



### 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.

**We would like to thank Straffan GAA Club and the organising team of the recent OSKARS** for the successful night held in City West. The parish has received a cheque of €15,000 towards the refurbishment recently completed at St. Brigid's Church. This donation will help to reduce the debt on the works which is now practically finished.

### A Prayer for When I Feel Rejected

Loving God, you made me who I am. I praise you and I love you, for I am wonderfully made, In your own Image.

But when people make fun of me, I feel hurt and embarrassed and even ashamed.

So please, God, help me remember my own goodness, which lies in you.

Help me remember my dignity, which you gave me when I was conceived.

Help me remember that I can live a life of love, because you created my heart.

Be with me when people make me feel "less than," and help me to respond the way you would want me to, with a love that respects the other but also respects me. Help me find friends who love me for who I am.

Help me, most of all, to be a loving person. And, God, help me remember that Jesus loves me. For he too was seen as an outcast. He too was misunderstood. He too was beaten and spat upon. Jesus understands me and loves me with a special love, because of the way you made me.

And when I am feeling lonely, help me remember that Jesus welcomed everyone as a friend. Jesus reminded everyone that God loved them. Jesus encouraged everyone to embrace their dignity, even when others were blind to that dignity. Jesus loved everyone with the love that you gave him. And he loves me too.

One more thing, God: Help me remember that nothing is impossible with you, that you have a way of making things better, that you can find a way of love for me, even if I can't see it right now. Help me remember all these things in the heart you created, loving God. Amen.

### Our Parish Mission Statement:

"As Believers in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live and share the joy of His Gospel message".

### The Parish Team

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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.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

**Mon 6th 10am:** Breda Farrell

**Tue 7th 10am:** Gretta Sloan

**Wed 8th 10am:** Margaret Teague

**Thur 9th 10am:** Tadgh Doyle

**Fri 10th 10am:** Margaret McKenna & deceased family members

**Sat 11th 10am:** Nan Lappin

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Julia O' Conner** formerly from the Birmingham and lived for many years in Castletown with her husband Terence. She was a devoted Mother and Grandmother and her faith was the greatest gift she could share with people. Her funeral took place in St. Patrick's Church on Monday, the Church she loved and attended every Saturday night for the vigil Mass. May she rest in peace.

We remember in our prayers **Patricia Sullivan** from Willowbrook Lawns, Celbridge whose funeral took place on Tuesday. Patricia will be sadly missed by her loving husband Thomas, daughters Elizabeth, Rachel, Caroline, Roslyn & Ciara. Patricia came from a large family rooted in Dublin traditions. Her family was the centre of her life and her grandchildren was always given special attention. She will be fondly remembered by all who knew her. May she rest in peace.

We keep in our prayers **Mike Cleary** and offer our sympathy to Stella and her 3 daughters. Mike was a quiet gentle man who lived his faith by his actions and deeds. His funeral will take place on Tuesday morning at 11am with the removal on Sunday at 6pm. May he rest in peace.

Conversion is a process by which the uncreative sameness of our life is fractured and, in a best case scenario, we are re-orientated toward becoming the kind of person God created us to become. In most serious lives, there are two or three major conversions.... each accompanied by something akin to a crisis. The exact shape these transitions take is unique to ourselves - their elements are drawn from our history and our circumstances - and this is very often a cause of much fretting. We worry especially because we do not conform to the stereotype in our heads and we don't grasp that it is precisely to liberate us from these stereotypes that the process is initiated.

MICHAEL CASEY OCSO FROM GRACE: ON THE JOURNEY TO GOD

### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### St. Brigid's Church

**Saturday 6pm:** John Francis Gurerin

**Sunday 11am:** Ita Harrington, Edward Fallon, Miriam O' Callaghan, Daniel Denner

#### St. Patrick's Church

**Saturday: 6.30pm:** Sean Kearns, Rose Donaghue, (nee Mahon) John Fitzgerald

**Sunday: 8.30am:** Maureen Sheridan

**9.30am:** Robert Dredge

**11am:** Peter Concannon, Special intention

**12.30pm:** Marion O' Connor, Paddy & Bridget Donegan, Ursula McManus

**7pm:** Breda Farrell

**Planned Giving** - this weeks weekly envelope collection was €1242.07

Thanks to all who contributed and to the collectors

### **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 St. Brigid's and the collection bags at the week-end Masses.

One line (you pick four numbers between 0-30) at just €2, 3 lines cost €5.

**This weeks numbers are First Jackpot: 21,27, 12, 25.**

**Second Jackpot: 22, 21, 6, 5**

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

Pat McCabe, Tom McKenna, Dorothy Bolger

**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

### **LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE**

Last chance of a three day pilgrimage to Lough Derg this year. Bus travelling there and back at a cost of €50.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact the Parish office or leave your name and contact details in the sacristy.

#### **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

#### **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**