

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	01 May	7.30pm	1 st Anniversary Parkie Cummins. 10 th Anniversary Josephine Kenny & remember baby Richard and deceased members of the Kenny & McGarr families.
Sun	02 May	10.00am	Seamus O'Dwyer.
Sun	02 May	10.45am	The Rosary will be recited after Mass.
Mon	03 May	9.30am	Birthday Remembrance Gerry Ward.
Tue	04 May	9.30am	Mass for the Holy Souls
Tue	04 May	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	05 May	9.30am	Bridget Cox, Carbury.
Thur	06 May	9.30am	Murt Logan.
Fri	07 May	9.30am	1 st Anniversary Joe Kennedy, Anne Street.
Sat	08 May	7.30pm	Martin Mullaly & his parents. Brigid Gannon. Edward, Kathleen & Fr. Tom Cummins. Tommy Donnelly, Donore.
Sun	09 May	10.00am	Jim Ennis, Downings. Ian O'Neill and remember his parents Nellie & Mick.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patsy Keane, Sallins

Sincere sympathy to his family at this sad and difficult time.

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/>

Prosperous Eco Parish - Eco Congregation

It's heart-warming to see such a wonderful display of dandelions on roadside verges providing essential food for our pollinators. When planting up your summer borders and containers, in the interest of biodiversity choose perennials, e.g. lavender, foxglove, lambs ear, verbena, catmint. And for herbs rosemary, thyme, oregano, chives, borage, comfrey etc... For further info www.pollinators.ie



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd May 2021

No 1189

CHURCH RE-OPENING

The announcement this week by Micheál Martin that public religious ceremonies get the green light from May 10th is very welcome news. We have waited a long time to gather together as a community and this now gives us the opportunity to come back to Church and come back to God as a parish. I look forward to welcoming people back here in person. I await further instructions from Bishop Dennis and I will have more information on re-opening our church next week.

Fr. Bernard Reyhart

The Deep End – Bound Together

Have you ever visited a vineyard, with its rows of vines, heavy with clusters of ripe grapes? If you're not familiar with vines, think of an apple tree laden with apples, or a fruit bush ripe for picking. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine to describe his relationship with his disciples. He tells them that he is the vine, and they are the branches. The life of Jesus flows into us and sustains us, and this is the reason our lives can bear fruit in love, in kindness, patience, compassion and welcome.

The symbolism of the vine works on many levels. If a branch is separated from the vine, it cannot flourish on its own. It must be connected to the vine from which it gets its nourishment. Each of us must be firmly rooted in Jesus and nourish that relationship. He invites us to 'remain' in him - to rest in him, to be part of him. And if you look at a vine plant, often its branches are so entangled, it can be hard to know where one ends and another begins. We note that Jesus is addressing the disciples as a group rather than as individuals: 'you are the branches'. We are a community, and we grow together, bound together by the love of God.

Today, we reflect on what it means to be so intimately connected with Jesus, the true vine. We bring to mind the many gifts he has given us, and the ways in which his love bears fruit in our lives.

Written for the Intercom Magazine by Triona Doherty

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Some flowers blossom best in the sun, others do well in the shade. Remember.. God puts us where we grow best.”

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

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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.

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. Our Facebook page contains a link that will show a current list of the books, that we have available.

Please wear a face mask in our Church - visors are not permitted.

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21(22):26-28,30-32

Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff is available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

ROSARY

This Sunday is the First Sunday of the month and Betty will lead us in the Rosary after 10am morning Mass.

TROCAIRE

Please remember to drop back your Trócaire Box to the parish office on Thursday and Friday mornings between 10am to 12 noon.

VOCATIONS

“It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples.” Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. Speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office: email: info@vocations.ie

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

Family Carers Ireland in partnership with An Garda Síochána, the National Ambulance Service Community First Responder Schemes, The Irish Red Cross and The Order of Malta has developed an *Emergency Card Scheme* for family carers. When a family carer has an unplanned hospital admission there is a risk that the person who needs their care and support could be left at home alone and uncared for. The *Emergency Card Scheme* is intended to give peace of mind to family carers as well as ensuring that the person they care for remains safe in such emergencies.

For more details on the scheme, visit our website on www.familycarers.ie or call our Freephone Careline 1800 24 07 24.

PRAYER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Creator of our common home,
You fill the earth and sea and sky with life
Forgive us our neglect of your creation
The choking waste of our pollution
The damage done by careless habits
And our indifference to future generations.
Help us to amend our lives
To refuse more plastic if we can't reuse it
To lift our voice for lasting change
And to live well and gently on the earth
To the glory of your Son, the Living Word
Through whom you made this fragile world.
Amen.