

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	20 Feb	7.30pm	Special Intention.
Sun	21 Feb	10.00am	John Mooney, Corrachoill.
Mon	22 Feb	11.00am	FUNERAL MASS
Tue	23 Feb	9.30am	
Tue	23 Feb	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	24 Feb	9.30am	
Thur	25 Feb	9.30am	
Fri	26 Feb	9.30am	Hubert Donohoe
Fri	26 Feb	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	27 Feb	7.30pm	Month's Mind Frank Foster and remember his wife Anne whose 18 th anniversary also occurs. Tom & Bid Mitchell. Andrew & Anne Fitzachary, grandson Eoin and deceased family members.
Sun	28 Feb	10.00am	1 st Anniversary Chrissie Fields, Blackwood. 1 st Anniversary Jane Tracey, Downings. Greg Fox, Newtown.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Keely, The Downings & late of Coill Dubh
Our sincere sympathy to his 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.

A KANDLE FAMILY PRAYER FOR LENT

Creator God,

Be with us as we make our Lenten journey together as part of the Kandle diocesan family.

Give us the strength to do what we have promised,
and the love to help one another along the way.

When Easter comes, may our Lenten promises have brought us closer to your Son, Jesus.

Amen

"LAUDATO SI' QUOTES ON THE ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 3 - "The fact is that 'contemporary man has not been trained to use power well,' because our immense technological development has not been accompanied by a development in human responsibility, values and conscience." (no.105)



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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

21st February 2021

No 1179

What does Lent mean?

While we associate Lent with preparation for Easter, the word 'Lent' actually comes from the Anglo-Saxon word Lencten, meaning 'spring'. That might seem strange at first but when we think about it there is an obvious connection between spring and our preparation for Easter. While the images of spring may be of blooming flowers, spring lambs and lengthening, warmer days, none of this is instantaneous. It is a slow process of change, growth and new beginnings as nature turns away from the cold and harshness of winter towards the warmth and light of spring.

Our journey in Lent is a bit like that, offering us an annual opportunity, in the light and warmth of our faith, for change, growth and new beginnings. Every spring, every Lent holds the promise of a fresh start and new life; this is a time when we can honestly look at our lives and take even the simplest of steps to turn back to and deepen our relationship with God and allow our faith to impact who we are in the world.

In other languages the word Lent comes from the Latin, Quadragesima – a period of 40 days. In the Christian tradition the forty days is understood to refer to a time of intense prayer and preparation; we remember the biblical stories of Noah and the flood of forty days, the forty years the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness and, primarily, we remember Christ's forty day fast in preparation for his ministry. Lent is our forty days of preparation to renew our baptism at Easter and to put ourselves back on track to live the life our baptism calls us to live in the everyday circumstances we find ourselves.

Lent, then, is a time of doing penance, of actively embracing the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. None of these are ends in themselves, they are all part of the process that leads us back to God.

Living Lent - First Sunday of Lent: Some Suggestions for the Week

- + Make the Sign of the Cross when leaving you home /passing a church / cemetery / before and after a meal
- + Give up social media for an evening (or more!)
- +Take some to go on a walk and say a prayer along the way
- +Take a moment and pause when you feel you want to give out
- +Support Trócaire's Lenten appeal
- + Call and chat with someone you know is living alone

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Not all wounds are so obvious. Enter gently into the lives of other people.”

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

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Our Diocesan Website is www.kandle.ie

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Safeguarding children

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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 continue to pray that prayer, penance and alms giving will enable more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us via webcam every Friday evening during Lent at 7pm for the “Stations Of the Cross”. Each week a different group from our parish will lead us in prayer <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/church-of-our-lady-st-joseph>

For the duration of Lent, many people choose to abstain from alcohol. Consider taking the PIONEER SHORT-TERM PLEDGE for Lent. If you would like to make this pledge for six weeks, you can join online at www.pioneerassociation.ie

First Reading Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, ‘See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.’ God said, ‘Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 24(25):4-6,7b-9

Response: *Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people ‘by water’, and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God’s right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

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.

KANDLE FAMILY LENTEN PROMISES LET’S DO LENT TOGETHER IN 2021

Bishop’s House have produced a leaflet with ideas for families on things we can do for Lent. It gives us suggestions for topics that we can discuss and ideas for us to help us prepare for Easter in a meaningful way. We have left some copies in our church porch for people to collect.

LENTEN PROGRAMME BEGINAGAIN21

BeginAgain21 is an initiative of Newbridge Parish inviting everyone to mark Lent 2021 in an intentional way. We are inviting everyone to take part in this initiative which seeks to improve body and soul.

It is called BeginAgain because it is inviting people to start something new but also to begin again if they miss a day or even a few! There are two versions available - a youth and adult version.

To view the full programme and register online please see the 'BeginAgain21' section on the Newbridge Parish Website.

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

iCatholic player can be accessed via

www.icatholic.ie

THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Labouré, a Sister of Charity in Paris, giving her the exact design of this medal. The medal was struck in 1832 and it brought strength and healing during the cholera epidemic later in the city. We encourage people to wear this medal during these difficult times and we ask you to say the lovely little prayer on it “Oh Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to you.”

Fr. Bernard has blessed some miraculous medals and left them in the church near the altar so please feel free to call in and take one and wear it.

TROCAIRE

Trocaire boxes are available in our church porch. We encourage people to drop by and take one home and to support our Trocaire Lenten Campaign this year. Remember that **‘your support this Lent changes lives.’**

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