

**THE
NUTS
& BOLTS**

The Parish Community of St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's



WEBCAM in our parish churches can be accessed by WWW.CELSTRA.IE or **MCN MEDIA** then choose the Church

Weekend Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

11am Mass on the webcam will be for the following: Patricia & Jeremiah Lynch, Bill Lee, James & Josephine Lee, Seamus Gorman, Evelyn & Patrick McDermott, & deceased family members, Nicholas O' Connor, Billy Donovan, Sarah Callis, James Rubotham, Martin Kelly, Mick O' Keeffe, Jack Daly & special intention.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 23rd Mar 10am: Noreen O' Sullivan, Anuta Lungu, Pat Leacy

Tues 24th Mar 10am: Maureen McNamee

Wed 25th Mar 10am: Special intention, Margaret Manning

Thur 26th Mar 10am: Vic Murphy

Fri 27th Mar 10am: Mark Burchell, William Sherry, John & Ruth Wallace & deceased family members

Sat 28th Mar 10am: Marie McCall

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Mass on the webcam from St. Patrick's Church 11am

Weekdays; St. Brigid's Church

Mon 23 Mar 9.15am: Mary Kenny,
Holy Souls

Tue 24 Mar 9.15am: Holy Souls

Thur 26 Mar 9.15am: Barry John Dempsey

Fri 27 Mar 9.15am:
Patrick & Frances O' Rourke

Adoration Fri after 9. 15am Mass

A KIND GESTURE: Mary Gaynor, the owner of All Season Flowers in Supervalu Lucan (but has been residents of the Celbridge/ Straffan parish for over forty years) is informing you of a gesture that she wishes to make to the parishioners and the community of Straffan as a whole, who have been such great supporters to them down through the years.

"As you know, this Sunday is Mothers Day and we were planning on leaving a number of plants at Straffan Cemetery that people could place on the graves of their loved ones or take home if they wish and give them to someone of their choosing. It is only a small gesture, but maybe it will help brighten up someone's day."

Thanks Mary from all of us. How thoughtful !!

3pm Prayer in St. Patrick's Church

AN INVITATION

AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE CHALLENGE THAT THIS VIRUS PRESENTS TO ALL OF US, WE THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF ST. PATRICK AND ST. BRIGID UNDERTAKE TO INCREASE OUR PRAYER LIFE AND DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

OUR PLEDGE

TO THIS END WE RESOLVE TO GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD EVERY DAY AT 3PM IN ST. PATRICK'S, FOR PRAYER.

THIS WILL TAKE VARIOUS FORMATS.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, PEOPLE OF ALL FAITH, AND MOST ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO PROFESS THEY DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD BECAUSE OF COURSE HE BELIEVES IN YOU AND HE LOVES YOU TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY.

FRATERNALLY, FR JOE MC DONALD

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THIS IS NOT GOING AWAY

We are not coming back from this. There will be no return to normality. Normality is being rewritten forever. Let's say a somber but sure farewell to what we called normal life. The ongoing debacle with corona is changing us. The change is happening as we speak. It is rapid, relentless and irreversible. The change that is being effected is deeper than economics and even deeper than health itself. Indeed the change is deeper still. To plumb the depths of this change we need to go into our very soul.

No this is not going away. The certainty of what we had is gone and gone forever. So much of the severe and rising anxiety is fed by fear of the unknown. In fact, there is no need to be afraid. We will come through this. It is important to use this time well. The time between now and when it is over is a wonderful opportunity which itself will come and go. We will come through it changed. We will be changed fundamentally and forever. This change is good. We will be better. Here are but a few of the ways in which we will be changed, and changed for the better.

We will value life more.

We will be more grateful for the precious gift of health.

We will adopt zero tolerance for an inferior health system.

We will be more passionate about mental health.

We will realise that we neglect our spiritual well-being at our peril.

We will learn afresh the beauty of intimacy.

We will rediscover the difference between loneliness and solitude

We will get back to the basics of: Thank you, I am sorry and I love you.

We will embrace the healing balm of sacred silence.

We will celebrate once again that amongst the greatest works of art is each other

In all this the question of where we come from and to where are we going will receive a new impetus.

This will deepen our relationship with the Lord. This Lent will prepare us for becoming more than ever an Easter people.

Fraternally JoeMcD

PRAYER CORNER

Lord Jesus Christ, I approach your banquet table in fear and trembling, for I am a sinner, and dare not rely on my own worth but only on your goodness and mercy....

Praise to you, saving sacrifice, offered on the wood of the cross for me and for all mankind.

Praise to the noble and precious blood, flowing from the wounds of my crucified Lord Jesus Christ and washing away the sins of the whole world.

Remember, Lord, your creature, whom you have redeemed with your blood.

John of Fécamp (1028 -1078)