



**Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families 2018**

God, Our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.  
Bless us with the joy of love.  
Make us patient and kind,  
gentle and generous,  
welcoming to those in need.  
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.  
Protect all families with your loving care,  
Especially those for whom we now pray:  
[We pause and remember family members and others by name]  
Increase our faith,  
Strengthen our hope,  
Keep us safe in your love,  
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.  
This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Advance Notice:** We wish to advice that the 10am Masses on the 19th / 26th May will be First Communion Masses and the seating allocations will give priority to the Children and their families.



Our defence of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development.

**Extracts from the Pope's apostolic exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate, (Rejoice and be glad)**

**Pope St. John Paul II:** On the last day of his visit, Oct 1 in Limerick, Pope St John Paul, encouraged Ireland to protect life: "And so I say to all, have an absolute and holy respect for the sacredness of human life from the first moment of its conception. Abortion, as the Vatican Council stated, is one of the "abominable crimes" (Gaudium et Spes, 51). To attack unborn life at any moment from its conception is to undermine the whole moral order which is the true guardian of the wellbeing of man. The defence of the absolute inviolability of unborn life is part of the defence of human rights and human dignity. May Ireland never weaken in her witness, before Europe and before the whole world, to the dignity and sacredness of all human life, from conception until death."

**STAND UP FOR LIFE: FINAL RALLY BEFORE THE VOTE: SATURDAY 12TH MAY 2PM MERRION SQUARE DUBLIN**

**DRIVE YOUR CAR IN THE PRO-LIFE CONVOY!**

Join up with the Save the 8th team & help bring the VOTE NO message to our towns and villages starting April 23 - May 19th.  
May 9th for North Kildare starting in Celbridge at 11am for approx. 2 hours before travelling on. Phone 01 8730465 or www.save8.ie

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

**Planned Giving** - this weeks weekly envelope collection was €1201.30 Thanks to all who contributed and to the collectors

**THE JOY OF LOVE - Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!**

In preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August. We will have a Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening gathering to explore the wisdom of Pope Francis in the Joy of Love. Each session will last less than one hour and the topic will include: •The Reality of Family Life Today, The Christian Vision for the Family, God's Dream for Love • Married Love Growing to Maturity, God's Mercy - No One Excluded, A Gospel of Hope for Families  
We begin on Tuesday 8th May in the St. Eustace Centre (downstairs of the Parochial House) at 10.45 am and repeated at 7.30pm. If you are interested in participating please leave your name of the clipboard at the back of the Church.

**Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church**

- Mon 7th 10am:** Ned Noonan, Kitty & Jim Gorman
- Tue 8th 10am:** Brendan Hannigan, Ann Colgan
- Wed 9th 10am:** Peggy & Joe Doran, John Bradley, Dan Lenihan
- Thur 10th 10am:** Julia Condell, Special intention
- Fri 11th 10am:** Josephine Moran, Mary Flynn
- Sat 12th 10am:** John O' Brien

We offer our sympathy to the family of the late **Nat (Michael) Keegan** and particularly to his wife Kitty, who shared many years of happy married life. Nat was a family man, great footballer and singer and always seen on his bicycle around the town. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are offered for **Nuala O' Neill**, sister of Bríd McMahon a faithful member of our Altar Society.

We express our sympathy to Breda Kirby and family on the sudden passing of Breda's brother **Dan Lenihan**. May they rest in peace.

**Sunday 20th May Pentecost Sunday**

We celebrate the birthday of the Church.

The gift of the Holy Spirit who unites us to Christ and one another.

**CELEBRATE !**

The 12.30 Mass that day we celebrate our rich diversity and unity as a parish.

We will bring flags representing home countries of parishioners and encourage different national groups to come in traditional costumes.

The prayers of the faithful will be in different languages. After Mass we will have a party in the Church forecourt. Please bring a plate. We wish to invite parishioners from Poland, Lithuania, U.K, Philippines, Nigeria, India, and any other countries to take part. Please speak to Fr. Brian or contact the parish office if you can take some small part in our Big Birthday Celebration.

A gentle reminder - The monthly St. Vincent De Paul collection will be held outside both Churches at all Masses this weekend. Please give generously to those in our community who are less fortunate. Thank you.

**Celbridge Annual Food Fest** will be held on Tuesday 8th May from 6 - 9pm in the Scoil Bríd yard. If you are interested in displaying your culinary talents please contact Frank O' Rourke on 0872555257. Everyone welcome

**Rosary at Grotto.** The Rosary will be recited at Our Lady's Grotto in Celbridge on the **FRIDAYS OF MAY at 7.30pm.** Legion of Mary.

**Weekly Hour of Prayer for Life** every Thursday 7.30pm-8.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge. After 45mins of silent prayer we pray the Night prayer of the Church & finish with Benediction.

Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help Clane Parish Church 4 Monday Nights 7th - 28th May at 7.30pm

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

- St. Brigid's Church**
- Saturday 6pm:** Special intention
- Sunday 11am:** Charlie Kelly (1st anniv) & daughter Amanda
- St. Patrick's Church**
- Saturday: 6.30pm:** Theresa Meaney, Vera Cotter
- Sunday: 8.30am:** Patrick & Mary Ellen Thornton
- 9.30am:** Oliver Kavanagh
- 11am:** Tom Lenihan, Dan Lenihan, Craig Moore
- 12.30pm:** Graham O'Loughlin, Jack & Ellen Hunt, Claire Foley
- 7pm:** Harry Doolan

**Celbridge Town AFC Football Club**

Celebrating 60 years  
All former players & members welcome to the Celbridge Manor Hotel for buffet meal & music  
€20 a ticket on the **12th May at 8pm**  
Enquiries 0877961536

**Weekly Parish Lotto**

The profit from our Parish Lotto goes to developing our Parish and its outreach.

The prize fund is now at its max **€10,500.**  
The lotto envelopes can be placed in the safe at the back of the Church in St. Patricks and in the collection bags at the week-end Masses in Straffan. One line (you pick four numbers between 0-30) at just €2, 3 lines cost €5.

**This weeks numbers are First Jackpot: 25, 8, 3,1**  
**Second Jackpot: 18, 15,21, 23**  
No winners of our 1st or 2nd Jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners:  
ABC Team, Tony McNeill, John McCormack.  
**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 evening. Please have your lotto envelopes submitted before 10.30am on Mondays

**A new meeting of Overeaters Anonymous** takes place every Thursday night at 7.30 pm in the Eustace centre, (downstairs of the Parochial House) Main St. Celbridge.  
This 12 step program offers a solution to anyone struggling with compulsive overeating, bulimia or anorexia. There are no dues or fees - contact Noleen on 087 4652098 for more information.