

### MASS INTENTIONS

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.
Mon	19 Apr	9.30am	Special Intention.
Tue	20 Apr	9.30am	Christy & Brigid Losty.
Tue	20 Apr	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	21 Apr	9.30am	
Thur	22 Apr	9.30am	
Fri	23 Apr	9.30am	
Sat	24 Apr	7.30pm	
Sun	25 Apr	10.00am	Remembrance Mass for Fr. Tom Mc Donald.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

William (Liam) Donohoe, Rath View  
Máire Weedle, Firmount, Clane

Our sincere sympathy to their families at this sad and difficult time.

### 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](http://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

“We can be sure we know God only by keeping his commandments” Jesus makes Himself known to you through the vocation He chose for you. Do you hear a call to the priesthood or consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office: email: [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

### VIATORES CHRISTI

#### **Overseas Volunteers Training Course September 2021 - Open to all!**

Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC runs an online volunteer preparation course covering Community Development, Health, Global Awareness, Mission, etc. This is open to all! Once completed, participants can be considered for volunteer roles through VC EU Aid Volunteers #EUAVI programmes. If you want to know more, click here or visit the News section of our website [www.vcvolunteers.ie](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie) or email [info@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:info@viatoreschristi.com)



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

No 1187

## Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel

When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?

Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?

Jesus opened their minds to ‘understand the scriptures’, and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.

The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a ‘resurrection’ experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?

### **The Bishops want to know: What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about a national synod?**

The Irish Catholic Bishops announced at their Winter 2020 meeting a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland, leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. Before embarking on an initial two year phase of consultation, bishops are inviting submissions between Easter (5 April) and Pentecost (23 May), 2021 to reflect on what methods/models would be best to adopt in these coming two years of conversations.

For example: focus groups, parish hall meetings, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences.

Parish teams, parish pastoral councils and other parish groups, as well as individual parishioners can make their submissions, in not more than 300 words, via the Bishops Conference webpage: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/submissions/>

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

“When something looks good, sounds good, feels good, tastes good, smells good ... say so.

It's a happy habit to have.

Counting your blessings is good therapy.”

### **PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS**

Parish Office: **045-841806**

**Fr. Bernard Reyhart 085-2325095**

Our Diocesan Website is [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Our Website is: Prosperousparish.net**

Parish Email: [parishoffice@prosperousparish.net](mailto: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](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie) Tel: 085-8021633

#### **Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator:**

Ms Michele Hughes Tel: 086-1710643

Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

### **COLLECTIONS**

November Envelopes	€1903.60
December Envelopes	€6543.70
December Basket	€1662.60
January Envelopes	€1809.30
February Envelopes	€1137.50
March Envelopes	€2305.15

### **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.

### **PROSPEROUS BOOKS**

This is 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](mailto: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 3:13-15,17-19**

Peter said to the people: ‘You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. ‘Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.’

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2,4,7,9**

#### **Response:**

*Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

### **Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5**

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, ‘I know him’, and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

### **Gospel Acclamation cf.Lk24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

### **Gospel Luke 24:35-48**

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you!’ In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, ‘Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.’ And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could

not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, ‘This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.’ He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.’

### **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

### **NEWBRIDGE PARISH NOVENA**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Healer of Our Souls**

**Nine Consecutive nights  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> April – Tue 20<sup>th</sup> April  
7.30pm Nightly**

Broadcast via the Newbridge Parish Website,  
App or Facebook page.

Send in your petitions via  
the Newbridge Parish Website.

### **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.

### **TROCAIRE**

People across Ireland have been moved by the stories of families living in conflict highlighted by Trócaire in its 2021 Lenten Appeal. Millions remain trapped in long-running wars in countries such as South Sudan, Syria and Somalia. Trócaire's Lenten Appeal brings life-saving support to these people, but it also reminds us of our duty to show compassion and fraternity to people living through conflict and extreme poverty. One of the tragedies of Covid-19 is that the world's poorest people have been made poorer by this pandemic. We ask you to **please give generously to Trócaire**. Trocaire Boxes can be left back to the parish office on Thursday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12 noon.

### **DAFFODIL DAY 2021**

A huge thank you to all who supported Daffodil Day this year. Your generous donations amounted to €5,115 in a very difficult year for everybody. The Irish Cancer Society is forever grateful. Keep safe.

Shelagh Healy

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Three years work by Katrina Costello to produce these two beautiful documentaries about The Burren with some incredible new revelations about its human story, history and epic wildlife.

Episode two of ‘The Burren: Heart of Stone’ with Brendan Gleeson can be seen on RTE One this Sun evening at 6.30pm and if you missed the first episode catch up on the RTE Player. We congratulate, one of our own, Katrian Costello on this wonderful documentary and we wish her well in the future.

### **HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS REQUIRED**

**Comfort Homecare** are looking for full and part-time staff in the Kildare area. Are you a kind and caring person? Are you looking for a few hours work in the mornings or evenings, or perhaps just at weekends? Call Dara Shortt @ 0851872605 or email

[Dara@comforthomecare.ie](mailto:Dara@comforthomecare.ie) for an application form. Top rates paid weekly with mileage.