



The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan



**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.

**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 Pi-  
late, 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 liv-  
ing 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 €1122.40 Thanks to all who contributed and to the collectors & counters

**THE JOY OF LOVE - AMORIS - 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.

**Two lives, one love:** An expectant mother needs and deserves the care and support of everyone around her, particularly if her pregnancy poses a serious crisis for her and her family. A mother may be informed that her baby faces serious challenges or is perhaps terminally ill. She might be pregnant as a result of rape. Especially in those tragic cases, both the mother and her unborn child can – and must – be loved and cherished.

A compassionate society will do all in its power to support and love the mother and baby, and encourage responsible support from fathers. This vision of life makes sense to people of all faiths and none. Though enriched by our Catholic faith, it is our common humanity that convinces us of the right to life of every human being.

**A Fundamental right:** Every one of us has a right to our life. It is not given to us by the Constitution of Ireland or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. For us as a society to now declare that any category of human being should have that right taken away would be a shocking step. We would effectively be saying that unborn children do not exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice

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

**Mon 30th 10am:** Josephine Higgins & family, Mary Power

**Tue 1st 10am:** Clíodhna Úi Mhuineacháin

**Wed 2nd 10am:** Dan McMahon, Mary Cox, Vera Farrell

**Thur 3rd 10am:** Kate Carroll, Bill Meade

**Fri 4th 10am** Altar list of the Dead **7pm:** Altar list of the Dead

**Sat 5th 10am:** Nuala O' Neill

**Congratulations to the girls from Scoil Bríd** who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday.

We keep in our prayers the children from the other primary schools who are celebrating the sacrament over the coming weeks.

**Sunday 20th May Pentecost Sunday**

**CELEBRATE !**

We celebrate the birthday of the Church. The gift of the Holy Spirit who unites us to Christ and one another.

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.

**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 to what is always a very enjoyable evening.

**Ring lost:** A wedding band was lost in Celbridge on Thursday 19th of Celbridge between the Grove, The Church and Donacomper cemetery.

The ring is very small (almost childlike), rose gold and silver and is of immense sentimental value. If found please contact the parish office.

Reward given if found.

**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.

**Celbridge canvass team to save the 8th!**

We thank Michael and the 25 people who volunteered to canvas over the coming weeks on the 8th amendment.

**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.

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**St. Brigid's Church**

**Saturday 6pm:** Mick Keegan

**Sunday 11am:** John McDermott

**St. Patrick's Church**

**Saturday: 6.30pm:** Eric Dunne, Benny Turner, Eugene O' Sullivan

**Sunday: 8.30am:** Patrick & Margaret Brady

**9.30am:** Mari Sheridan

**11am:** Mary Power, Jimmy, Patsy, Jimmy Jnr Kelly, Matthew Plunkett

**12.30pm:** Denis Dennehy (1st anniv), Cyril O' Meara, Kevin Kilgariff

**7pm:** Ellie Keegan

**GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE rejoice and be glad**

Pope Francis's letter to all members of the Church about the call to grow in holiness is available on the book stand at the back of the Church. Cost €5. It is a very easy read.

**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: 7,23, 16,25**

**Second Jackpot: 8, 21,7,25**

No winners of our 1st or 2nd Jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners:

Jim Heary, Margaret Fox, Anita McDonnell.

**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

**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**

**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