rant certainly provoked a few questions. I need to say at the outset though that I am not able to answer all the questions because some of them can only be worked out as we go. What I mean by that is, it's trying to get a balance between talking in a void and offering nothing of substance by way of ideas for developing the parish, and on the other hand avoiding the extreme of presenting something so minutely sewn up as to leave no room for development of same through new ideas. Hopefully this will help:

Is Roncalli new?

Yes, I have been gradually developing this over the past few years. It has grown out of my experience in ministry as a priest. It is influenced by my own experience of brokenness and indeed that of others. Again and again I see we have the potential to hinder and indeed hurt each other. This is particularly true when we lack self awareness, when we have done no work on our inner world and we have not opened ourselves up to the forgiveness of God, each other and sometimes most challenging of all, forgiveness of ourselves. Right beside this I have become acutely aware of our amazing capacity through God's grace to be powerful instruments of healing and redemption. In this sense Roncalli is about healing. It is about us as sisters and brothers helping each other on the pilgrim path. Roncalli will be at the heart of the parish, working for the parish. However in addition to what it does it is my hope that Roncalli will be significant for what it is, what it witnesses to. Namely a community of solidarity in joy and faith working to spread the Gospel.

What is the Roncalli vision?

Roncalli is not a new church. Roncalli is not an alternative church. It is not a breakaway group. Roncalli is perhaps a new shoot. Maybe a small light. It is about new beginnings. It acknowledges past hurts in the Church. It acknowledges the many who feel alienated from or let down by the Church. Roncalli whilst respectful of tradition realises the importance of finding new ways of evangelisation. How might we make Jesus known afresh to the many who do not know him or have, sometimes because of how we were Church, have turned away from him?

Is Roncalli a physical place?

Yes it is hoped that it will be located in the former Holy Faith Convent, Main Street, Celbridge.

What format will the Roncalli Community take?

A core group of between 5/7 who will actually live together for a minimum of nine months and a maximum of three years. Another group who will form a very important part of the community but who will live in their own home but will join the **core community** for key parts of the week. This second group are known as the **satellite members**. The third group are the Roncalli Associates. The Associates are people who support, companion, have a heart for Roncalli. Essentially they have a heart for the reform and renewal of the Church. They visit. They pray for, and with, the core and satellite members. It is hoped some of the Associates will help raise funding/ sponsorship for Roncalli.

To conclude, I believe this has great potential. It is different, it is new and like anything new it can cause unease if not actual fear. That said, is it not obvious that we must do something dynamic and fresh as Church. The old models are crumbling, the old ways of doing things are often not fit for purpose. Yet amidst all this, and most especially in the face of darkness, fear and violence the ultimate answer is Jesus, the Light no darkness can extinguish, the one from whom all healing comes.

Where better to try a new exciting initiative in the Irish Church than a vibrant parish dedicated to our great Irish patrons, Brigid and Patrick, here in Celbridge and Straffan? Fraternally, JoeMcD

PIZZA AND POETRY

The Presence of God by Joseph Mary Plunkett

*I see his blood upon the rose
 And in the stars the glory of his eyes,
 His body gleams amid eternal snows,
 His tears fall from the skies.*

*I see his face in every flower;
 The thunder and the singing of the birds
 Are but his voice-and carven by his power
 Rocks are his written words.*

*All pathways by his feet are worn,
 His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
 His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
 His cross is every tree.*

GOSPEL READINGS FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 27TH JANUARY 2020

Mon 27th Jan. Mk 3: 22-30 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself that Kingdom cannot last.'

Tues 28. St. Thomas Aquinas. Mk 3: 31-35. 'Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and Mother'.

Wed 29. Mk 4: 1-20. 'Listen! Imagine a sower going out to sow'

Thurs 30. Mk 4: 21-25. 'If anyone has ears to hear, let them listen to this'.

Fri 31. St. John Bosco. Mk 4: 26-34. 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like?'

Sat 1st Feb St. Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland and Co Patron of our parish. Lk 6: 32-38 'a full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back'.

PRAYER CORNER

Child's Prayer for Protection

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, To whom God's love commits me here; Ever this day, be at my side. To light and guard. To rule and guide. Amen