

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	27 Feb	7.30pm	Month's Mind Frank Foster and remember his wife Ann 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.
Mon	01 Mar	9.30am	1 st Anniversary Anna Cosgrove & remember her husband John.
Tue	02 Mar	9.30am	Hubert Donohoe.
Tue	02 Mar	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	03 Mar	9.30am	
Thur	04 Mar	9.30am	
Fri	05 Mar	9.30am	First Friday
Fri	05 Mar	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	06 Mar	7.30pm	
Sun	07 Mar	10.00am	1 st Anniversary Teresa Sullivan.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Angela Connolly, Corrachoill Park

John Cross, Goretti Tce.

John (Max) O'Neill, Barrington Court.

Mary Cross, Brooks Mill & late of Corrachoill Park

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.

"LAUDATO SI' QUOTES ON THE ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 4 - "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?"... "We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us. The issue is one which dramatically affects us, for it has to do with the ultimate meaning of our earthly sojourn." (no.160)

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.



PARISH OF CARAGH
*Church of Our Lady
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

28th February 2021

No 1180

EXPLORING A PRACTICE FOR LENT: Stations of the Cross

What we know as the Stations of the Cross (or the Way of the Cross) has its origins in the practice in the early church of pilgrims walking in the footsteps of Jesus' passion in Jerusalem. Along the way they would stop to pray at places where a significant event is believed to have occurred. It is thought that in the Middle Ages the Franciscans brought this tradition to Europe. This made it possible for the faithful who could not travel to Jerusalem to experience in a virtual way the Stations of the Cross by following a sign-posted path around the inside and/or outside of the church.

From the 18th century all Catholic churches were permitted to erect the Stations of the Cross within the church building or in the grounds of the church. This led to the visual depictions we see in our churches today, with the number of stations fixed at 14. Of these, only 8 are explicitly mentioned in the gospels. In 1991, Pope John Paul II introduced a new form of this devotion, called the Scriptural Way of the Cross, in which all stations are taken from the gospels.

There are many popular versions of the stations available and people can pray them in a church or at home, privately or with a group. A typical pattern for the 14 stations might look like the following: Naming of the station (E.g. The First Station: Jesus is condemned to die); Response (We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world); A short reading from scripture; Reflecting /meditating on the particular station; and Prayer (E.g. Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

While available to us as a prayer at any time, Lent is a particularly appropriate time to pray the Stations of the Cross.

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

- + Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God
- + Check that you have a copy of a Catholic edition of the bible in your home and take some time to read from it
- + Pick up at least 5 pieces of litter from the road/countryside
- + Pray the Stations of the Cross
- + Find out how you can help a local charity
- + Cut down on screen time and pay attention to the people around you

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.”

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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 for all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

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.

First Reading Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he called. ‘Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115(116):10,15-19

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation Mt17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

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

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

iCatholic player can be accessed via
www.icatholic.ie

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.

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.mcmedia.tv/camera/church-of-our-lady-st-joseph>

‘The cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of humanity, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: ‘Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you. I have overcome death and I have come to give you hope, to give you life.’
Pope Francis, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

STATIONS OF THE CROSS in this time of Pandemic

This Lent the diocese is offering a video series, led by Bishop Denis, with three stations each week. The Stations can be accessed on kandle.ie from 3pm each Friday during Lent, as well as on the Kandle Facebook page. It is also available in written format for those who prefer to pray the stations in that way. The video reflections are read by people from the diocese who have been seriously impacted by COVID.

TROCAIRE

During Lent we might take time to think about those who have no choice but to fast because of poverty and injustice. There is a great tradition in Ireland of supporting Trocaire in Lent. Please remember to take home a Trocaire box from our church porch.