

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



Weekend Mass Intentions 11am Mass on the webcam will be for the following:

Austin Cox, Benny Turner, Paul Kennedy,
Kate Walsh, Mick Keegan, Thomas Henry,
Toby Roche,
Mary Osborne

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 27th Apr 10am: Noreen O' Sullivan,
Tues 28th Apr 10am: Ria Young
Wed 29th Apr 10am: Patrick Ashe, Kathleen Kelly
Thur 30th Apr 10am: Josephine Higgins & family
Fri 1st May 10am: Altar list of the dead
Sat 2nd May 10am: Dan Mac Mahon, Billy Meade

Planned Giving Envelopes: Supporting The Parish

Following inquiries from parishioners with regard to the church envelope collection we would suggest

- A) a standing order
- B) B) a once off contribution
- C) C) Bank transfer.

It would be important to include donor's name or envelope number in the transaction.

Bank details available from parish office on 0858662255 or email celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com

ARRANGEMENTS ST. PATRICK & ST. BRIGID'S CELBRIDGE AND STRAFFAN

* DAILY MASS AT 10am AND SPECIAL PRAYER AT 3pm will be streamed live via our webcam.

It is important that you choose **MOBILE CAMERA**

SUNDAY MASS will also be streamed live at 11am

(These services can be accessed through our own website at celstra.ie OR ([mcm media](http://mcmmedia.com))

* With regard to Confession, the Holy See reminds us of the tradition that were accessing Confession is difficult the making of an act of perfect contrition with the desire to receive the sacrament is sufficient for the forgiveness of all sins even mortal sins.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Both Churches will be open for private prayer Mon - Sun 10.30am - 7.30pm

Let us continue to carry each other in our hearts in prayer.

St. Brigid Pray for Us. St. Patrick Pray for Us.

Our Lady of Knock Pray for Us.

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MOPING, COPING OR HOPING?

Perhaps the only one of these that needs explaining is the first, moping.
What does moping mean? Moping is defined as: 'to wander about listlessly and aimlessly because of unhappiness or boredom.'

These are difficult days. There is a lot of sickness. There is a lot of loss. This loss is made worse for those who are in grief given the restrictions that are, for the moment, part of this pandemic.

So, needless to say, there is no intended judgement in my question: moping, coping or hoping?
No rather it is just that, a genuine question, are you moping, coping or hoping?

I think from the outset it's important to say that the answer for most, if not all of us, is likely not to be one of these but all three. I mean I don't think there are three distinct groups of people that have emerged in these dark days. The mopers, the copers and the hoppers!! No but. It may be a good question for us to ask ourselves.

I think we need to be careful of moping. A small bit of it is alright but the danger is moping can become a habit.
In these days if we have no routine we can quickly become aimless. It seems mad to say it but there's nothing more tiring than doing nothing! There's nothing that will sap your energy and your vitality like moping.
Frustration, apathy, indifference are all first cousins of moping.

Maybe a lot of the time you are coping. That's good. I am glad about that. Some days it might be just that.
Getting through. Coping. On those days it's good to do things to help ourselves. Fresh air, water, tasty food, reading for pleasure, contact on phone or otherwise with family and friends, music, maybe a good movie. On those days pray. As we should every day, but especially then.

On those days I hope you will remember that you are a valued member or special guest of the faith community here in St. Patrick and St. Brigid's, Celbridge and Straffan. 10 am Mass every morning, except Sunday which is at 11 am. Every day daily prayerful talk/ reflection at 3 pm and most Wednesdays at 8 pm. You will be very welcome. Go to mobile camera on our website celstra.ie

This is where hoping comes into it. We are a praying community. We are journeying through sickness, suffering and even death. We do not journey alone. We journey with each other. Pilgrims, not tourists, we journey with Jesus. In Jesus. Through Jesus. We are Easter people.

Our hope is not vague or fluffy. Our hope is more gutsy than that. Our hope is grounded and rooted in God's love for us. We believe the Holy Spirit is ceaselessly at work in the world. This is the Holy Breath of God. This is the Comforter. The Consoler. This is the Advocate.

All the while Mary, the mother of Jesus, and our mother too, walks beside us. In our community we also have two wonderful patrons, key players on the team, Patrick our National Saint and Brigid, Brigid of Kildare.

As well as praying for our beloved dead, whom we believe the Lord welcomes into heaven, a place of light happiness and peace, we pray for healing for all who are sick in any way in these days.

However in addition, as part of the reality of our hope, we give God thanks for the thousands of people in our country who have had the virus and have now recovered. We give thanks for the many who got the virus, and did not know they had it, and remain well. We give God thanks not only for all who are in the frontline but for the many who are working 24/7 behind the scenes to find treatments and a vaccine. May the Lord guide and direct their work.

For these reasons and many more I urge you beware of moping, keep coping and know it's better than that, and here's to hoping. It's for all these reasons and most especially because of Jesus that even in pandemic we dare to say Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! He is Risen, Christ the Lord.

Fraternally, JoeMcD