

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	30 Jan	7.30pm	Special Intention.
Sun	31 Jan	10.00am	Bernard (Ber) Curry & John, late of Killybegs House. John & Ellen Kearney, late of Waterford.
Mon	01 Feb	9.30am	Feast of St. Brigid Special Intention.
Tue	02 Feb	9.30am	Candlemas Day. Special Intention.
Tue	02 Feb	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	03 Feb	9.30am	Feast of St. Blaise
Thur	04 Feb	9.30am	
Fri	05 Feb	9.30am	First Friday
Sat	06 Feb	7.30pm	Martina & Thomas Mackessy, their daughters Goretti and Mary and son-in-law Paddy. Luke Curley & deceased members off his family. Cyril Fitzmaurice & deceased members of his family.
Sun	07 Feb	10.00am	John Costello. Brigid Byrne & remember her husband Anthony & son Tony. Gret Carey, Newtown. Tom Moore.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Frank Foster, Prosperous  
Arthur Symes, Navan (father of Noel in Reilly's Undertakers.)  
Our sincere sympathy to their families at this sad and difficult time.

### PROSPEROUS PARISH OFFICE

UNDER LEVEL 5 THE PARISH OFFICE HAS TO REMAIN CLOSED  
TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

The phone lines will be manned Thursday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12noon.

If you want to book a mass intention please contact Fr. Bernard 085-2325095 or Bill our sacristan 085-7052448. If a person needs The Sacrament of Anointing for the Sick please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Bernard.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### MASS TIMES

Due to the current HSE restrictions all Masses are only available on-line. Prosperous  
Masses will be available via the parish webcam as follows:  
Monday to Friday 9.30am / Saturday 7.30pm / Sunday 10.00am

### ST. BRIGID'S CROSSES

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February is the feast of St. Brigid. If you have made a St. Brigid's Cross Fr. Bernard will bless them virtually this year. Betty is also busy making some and Fr. Bernard will bless these at Mass and they will be available for people to collect in the church. This year Betty is giving the money raised to our Church. She asks people if they would like to make a donation to leave it in the shrine box on the wall near St. Therese at the back of our church.



## PARISH OF CARAGH Church of Our Lady and St. Joseph Prosperous

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

No 1176

### The Deep End – Genuine authority

*'But man, proud man, Dress'd in a little brief authority, Most ignorant of what he's most  
assur'd...'* Measure for Measure –  
William Shakespeare

We probably wouldn't have to think too hard to come with examples of people who seem to fit the above description. Puffed up with a sense of their own importance, they are anxious to be seen as the expert on everything, in spite of limited knowledge or experience. We tend to criticise politicians and other public figures if we feel they are blind to the struggles of ordinary people. They don't know what it's like, for example, to live on a minimum wage, to care for a family member with a disability, or to be at risk of homelessness. On the other hand, it is refreshing when those in power have either faced some of these issues themselves or have made the effort to do some research and really listen to people. We can tell when someone is speaking with genuine authority, care and compassion.

In today's gospel, those who listen to Jesus' teaching in the synagogue know there is something different and exciting about him. His teaching is in sharp contrast to the scribes they are used to hearing, and makes a deep impression on them. The difference, as stated twice in this passage, is his authority and it leaves his audience 'astonished'. He does not use his position the way we might use our 'little brief authority' to make ourselves look good. Instead he uses his authority to serve, to love, and to bring mercy and freedom.

Written by Triona Doherty for Intercom Magazine

### PRAYER TO ST. BRIGID

1<sup>ST</sup> February, 2021

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the holy Spirit. Amen

*Name any prayer intention you have, while including protection and healing from Covid-19  
and the intentions of the people of our diocese.*

Oh Brigid, Mary of the Gael, May your protection never fail.  
Spread your mantle over me, where 'ere I am, where 'ere I be.  
Cover me with God's joy and peace, let my faith and hope never cease.  
Shine your light where there is darkness, strengthen me in any weakness.  
Heal all within that may be ill, give me the desire each day to do God's work.  
'Til I rest, my journey o'er, with God and you forever more.  
St. Brigid, patron of Kildare and Leighlin, pray for us.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Make someone smile every day, but never forget that you are someone too"

#### PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: **045-841806**  
**Fr. Bernard Reyhart 085-2325095**  
Our Diocesan Website is [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
**Our Website is: Prosperousparish.net**  
Parish Email: [parishoffice@prosperousparish.net](mailto:parishoffice@prosperousparish.net)

#### Safeguarding children

##### Parish Designated persons:

Máiread Harman & Billy Carey

Contact through Parish Office on 045-841806

##### Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Mr Mick Daly

Email: [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie) Tel: 085-8021633

##### Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Ms Michele Hughes Tel: 086-1710643

Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will continue in our Church each Tuesday from 10am until 12noon (after morning Mass). Eucharistic Adoration will also be available via Webcam.

### NEW PARISH EMAIL & WEBSITE

Please note that with immediate effect the parish office has a new website and email address.

Email: [parishoffice@prosperousparish.net](mailto:parishoffice@prosperousparish.net)

Website: [www.prosperousparish.net](http://www.prosperousparish.net)

### VOCATIONS

*"If today you hear His voice,  
harden not your hearts."*

Open your heart to the possibility that Christ is calling you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

iCatholic player can be accessed via  
[www.icatholic.ie](http://www.icatholic.ie)

### FIRST READING 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said, "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'" The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9.

**Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

### SECOND READING 7:32-35

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 11: 25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

**Please wear a face mask in our Church -  
visitors are not permitted.**

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### PROSPEROUS BOOKS

This a free local book service, where you can borrow a book and when you have read it, you can return it and get others. For further details, see our Facebook page - Prosperousbooks or contact us on 089 240 4379 (Mon-Fri 2pm to 6pm.). You can also email us at [prosperousbooks@hotmail.com](mailto:prosperousbooks@hotmail.com). Our Facebook page contains a link that will show a current list of the books, that we have available.

### BABY JESUS

Sincere thanks to all our parishioners for their generous contributions to our "Bring Baby Jesus Home" at Christmas. €386 was donated. This money was sent to Lebanon to help destitute children - so a very worthy cause.

### CANDLEMAS DAY

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February is Candlemas Day. Traditionally this is the day when we bless the candles for use all year long. This is to remind us that Christ is the 'Light' that enlightens all mankind. Unfortunately due to the current government restrictions we are not allowed to gather for public Mass so Fr. Bernard will give a Virtual Blessing so have your candles ready.

### ST BLAISE - BLESSING OF THROATS

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February is the feast of St. Blaise who is the Patron Saint of people with sore throats. This year due to the current restrictions Fr. Bernard will give a virtual blessing at the 9.30am Mass.

### CHURCH DONATIONS

Sincere thanks to the many people who continue to drop in their church envelopes or donate online to our church. We are also delighted with the response from people who have signed and returned their CHY3 forms to enable us to claim back tax on their donations. This will be a huge benefit to our church.