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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.

A special word of thanks to Michael and Tony Smurfit of the K Club and the Jefferson Smurfit Foundation Trustees Ltd for their wonderful kindness in donating the sum of €20,000 towards the renovation of St. Brigid's Church, Straffan.

A special Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion will start at 3pm in St Patrick's Church on the 8th April with Confessions and recitation of the Chaplet followed by Mass at 3.30pm and a blessing with St Faustina's relic.

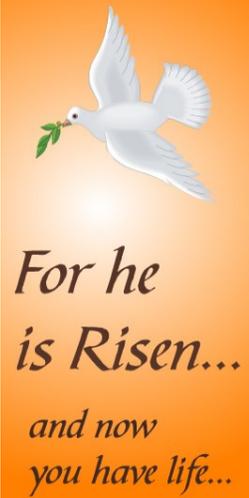
Weekly Hour of Prayer for Life every Thursday 7.30pm-8.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge.

After 45mins of silent prayer we pray the Night prayer of the Church & finish with Benediction.



An amazing colour photo of an unborn child at 12 weeks. Photo: Science Photo Library

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For he is Risen... and now you have life...

AN EASTER PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, and we offer You our thanks and our praise, our prayers and our worship, our devotion and our service. Amen.



HAPPY EASTER

Stand Up for Life, a series of regional rallies around Ireland take place from 2nd - 8th April and will highlight the importance of Ireland's 8th Amendment and the tens of thousands of lives saved by it.

Given that a referendum to remove Ireland's 8th Amendment is due to take place before the Summer, please consider attending one of these Rallies and encouraging others to do likewise. With speakers from Ireland and abroad, these Rallies will provide a positive and hugely important expression of all that is great about Ireland's Right to Life Amendment.

Your presence is vital. To find out more, visit www.loveboth.ie or telephone (087) 2668702.

Date for Dublin Rally May 12th at 2pm

STRAFFAN RENOVATION APPEAL

Funds to date: €50,758

Envelopes and standing order forms can be found at the back of St. Patricks Church or by contacting the parish office. For more details please contact the parish at celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com

STRAFFAN RENOVATION FACEBOOK:

We are looking for Photographs of different occasions that your family may have celebrated in Straffan Church, Weddings, Baptisms, Confirmations, Holy Communions. etc.

We hope to post them up on the new Straffan Church Renovation Facebook page which is being created at the moment.

Please send your photos through to celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com

Easter Reflection by Sr. Bridget O'Connell FMA

After Good Friday there is a pause and a stillness as the extent of the loss sinks in. T. S. Eliot speaking in his Four Quartets says: "Wait without hope, for hope would be hope for the wrong thing." The not knowing what to hope for was very much the experience of the disciples on that morning. They had been so confident until the events of the previous week.

There was no rushing towards Easter Sunday, but on that dawn there was a reminder of a different reality for the disciples. They began to remember that this is what Jesus had told them. Good Friday will not be the end - Jesus is Risen. Remembering his life, his words and the experience of being in his presence enabled the women to cope with their fear and to bring the message of his Resurrection to the others. This is Easter.

When we remember, we find reminders that Easter surrounds us in every circumstance of life.

Easter does not change our reality but it is an invitation to awareness of another kind of reality and way of living. Every aspect of human living is a gift and also a responsibility, a promise and an uncertainty. Life experiences can rock us back and forth between total trust and the deepest despair. We live between the threshold of faith and doubt, between joy and sadness. The invitation of Easter is to remember that Jesus is Risen in each of those experiences.

A special word of thanks to Len Cotter for erecting the little shrine of the carved image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the wall of the side passage of the Church.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 2nd 10am: Ita & Sean O' Connor, Margaret, Edward & Michael Concannon

Tues 3rd 10am: Paddy Kearns, Marie Doyle

Wed 4th 10am: Thomas & Elizabeth Carey, Michael Fitzgerald

Thur 5th 10am: Tom Sullivan, Clíodhna Uí Mhuineacháin

Fri 6th 7pm: Altar List of the Dead

Sat 7th 10am: Jack Quinan, Michael Harmon

THANKS.

The Priest's of the Parish, Fr. Paul P.P. Fr. Brian and Fr. Jacob wish you the abundance of Easter blessings. Our thanks to all the parishioners for your support and encouragement.

A Big Thank You to ...

The ladies who decorate and clean the Church, and those who do the flowers and the Altar.

The Choirs, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, the leaders of the Play & Pray group, the Collectors, Stewards and the Baptism Team who enriched our services.

All those who contributed to the Easter Offering envelopes. The men who have worked so hard to keep the Church grounds clean and beautiful.

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: 23,29,5,13

Second Jackpot: 1, 13, 29, 16

No winners of our 1st or 2nd Jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners: Noleen Denner, Nancy Walsh, Faith Morris

Prizes can only 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



Mass Times St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge
Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm,
Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am (Family Mass) 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 (Masses in the Church of Ireland)
Saturday (Vigil) 6pm.
Sunday 12 noon
Weekday Mass 9.15am (Community Hall - Mon, Wed, Fri)
Holy Days & Bank Holidays: 9.15am
Confessions: Saturday after 6pm Mass

Baptism:
St Patrick's Church: Sunday 2pm
St Brigid's Church: Last Sunday of the month at 12pm
To organise your baptism contact the Parish office to make an appointment to meet a member of the Baptismal Team.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :
St Patrick's Church: Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 9.50am).