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Weekend Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Sat: 6.30pm: Bridget, Christopher & Donagh Holt, David Farrell

Sun 8.30am: Patrick, Mary & Paddy Bermingham, Phyllis Collins

9.30am: Gerry Fogarty, Tom McAuley

11am: Jim & Kitty Gorman, Jim & May Kirby, Sally Ann Lotz

12.30pm: Patrick O'Toole, Noel Lindsay, Molly MacEntee

7pm: Maura Doyle,

Planned Giving-amount was €1589.42. Thanks to all who contributed through the standing orders and the Planned Giving.

Thanks also to the collectors and counters.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Sat 6pm: Thomas & Maureen Donovan, Hugh & Rose Breen, William, James and Annie Keegan

Sun 11am: Special intention

Weekdays; St. Brigid's Church

Mon 9.15am: Tom & Rory Kenny

Tue 9.15am: Special intention

Wed 9.15am: Mary Creaney

Thur 9.15am John Zaggi

Fri Adoration after 9.15am Mass

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 10th 10am: Eileen White, Special intention

Tues 11th 10am: Sean O' Connor, Eamonn Gildea, Maureen Casey

Wed 12th 10am: People who sympathised on the death of Gerard Fogarty

Thur 13th 10am: Michael Lynch

Fri 14th 10am: Michael, Mary, & Declan Martin, Owen McKenna & family

Sat 15th 10am: Chris Kane

Weekly Hour of Prayer for life in St. Patrick's Church every Thurs 7pm-8pm. This weekly hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament invites us to pray for an end to all violence, injustice and neglect which threaten human flourishing.

After 45mins of silent prayer we will pray the Night Prayer of the Church. Please join us.

New Baptism Procedures:

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.

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The prize fund is now at €3550. You pick four numbers between 1 - 30. One line just €2, 3 lines €5. This week 1st draw: 3,9,4,30 2nd draw: 7, 25,1, 8, 3 consolation prize winners: C. Turley, John McCormack, Kay Doherty.

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.

Celbridge and Straffan Mother's Prayer Group

The next meeting of the parish mother's prayer group takes place on Tuesday 11th February 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!



Advance notice: Do This In Memory Masses for the children preparing for First Holy Communion will take place next weekend the 15th / 16th February at the 6.30pm Vigil and the 9.30am and 11am in St. Patrick's. 11am in St. Brigid's.

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

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

Contact Details: 01 6288827 / 0858662255

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Parish website: www.celstra.ie

Sacristy: 6275942 (Mass times)

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

A New Direction in our Faith Community of St. Patrick & St. Brigid. !!!



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Sometimes we miss what is under our very noses. This is as true in the spiritual life as in all other spheres of life. Is it possible that there is something at the heart of our spiritual life that is both extremely important and at the same time is often missed? I think many will be surprised to discover that I am speaking about forgiveness.

Forgiveness is a familiar word to us all. Perhaps too familiar. We might well also be surprised at just how often we see the centrality of forgiveness in Scripture and in the life of the Church.

It's interesting that forgiveness is at the heart of so many of the encounters between Jesus and the people he meets. Even when they come to him for healing he often first off tells them that their sins are forgiven.

Every time we come to Mass we begin by asking for forgiveness from God and each other. At the consecration of the Mass we hear the beautiful phrase 'for the forgiveness of sins', an always welcome reminder of the power of God's love for us.

Jesus died for the forgiveness of sins. Yours. Mine. Ours.

We pray the Our Father, which has at its core the importance of forgiveness of each other.

By the time we finish Mass we leave the church at one with God and neighbour, forgiven.

Jesus on the Cross prays forgiveness. 'Father forgive them, they know not what they do.'

Clearly the message is, forgiveness is crucial. Forgiveness is central.

If we accept the importance of forgiveness it may well be that the absence of forgiveness is a greater problem than we realise. Lack of forgiveness has a variety of names including resentment, despair and revenge. Clearly lack of forgiveness means being out of good relationship with someone, be that another, or the Lord, or both.

However I think we can add something even more serious, namely that a lack of forgiveness in our lives, is actually an obstruction to God's grace. Imagine that, that a reason we are not feeling God's presence, is to some degree due to the toxic nature of unforgiveness.

I wonder is there a connection between some of the ills of our society and the lack of use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? I wonder is violence, in society, in the home or indeed in our hearts connected with, or made worse by, the abandonment of Confession? Would regular confession have a bearing on despair and hopelessness?

If we look honestly and prayerfully into our hearts do we not discover a number of people whom we have not forgiven? Have we any idea the cost to ourselves and others of this lack of forgiveness? Is it not time to do something about this?

Spy Wednesday, the day Judas betrayed the Lord, this year is Wednesday April 8th

Here in our parish we will have a special Day of Forgiveness with Confessions/ Sacrament of Reconciliation available all day.

It's a great opportunity to come closer to the Lord. Fraternally, JoeMcD

Pizza & Poetry

Sorry by R. S. Thomas

Dear parents,
I forgive you my life,
Begotten in a drab town,
The intention was good;
Passing the street now,
I see still the remains of sunlight.

It was not your fault.
What should have gone on,
Arrow aimed from a tried bow
At a tried target, has turned back,
Wounding itself
With questions you had not asked

PRAYER CORNER

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.