

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	10 Apr	7.30pm	Month's Mind Moria Geraghty. 1 st Anniversary Geraldine Raleigh & also remember Michael (Mac) Raleigh whose anniversary also occurs. Finn & Mary McCarthy. Birthday Remembrance Pakie Cummins. Liam Delaney (20 th Anniversary) & remember his wife Eileen and deceased family members.
Sun	11 Apr	10.00am	Margie Mahoney & remember her son Vin. John Cosgrove & remember his wife Anna and deceased members of the Cosgrove and Curran families.
Mon	12 Apr	9.30am	Sr. Maria – who died recently in America.
Tue	13 Apr	9.30am	Special Intention.
Tue	13 Apr	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	14 Apr	9.30am	Lizzie Reilly & remember her husband Oliver and her deceased family members.
Thur	15 Apr	9.30am	Christy & Brigid Losty.
Fri	16 Apr	9.30am	
Sat	17 Apr	7.30pm	Month's Mind - Anne Conlon. Martin Dempsey. Richie Gordon. Seamus Brereton & deceased family members of the Cosgrove & Brereton families.
Sun	18 Apr	10.00am	James & Annie Brereton & Mary (Molly) Ward. Paddy Daly.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Financially for the parish, like so many other businesses and you at home, this past year has proved to be a very challenging time for us, as our income has largely disappeared. Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to support our parish in the absence of public Masses.

Please continue to put aside your weekly contribution in your envelope and when the restrictions are eased you can bring your envelope back to the church or the parish office.

You can drop off your envelopes into the post box (on the left) at the parish office Thursday & Friday mornings.

You can donate online to our bank account – details on our parish website www.prosperousparish.net

You can donate online via Kandle.ie website

We appreciate your continued generosity and thanks to the many people who continue to support us with their contributions. God bless and thank you.

Fr. Bernard Reyhart

VOCATIONS

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you.” Is Jesus trying to send you to proclaim his truth and peace as a priest, sister or brother? Speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office: email:

info@vocations.ie

We continue to pray for all those sent in Jesus' name as priests, deacons and consecrated religious to proclaim the victory over the world through faith in Him.



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Divine Mercy Sunday

11th April 2021

No 1186

The Deep End - Shalom

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often it brings some sort of growth into our lives and usually it is not a pleasant experience. We only have to think of the past year of lockdowns and isolation and fear. In Pope Francis' new book, *Let us Dream*, he says 'To enter into crisis is to be sifted. Your categories and ways of thinking get shaken up; your priorities and lifestyles are challenged. You cross a threshold, either by your own choice or by necessity, because there are crises, like the one we are going through, that you can't avoid.'

Today's Gospel shows us that even the most difficult situations can be transformed. The Risen Christ stands amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed. The peace that he gives them (*Shalom*) is a peace of body, of mind and of spirit and it moves the disciples from despair and being 'locked away' to 'rejoicing'. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They, and we, are invited to be for others what Jesus has been for them. The Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over. John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life. Our call is to bring this peace and joy to others, 'so I send you'. Who can you reach out to today?

POPE FRANCIS HAS DEDICATED 2021 AS A YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH, Husband of Mary

Blessed Joseph, in life you protected and cherished Mary as your wife.

You loved the child Jesus as your Son, and kept him safe from danger.

Watch over us this day, as you watched over your family.

Guard and protect us from the dangers that face us,

Shield us from the anxiety of our hearts.

Through your example may we find the courage,

love and faith to walk through these days,

tusting in God and caring for one another, as you cared for your family.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Amen

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Look for something positive in every day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.”

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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.

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.

TROCAIRE

We ask you to **please give generously to Trócaire** this year. Trocaire Boxes can be left back to the parish office on Thursday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12 noon.

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.

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm 17(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Jn20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve,

was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

"The family of the late Parkie Cummins wish to thank all those who sent Mass Cards and messages of sympathy on their recent bereavement. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions."

Mary Cummins

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Mon 12th April – Tue 20th April

7.30pm Nightly

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Reflecting the design of Creation

This "sin of wanting to possess and dominate our brothers and sisters, nature and God Himself" is not the design of Creation, said the Pope. He reminded the faithful that God gave the earth "to all of us" to care for and cultivate. God invited us to dominate the earth in His name, cultivating and tending it like a garden, "the garden of all". This garden must be "kept and preserved", continued the Pope. It must not be abused of "to make the land what you want it to be". The Pope stressed that "it has been given by God to all mankind and so it is our duty to ensure that its fruits reach everyone, not just some."

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The first Sunday after Easter is the feast of the Divine Mercy. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.