

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	20 Mar	7.30pm	Month's Mind John (Max) O' Neill.
Sun	21 Mar	10.00am	Month's Mind John Cross. Ellen Keogh.
Mon	22 Mar	9.30am	
Tue	23 Mar	9.30am	Month's Mind Mary Cross and remember her husband Pat.
Tue	23 Mar	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	24 Mar	9.30am	
Thur	25 Mar	9.30am	
Fri	26 Mar	9.30am	
Fri	26 Mar	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	27 Mar	7.30pm	Tommy Gannon. Johnnie & Willie Dunne.
Sun	28 Mar	10.00am	

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anne Conlon, Downings, Prosperous

Our sincere sympathy to her family at this sad and difficult time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS in this time of Pandemic

There has been a hugely positive response to this video series that is updated each Friday in Lent. Every Friday at 3pm a set of three stations is posted on the Kandle website, Facebook and twitter pages. The prayers are led by Bishop Denis and a parish reader, and reflections are led by people who have been severely affected by the COVID 19. Each video takes less than ten minutes. The stations are also available in document format. We invite you to join in praying these stations in this Season of Lent.

MINI-LENTEN RETREAT IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK 2021

In preparation for the Easter Triduum, 'The Hook of Faith' is happy to offer a 'Mini-Lenten Retreat in Preparation for Holy Week' on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th March. The retreat will be held on Zoom and will be led by Fr Billy Swan. Each conference begins at 8pm. The three conferences will anticipate the Triduum and will therefore focus on the Eucharist (Tues. 23rd); the Cross and the Mystery of Suffering (Wed. 24th); the Resurrection, Joy and Hope (Thurs. 25th). To take part, all you need to do is send an email to: thehookoffaith@gmail.com All are welcome.

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Now, after a year of COVID, we are more and more conscious of the weight of the restrictions... and moreover the finishing line seems like a mirage always moving farther and farther away from us! The Catholic Young Adult Conference via Zoom on March 27th from 5:30 - 7:30pm is a chance for young adults (18 - 40) wherever they are to come together online to build up their hope. The theme "Hope Springs Eternal" will be discussed in a great line up of short talks and testimonies mixed together with music and prayer. The Conference is free to attend just log in to Zoom: ID 847 1984 5205 Passcode: 771328 . Whatever about an injection for COVID, come and get a powerful injection of hope! Newcomers especially welcome.

LOUGH DERG MASS ON RTE

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.



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

21st March 2021

No 1183

TURNING TO GOD FOR FORGIVENESS THIS LENT

As we move closer to Holy Week, many people's thoughts turn to the sacrament of reconciliation as part of the journey of Lent. Unfortunately, at this time of restrictions our parishes are not in a position to make this sacrament freely available to people. But, of course, the forgiveness of God is always available to us and there are many ways in which we can experience God's mercy, love and forgiveness as we anticipate a future celebration of the sacrament.

In your own time, you can spend some time in prayer to God and make what is known as an act of perfect contrition. This involves two things on the part of the person: firstly, to pray an act of contrition out of love of God and secondly, to make a firm commitment to go to confession when that becomes possible.

An Act of Contrition

O my God, I thank you for loving me.

I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you.

Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again.

Amen.

Reminder of the words of Pope Francis in Lent 2020

"It [the Catechism] is very clear: if you do not find a priest to hear your confession, speak to God, he is your Father, and tell him the truth... Promise him: 'Later I will confess, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to the grace of God."

Living Lent. Fifth 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 for adults across the world preparing for Baptism at Easter
- + Plant new life in a container or garden bed! Pollinator friendly herbs include chives, lavender, rosemary, oregano and thyme
- + Remember to 'Share with the hungry' and set aside some of your weekly shop for a food bank or donate the cost
- + Be a happy presence in your home
- + Give up television for an evening
- + Take some quiet time to reflect on your life, to see where change may be needed and to ask for God's forgiveness.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Don’t let anyone’s ignorance, hate, drama or negativity stop you from being the BEST person God wants you to be”

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: **045-841806**

Fr. Bernard Reyhart 085-2325095

Our Diocesan Website is www.kandle.ie

Our Website is: Prosperousparish.net

Parish Email: 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 Tel: 085-8021633

Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Ms Michele Hughes Tel: 086-1710643

Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish community of Prosperous:



Cadhla Emily de Brí.

EUCHARISTIC 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>

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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50(51):3-4,12-15

Response: *A pure heart create for me, O God.*

Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn12:26

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it

was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;

now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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

Thank You

Special word of thanks to Fr. Barney McGuckian from Clongowes Wood College for celebrating Mass in Irish with us on St. Patrick’s Day.

EASTER TRIDIUM

At the moment it looks like all our ceremonies will be online again this Easter. Even though we cannot be physically present in the church we can bring Easter into our home and bring life to the ceremonies by participating at home. To help people prepare we will have ideas available on facebook and starting this week we will leave out material in the church porch for Palm Sunday for people to take home to help them feel more connected to the celebrations. Please call in and take a copy home with you.

DAFFODIL DAY

Due to Covid restrictions we are not permitted to do Street Collections this year, you can donate online via the link below:

<https://daffodilday-virtualcollection.blackbaud-sites.com/fundraising/prosperous-daffodil-day>

Thank you all, Stay Safe. Shelagh Healy

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER TO OUR LADY DURING DIFFICULT TIMES

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need,

and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows

to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

TROCAIRE

Trócaire’s Development Education team help to inform learners about global issues such as poverty, injustice, gender equality and climate change using a human rights lens. Please give generously to our Trocaire Lenten Campaign.

A Palm On Your Door Palm Sunday March 28th 2021

You are invited to place a piece of palm or any green branch on your front door to let people know it is Palm Sunday. **Together let us begin the greatest week of the Church year.**

We would love to receive photos of church and home doors. Photos can be sent to Cathriona Kelly at cathriona.kelly@kandle.ie or by Whatsapp to 085 145 0321. Cathriona is hoping to compile the video and post it on the evening of Palm Sunday.