

MASS INTENTIONS

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.
Sun	07 Feb	10.40am	The Rosary will be recited after morning Mass.
Mon	08 Feb	9.30am	Special Intention.
Tue	09 Feb	9.30am	Special Intention.
Tue	09 Feb	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	10 Feb	9.30am	
Thur	11 Feb	9.30am	World day of Prayer for the sick – feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.
Fri	12 Feb	9.30am	
Sat	13 Feb	7.30pm	Maudie Duffe and remember her husband John. Kitty Mullaly & her sister-in-law Nan & brother Andy. Ann Healy and remember Peter.
Sun	14 Feb	10.00am	Joe & Eithne Ward, Blacksticks. Paddy Mc Grath.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Carmel Dockery, Curryhills

Our sincere sympathy to her family 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

"LAUDATO SI' QUOTES ON THE ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 1 - "Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."(no.49)



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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7th February 2021

No 1177

The Deep End – Jesus the Healer

In today's Gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would have been considered inappropriate.

The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as many people wanted to be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in his ministry is clearly a very popular and attractive figure. Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today's Gospel what it takes to stay energised for our various ministries: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him and said, 'Everyone is searching for you', and still today, everyone is searching.

We too are called to bring healing to others in any way that we can, to those who are seeking, those who are lost, those who are isolated. Jesus shows us that to do this we must be connected to that Divine Presence within us and in our world. Today we can ask ourselves, what do I need healing from? Bring this to Jesus in prayer. And also, how can I reach out, with a healing presence, to others, especially during this time of pandemic?

'I ask God to prepare our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences rooted in political thinking, language, culture and religion. Let us ask him to anoint our whole being with the balm of his mercy, which heals the injuries caused by mistakes, misunderstandings, and disputes. And let us ask him for the grace to send us forth, in humility and meekness, along the demanding but enriching path of seeking peace'. (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 254)

Written by Jane Mellett for Intercom Magazine

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. A gentle reminder to those who received their CHY3 form and have not yet returned it to consider signing it and returning it to us as soon as possible – your action could immediately help out our parish financially.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I am never in control of what happens around me, but I am always in control of what happens within me."

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: **045-841806**

Fr. Bernard Reyhart 085-2325095

Our Diocesan Website is www.kandle.ie

Our Website is: Prosperousparish.net

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Safeguarding children

Parish Designated persons:

Máiread Harman & Billy Carey

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Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

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Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Ms Michele Hughes Tel: 086-1710643

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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

Website: www.prosperousparish.net

VOCATIONS

We pray for those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits.

"Everyone is looking for You."

Is your search for the Lord leading you to a vocation to the priesthood or diaconate or consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

iCatholic player can be accessed via
www.icatholic.ie

First Reading Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 146(147):1-6

Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding

round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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

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.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Betty O'Connor for her time and hard work in making some St. Brigid's Crosses for our parishioners last week. Betty very kindly donated the proceeds from her work to our church. We are delighted to say that her good work raised €270 and for this we are very grateful. Thank you Betty.

THE ROSARY

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the Month and Betty will lead us in the Rosary after the 10am Mass.

WORD OF LIFE MEETING ON ZOOM

We would like to invite you to a local Word of Life meeting on zoom on Friday February 19th at 4:30pm. During this meeting we will read the Word of Life (a commentary on a sentence from the Gospel) followed by a discussion. The sentence chosen for February is: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Lk 6:36).

If you would like to participate please send an email to aidang@live.ie and we will send you a zoom link on Thursday 18th of February. You will just have to click on the link on the 19th to join the meeting, from a Laptop/ PC or your smartphone. If you need any assistance when trying to join the meeting, please phone 089-2459216, and we will try to assist you.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Aidan & Susan Gately

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

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. Our Facebook page contains a link that will show a current list of the books, that we have available.

You may feel that no one could possibly understand what you are going through right now. You're probably right, but others can still help. Ask for what you need. You'll be surprised how often you get it.