

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	22 May	7.30pm	1 st Anniversary Billy Power and remember his wife Joan. John Duffe and remember his wife Maudie. 21 st Anniversary Anne Quine. Sean O'Connor and remember his brother Tim.
Sun	23 May	10.00am	Mary Armstrong. Kit Dempsey and remember his wife Mary. Tony Byrne and remember his mam and dad Brigid and Anthony. Joe Nevin & remember his wife Kitty. Tim Fox, Newtown. Pat Curley & remember the deceased members of the Curley & Boothman families.
Sun	23 May	10.45am	The Rosary will be recited after Mass.
Mon	24 May	9.30am	Special Intention for someone very ill.
Tue	25 May	9.30am	Remembrance Mass for Rita Maher.
Tue	25 May	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	26 May	9.30am	Special Intention.
Thur	27 May	9.30am	Remembrance Mass for Maureen & Jimmy Condron and their son Paul.
Fri	28 May	9.30am	
Sat	29 May	7.30pm	Michael Gill, Corrachoill Park.
Sun	30 May	10.00am	Patrick & Martha McCormack.

CHURCH RE-OPENING

Following the easing of government restrictions, our Church is now open 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

PROSPEROUS PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will open to the public Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 12noon. Only one person allowed in the office at a time. Please sanitize your hands and keep social distancing 2m.

Mass intentions can be booked by calling 045-841806 or emailing

parishoffice@prosperousparish.net

Please remember to leave your phone number with your message.

iCatholic player can be accessed via www.icatholic.ie

Full address by Archbishop Dermot Farrell at the 2021 Virtual AGM of the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association.



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

23rd May 2021

No 1192

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 – The Spirit will guide

In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. Speaking to the disciples before his arrest, Jesus is preparing them for the gift of the Spirit. The word he often uses is 'Advocate', meaning helper or comforter, indicating the disciples will not be left to struggle on alone. We hear Jesus say that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection, and the implications for his followers - all will become clearer in due course. The Spirit will guide you, he says. Not everything is revealed at once.

Then in our first reading from Acts, we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, just as Jesus promised. The disciples are gathered together when they have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, urging them out into the streets, proclaiming the Good News. The time has come. They must have remembered Jesus' promise then, finally understanding what he meant when he said the Spirit would lead them, when the time was right.

The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues - as humanity, as church, as individuals - the Spirit unveils God's message for our place and time. The Spirit is that life-giving force that animates our world, inspiring and energising us. Our task is to listen, to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God. 'I have always pleaded for a deep listening to the voice of the artist in our midst, and also to the supreme artist who tries to lead us to completion, the Holy Spirit of God.' (Mark Patrick Hederman)

Written for the Intercom Magazine by Triona Doherty

TROCAIRE

Please remember to drop back your Trocaire Box to the sacristy after Mass or to the parish office on Thursday and Friday mornings between 10am to 12 noon.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Prayer is a state of mind where an amazing exchange happens! We hand over our worries to God, and He hands over His blessings to us.”

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 Safeguarding Director:

Ms. Kathleen Sherry Tel: 085-8021633
Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish community of Prosperous:

Harry Niall Hutchinson,
Robertstown West.



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.

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 are 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.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

On Sunday next 30th May a special collection will be taken up for the support of the retired priests in our diocese. Please use the special orange envelope in your box of weekly envelopes to make your contribution. Extra envelopes are available in the church porch if you do not already have one.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?

Permanent Deacons are ministers of the Word, the altar and service. Bishop Denis is inviting expressions of interest in learning more about formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to men aged between 30 and 60 who have a genuine sense of vocation to this calling. Deacons are self-supporting and continue in their family lives and secular employment.

A new programme of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese will commence in October 2021.

For further information please contact Rev. John McEvoy before Saturday July 31st.

Tel: 059 9161114

Email: permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie

‘You did not choose me but I chose you’ – John 15:16

Tarsus Scripture School for Pentecost 2021

3 pre-recorded lectures on the readings for the feast. Free registration for all.

Babel to Jerusalem and beyond: Acts 2:1-11 (Jessie Rogers)

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (Kieran J. O’Mahony)

Breathing new life:

John 20:19-23 (Sean Goan)

Meditation Webinar Online on Sunday 23rd May 7:30pm For more information please visit <https://www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie/>

MALE ADVICE LINE

The National Male Advice Line offers confidential advice and support to Male victims of domestic violence and abuse over the phone. This Service is also available to family and friends who may have concerns for a loved one and are seeking some guidance on how to help them. Telephone 1800-816 588

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a few hours to spare every 4 to 6 weeks? The altar society is looking for new people to join them to help with flower arranging in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to help.

ACCORD

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is seeking marriage preparation programme facilitators.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service has 54 centres in dioceses throughout the country. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie

The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday May 28th

Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator are available on www.accord.ie

WIDER OPTIONS - SEPTEMBER 2021 NOW ENROLLING.

Wider Options is a one-year, mature adult education programme, that we run here in St Conleth’s Community College, Newbridge. It is suitable for people who have been out of the workplace and wish to up-skill or move out of low paid employment. Core classes are from 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday and would, therefore, suit people who have school going children. There are no tuition fees for EU citizens. You are invited to attend an **online Information Meeting on Wed 26th May @ 10am**. For further information and a link to the meeting please email the course coordinator on MCurley@stconlethcc365.ie or contact the school secretary on (045) 431417. All are welcome

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK

Ecumenical Bible Week is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eight year and will run from Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021.

It includes parish-based events around Dublin and surrounding areas. There are 5 free online webinars, registration is required.

Please visit <https://www.bibleweek.ie/>

ECO-CONGREGATION IRELAND

The Irish Council of Churches is hosting a 'Voices of the Climate Crisis' event next Tuesday 25 May from 10:30 to 12:00 in collaboration with Christian Aid. The aim of this event is to equip people in church leadership (lay and ordained) to develop their church response to climate change by connecting them with people directly impacted by climate change and introducing them to resources developed by Christian Aid that will support their churches’ engagement. You will hear Bob Kikuyu, Global Theology Advisor at Christian Aid, Julius Mbatia and Rebekah Wilson, young climate activists from Kenya and Ireland, about the impact of climate change on peoples’ lives, and find out about resources from Christian Aid that can equip their churches to respond to the climate crisis.

Find out more here:

<https://www.irishchurches.org/events/148/Voices%20of%20the%20Climate%20Crisis>

Register here: irishchurches.org/voices

Facebook event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1156224188116259/>

PRAYER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

We pray for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to know our place in the universe and to play our part in creation.

May the Spirit of truth help us to speak the truth about the earth and its creatures.

Inspire and revitalize those who care for the environment,

and nurture in all people a deeper engagement with the living world.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

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