

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	13 Mar	7.30pm	Brendan McBride who died recently in Belfast.
Sun	14 Mar	10.00am	Kathleen & Jim Coffey & their sons Seamus and Michael.
Mon	15 Mar	9.30am	
Tue	16 Mar	9.30am	Tim O'Connor & remember his brother Sean.
Tue	16 Mar	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	17 Mar	10.00am	St. Patrick's Day Mass in Irish.
Wed	17 Mar	11.30am	Tom Dempsey.
Thur	18 Mar	11.30am	
Fri	19 Mar	9.30am	
Fri	19 Mar	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	20 Mar	7.30pm	
Sun	21 Mar	10.00am	

"LAUDATO SI' QUOTES ON THE ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 6 - "In calling to mind the figure of Saint Francis of Assisi, we come to realize that a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change."(no. 218)

St Patricks Day Poster Hunt

As there are no St Patrick's Day Parades this year due to Covid 19, Kildare Communities 4 Climate Action (KC4CA) have come up with a great activity for families in the county. They are having a poster hunt in towns around the County. In the bigger towns the posters will be displayed inside shop or business windows. In some of the smaller villages they will be in house windows or in outdoor places around the town. There are 12 posters in total for you to find. They have been designed by Kildare 4 Communities 4 Climate Action group themselves and have a nature, biodiversity or action-oriented theme.

The hunt includes a challenge; on each poster there is a picture of a native Irish bird, plant or animal. You will have to identify the bird/plant/animal in the picture (hints are provided for the more difficult ones). You then put the first letters of all the pictures together in poster number order to make a word. Send your entries in to Kildare4climateaction@gmail.com to be in for a chance of a prize.

The posters will be up on St Patricks day 17/3/21 till Sunday 21/3/21 so there will be plenty of time to complete the poster hunt while staying safe and maintaining social distancing. All entries must be in by Monday 22nd March and winners will be announced by the following weekend. Kildare Communities 4 Climate Action hopes everyone enjoys the poster hunt and would like to wish everyone in the county a Happy St Patricks Day.

WORD OF LIFE MEETING ON ZOOM

We would like to invite you to a local Word of Life meeting on zoom on Friday 19th of March 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 March is:

"Make me know your ways, O Lord: teach me your paths." (Ps 25 [24]:4)

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 March. You will just have to click on the link on the 19th to join the meeting, from a Laptop/ PC or your smart-phone. 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



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

14th March 2021

No 1182

EXPLORING A PRACTICE FOR LENT: Praying the Rosary

The Catechism reminds us that Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ (CCC 2708). The purpose of this meditation is to draw us closer to Jesus. The prayer we know as the Rosary offers us a special way of meditating on the Mysteries of Christ. It is a scripture based prayer, with the Our Father, Hail Mary (x10) and Glory Be forming the basis of each decade. Each decade draws us in, to meditate on one of 20 mysteries from the life of Christ. In the 16th century Pope Pius established the standard fifteen mysteries of the Rosary which he grouped into three, *the Joyful, the Sorrowful* and the **Glorious Mysteries**. In 2002, Pope St John Paul II added a new set of five, known as the Mysteries of Light or **Luminous Mysteries**.

As we pray the 12 prayers in each decade we are called to meditate and reflect on the mystery associated with the decade. As a personal devotion, people are free at any given time to pray whichever mystery they choose. A tradition has emerged where particular mysteries are associated with particular days of the week as follows: **Joyful** – Monday, Saturday, and the Sundays of Advent; **Sorrowful** – Tuesdays, Fridays and the Sundays of Lent; **Glorious** – Wednesdays, and the Sundays outside of Advent and Lent; **Luminous** – Thursdays.

The Lenten season is a most suitable opportunity to spend time, individually or as a family, meditating on the **Sorrowful Mysteries**: The Agony in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-46), the Scourging (Matt 27:26), the Crowning with Thorns (Matt 27:29), the Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17), and the Crucifixion (Luke 23:33-46).

See kandle.ie to download a Rosary Prayer Card and a card on the Mysteries of Light

Fourth 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
- + Pray the Mysteries of Light and /or the Sorrowful Mysteries
- + Be kind to your mammy throughout the week!
- + Check the energy efficiency of your light bulbs and change them if necessary
- + Look out for someone who might need your help and offer it
- + Visit a church, light a candle and say a prayer
- + Turn off lights when not in use

Happy Mothers Day – We pray that God will watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven. Help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's day and everyday. We think of the kindness, care and endless love they bring into our lives.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Nature carries a basketful of pick-me-ups.
Smell, taste, touch its contents regularly"

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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.

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>

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASSES

We welcome back Fr. Barney McGuckian from Clongowes Wood College who will celebrate our 10am Mass in Irish. Unfortunately due to the government restrictions all our Masses are only available via webcam. Fr. Bernard will also say Mass in English at 11.30am. We wish all our parishioners a very happy St. Patrick's Day.

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.

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the L

ord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 136(137):1-6

Response: *O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Jn3:16

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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

Free Trees !

Our Eco Parish Group have free saplings of Alder, Oak, Birch and Hazel to give away to anyone within 5km of Prosperous. If you are interested please contact us on 087 601 8961. These Native varieties will be a huge benefit to wildlife. Let's get planting!

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.

ST JOSEPH

Last year to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church Pope Francis announced that he would dedicate 2021 to "A Year of St Joseph" 'Amoris Laetitia Family Year' The Year of Saint Joseph and the Year of Reflection on the Family will be marked with a Week of Prayer from 13 March to 19 March (the Feast of Saint Joseph). We are invited to say this prayer daily.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

(Copies of this prayer are available in the church porch)

LOUGH DERG MASS ON RTÉ

Sunday 21st March RTE Studio Broadcast Mass at 11am will be celebrated by Msgr La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg along with the Lough Derg Pastoral and Music teams. The Mass will be offered for the Lough Derg pilgrim family near and far. Tune into RTE 1 Television or RTE Radio 1.

TROCAIRE

Imagine having to choose between providing food for your children or providing them with face masks to help keep them safe from Covid-19. This is a reality for some people in Sudan. Trocaire helps people in times like this so please give generously to our Trocaire Lenten Campaign.