



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

St. Raphael's Parents & Friends Association will be holding their Annual Garden Fete on Sunday 1st July. Donations of clothes, books, toys, bric a brac, furniture etc. would be very much appreciated. Please note no beds or suites of furniture.

Volunteers are needed to help with the setup of the event Contact Sinead on site Mon - Thur from 7pm and Saturday from noon.

FRANCISCAN BROTHERS, CLARA, CO. OFFALY

June 12th. 2018

Dear Frs. Paul, Brian, Jacob and Parishioners,

Greetings of peace and love to all of you. Thank you so very much for the tremendous welcome you gave me when I visited your parish last weekend. The brothers in Kenya and Uganda and the people among whom we work will be thrilled to know of your great concern for them and your wonderful generosity. All of you are so very kind and good.

I know too that you will continue to remember all of us in prayer. As I mentioned to you prayer is the backbone of our work and even the psalmist tells us... "Unless the Lord, build the house in vain do the builders work". Often we come across difficulties that can only be overcome by prayer and the power of a loving God. It is then that we depend on your prayers and are most grateful to you for them. We will be good guardians of the great trust you have placed in us. We will use your resources wisely and efficiently. Every cent of your contribution will go directly to our missions. I have little to offer in return for your wonderful kindness and generosity, except to let you know that you are remembered in the daily prayers of the brothers. You and your families will also be remembered with a climb of the Croagh Patrick and a small fast.

Again, to all of you, thank you very much for your great generosity. May the Lord bless and reward your kindness and goodness and may our patron St. Francis of Assisi bless you. Sincerely Brian Johnson OSF

Donations collected in St. Patrick's Church Celbridge last weekend: 4880 Euro

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul is seeking your help, with our annual appeal for second-hand clothing. on Saturday and Sunday Morning Masses on the 30th June /1st July.

The distribution of bags will take place on the weekend of the 23rd/24th June. The appeal is for clean, good quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc.

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 €1308.82 Thanks to all who contributed and to the collectors & counters

GOOD NEWS! From this weekend all Masses including the weekday Masses at 9.15am Mon - Fri will take place in St. Brigid's Church, Straffan. We thank the committee of the Community Hall for facilitating us during the repair and refurbishment of the Church by enabling us to have some Masses in the Community Hall.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 18th 10am: Alec Keane

Tue 19th 10am: Special intention

Wed 20th 10am: Carton & Dunphy families

Thur 21st 10am: Michael Kennedy

Fri 22nd 10am: Christopher Byrne

Sat 23rd 10am: Derek Nolan

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: 20, 18, 22, 8 Second Jackpot: 1, 5, 23, 7

No winners of 1st or 2nd Jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners: Patricia Brady, M. Coyle, Catherine Turley

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

Fourth National Collection for World Meeting of Families 2018

The WMOF2018 Fourth National Collection will take place this weekend Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th June and will **replace the Share Collection.**

Take from me, good Lord, this lukewarm fashion, or rather key cold manner of meditation, this dullness in praying unto thee and give me warmth, delight and quickness [life] in thinking upon thee: and give me thy grace to long for thine Holy Sacraments and specially to rejoice in the presence of thy blessed body, sweet saviour Christ, in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and duly to thank thee for thy gracious visitation therewith, and that high memorial with tender compassion, to remember and consider thy most bitter passion. Make us all good Lord, spiritually participant of that Holy Sacrament this day, and every day make us lively members sweet saviour Christ, of thine Holy Mystical Body, thy Catholic Church. ST THOMAS MORE

Pilgrimage to Lough Derg beginning Friday 6th - Sunday 8th July.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact the Parish office or leave your name in the sacristy. Bus travelling there and back at a cost of €50.

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: Vigil 7pm & 10am,

Bank Holidays: 10am.

Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Philomena Cribbin

Sunday 11am: Special intention

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday: 6.30pm: Ned Noonan, Michelle McNiffe

Sunday: 8.30am: Jimmy & Dolly Condell

9.30am: Special intention, Sean Irvine

11am: Joe Corrigan

12.30pm: Stephen & Annie Cummins, Anthony Fox, Rosamunde Maguire

7pm: Sheila & Ben Fay

"I'd really like to do mental prayer, but I don't have the time." How often this has been said! And in a hyperactive world like our own, the difficulty is a real one and should not be underestimated. But time is not always the real problem. That real problem is knowing what really matters in life. As a contemporary author remarked, no one yet has starved to death because they didn't have the time to eat. We always find (or rather take) the time to do what really matters to us.....

People are no longer capable of finding time for one another, time to be with one another. Here is something that causes many deep wounds. So many children are enclosed within themselves, disillusioned and damaged, because their parents never learned to spend time with them, with nothing else to do except be with their child ... And the child senses this and suffers. In learning to give time to God, we will certainly become more able to find time to be there for one another. Our attentiveness to God will teach us to be attentive to others.

JACQUES PHILIPPE FROM TIME FOR GOD TRANS. HELENA SCOTT

The weekly Holy hour on Thursday evenings will break for the summer months for July and August. We thank those who have attended this hour of prayer for respect for human life.

Mass Times St Brigid's Church, Straffan

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm. Sunday 11am

Weekday Mass 9.15am (Community Hall - Mon, Wed, Fri)

Holy Days & Bank Holidays: 9.15am

Confessions: Saturday after 6pm Mass

For Booking of baptisms or weddings please contact the Parish Office