

### MASS INTENTIONS

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. Katie Dempsey & remember her father Edward and deceased members of the Swords family, Newtown.
Sun	09 May	10.45am	The Rosary will be recited after Mass.
Mon	10 May	9.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Maurice Francis and remember his wife Ann.
Tue	11 May	9.30am	
Tue	11 May	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	12 May	9.30am	
Thur	13 May	9.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Helen Brophy.
Fri	14 May	9.30am	
Sat	15 May	7.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mick Dunne & remember his mam Anne whose anniversary also occurs. Madge & Eamon Mitchell. Birthday Remembrance Sean Dunne & remember all the deceased members of the Dunne family. Sheila & Dick Underwood.
Sun	16 May	10.00am	Month's Mind – Liam Donohoe. Goretti Dunne.

### CHURCH RE-OPENING

Following the easing of government restrictions, our Church will re-open on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May for public Masses as follows:

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday & Friday 9.30am

Saturday 7.30pm

Sunday 10.00am

Social distancing must be adhered to at all times. Only 50 people are allowed in the church for Mass. Our stewards will be on hand to direct you to your seats. Face coverings to be worn at all times.

During this pandemic Sunday Mass is **NOT** obligatory, Bishop Denis has given a dispensation that if someone attends **ANY** weekday Mass, their Sunday obligations are met. All masses will also be available via Webcam.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion – On hold until further notice from Bishop Denis.

Funerals & Weddings: Maximum of fifty people can attend.

Baptisms: Only one family per ceremony and maximum six people can attend.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Fr. Bernard Reyhart



9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

No 1190

### THE ROSARY

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
We will recite the Rosary after all Masses during May.



### **The Deep End - All you need is love**

'Love? Above all things I believe in love. Love is like oxygen. Love is a many-splendoured thing. Love lifts us up where we belong. All you need is love.' In an attempt to express the depth of his love, the character Christian from the film Moulin Rouge pulls together the lyrics of some of the most famous love songs of recent decades. Since time began, poetry, prose, and song have attempted to put into words the great mystery that is love. 'At the touch of love, everyone becomes a poet,' the philosopher Plato put it.

Today's Gospel offers one of the most eloquent passages on love in the Gospels. It reveals the vision of Jesus for his followers and explains how we should treat one another. We are to love each other with the same love Jesus showed during his time on earth, that great and generous love that culminated in his 'laying down his life for his friends'. It is in the way we love one another, the way we understand and forgive and support one another, that we experience the life and love of Jesus.

There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God'. That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others - all others. God does not have favourites.

*'We find it so hard to accept the revelation that it is God's delight to be worshipped in the way we touch and look at each other, in the way we listen and talk to each other, in the way we forgive and promise to start all over again.'* (Daniel O'Leary)

Written for the Intercom Magazine by Triona Doherty

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

“We learn something every day and lots of times it’s that what we learned the day before was wrong.”

### **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 Safeguarding Director:**

Ms. Kathleen Sherry Tel: 085-8021633  
Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

### **EUCARISTIC 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](mailto: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 - visitors are not permitted.**

### **First Reading Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘I am only a man after all!’ Then Peter addressed them: ‘The truth I have now come to realise’ he said ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.’ While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, ‘Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?’ He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

### **Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97(98):1-4**

**Response: *The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.***

### **Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10**

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God’s love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God’s love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

### **Gospel Acclamation Jn14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.’ Alleluia!

### **Gospel John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master’s business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.’

### **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

### **DEDICATED YOUTH SPACE**

We are looking to hear from the Young People and their Parents/Guardians of Prosperous about the idea of creating a dedicated youth space in the community. You can use the link at the end to access a short survey.  
If you have any questions please let me know at [william.oreilly@insync.ie](mailto:william.oreilly@insync.ie).  
<https://forms.gle/ngeEQup79bVd7KDSA>

### **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.

### **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](http://www.pollinators.ie)

### **TROCAIRE**

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

### **VOCATIONS**

“God’s love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son, so that we could have life through him.” Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office: email: [info@vocations.ie](mailto: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](http://www.familycarers.ie) or call our Freephone Careline 1800 24 07 24.