

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	05 June	7.30pm	Anne Dunne, late of Barrington Court and remember her husband Patrick, late of Coill Dubh.
Sun	06 June	10.00am	Denis & Sarah Murphy and their daughter May. Brigid and Carmel Gunning. Fr. Kieran & Fr. Brendan O'B yrne & their sister Maureen
Sun	06 June	10.45am	The Rosary will be recited after Mass.
Mon	07 June	9.30am	Sr. Aidan Daly.
Tue	08 June	9.30am	Paddy & Mark Byrne & deceased members of the Byrne family. Birthday remembrance George & May Towson.
Tue	08 June	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	09 June	9.30am	
Thur	10 June	9.30am	
Fri	11 June	9.30am	World day of Prayer for Priests.
Sat	12 June	7.30pm	Patrick & Mary Phillips, their daughter Mairead & deceased members of the Phillips family. Jim & Rosie Walsh & their son Jimmy and deceased members of the Walsh family.
Sun	13 June	10.00am	Maura Hegarty. Des Ward & remember his parents Eithne & Joe.

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.
Baptisms: Only one family per ceremony and maximum ten people can attend.
Funerals & Weddings: Maximum of fifty 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.

“The basic rule of a crisis is that you don't come out of it the same. If you get through it, you come out better or worse, but never the same... This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities – what we value, what we want, what we seek – and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of.”
From Pope Francis 'Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future' 2020



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

CORPUS CHRISTI

6th June 2021

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The Deep End – He has gone out of his mind

In the Gospel today we read that Jesus has returned home and causes quite a commotion on his arrival. Word about this healer and teacher has gotten around, the crowds have gathered, and the religious leaders are not happy. Jesus' growing popularity has started to upset daily life for his family to the point where 'they could not eat'. In an effort to protect their son and their brother, Jesus' family try to explain away his 'unruly' behaviour. They tell the crowd and the religious leaders that Jesus does not mean what he says, he has simply 'gone out of his mind'. In their view, things have gone too far. Jesus was preaching a message that seemed radical to many. He knows that bringing about God's dream for the world involves speaking out and behaving in ways that are counter cultural. The religious leaders go so far as to say that Jesus was possessed by a demon. It was their way of 'explaining away' someone that they could not cope with, someone who was challenging their systems and practices. We can think of those in society today who are 'explained away'; those whom society wishes would stop speaking out because it is uncomfortable to listen to. Name-calling is often a last resort when institutions or 'powers' are disgruntled. The young climate activist, Greta Thunberg, knows this well. Following taunts by Presidents and Fossil Fuel executives towards her, she famously said, 'When haters go after your looks and differences, it means they have nowhere left to go... and then you know you're winning.'

The end of today's Gospel is troubling as Jesus seems to dismiss his mother, his brothers and sisters. But Jesus' mission is now wider than his immediate family. It is not that he no longer cares for them, God's vision and Jesus' vision for this world are now one. As sometimes happens in life, we have to let go of certain things in order to follow our true path.

Written for the Intercom Magazine by Jane Mellett

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Life and time are the world's two teachers. Life teaches us to make good use of time, while time teaches us to value life."

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:



Rían Daniel Campbell,
Graigues, Robertstown.
Ruadhán Pádraig O'Keane
c/o St. Joseph's Park

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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.

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.

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www.icatholic.ie

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

The Irish Catholic newspaper is available from the sacristan after Mass. It costs €2.50 and I would encourage more families to buy it and take it home and read it please. *Fr. Bernard*

JUNE PRIEST'S COLLECTION

The June Priest's Collection for the support of the priest in our parish will be taken up at all Masses this weekend June 6th. Please use the special 'Tan' envelope in your box of weekly envelopes. There are extra envelopes in the church porch if you do not already have one.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Retired Priest's Collection in our church last weekend. A total of €516 was donated and will be forwarded to Bishop's house.

SICK CALLS

Fr. Bernard is planning to start back visiting the sick and housebound but is aware that some people might not be ready for this yet. The parish office will contact everyone on the list shortly. If anyone new would like Fr. Bernard to call to their home please contact him on 085-2325095.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

To celebrate World Environment Day, on the 6th June, the Eco-Parish group will have a table with wildlife, pollinator friendly plants outside the Church after Sunday Mass for sale raising money for our Eco-Parish.

PRAYER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

God of creation, who loves all he has made and all that has evolved, open the eyes of your people, that your love might be reflected in our care for the planet. Through Jesus Christ, who walked this earth and calls us by name. Amen.

LITTLE WAY CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

If you have been recently diagnosed, are undergoing treatment or you have experienced a bereavement due to cancer, The Little Way Cancer Support Centre based in Clane can provide you with the emotional and practical support free of charge to those affected by cancer. We are able to facilitate face to face support sessions. Open Monday - Friday from 10am -2pm you can make an appointment by ringing 045-902996 or out of hours 087-2983140.

THE ROSARY

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and Betty will recite the Rosary after morning Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

We remember and pray for our young children preparing for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation and we look forward to seeing them back here in our church. Conscious that no dates can be set for these sacraments I want to pay tribute and thank the teachers who continue to work through the programme and prepare our children and get them ready for the sacraments. I encourage parents to visit the church with their children and to attend Mass whenever possible as this will help you and your children to grow in the love of Christ.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15th

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day serves as a call to organisations and communities to raise awareness about Elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Research suggests that 4 – 10% of older people experience some form of abuse, most of which will go unreported. This day is to make sure we remain focused on our older populations and ensure that they continue to lead lives of high quality and dignity. You can show your support by wearing a purple ribbon on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th.

Announcing The Irish Church Music Association Virtual Summer School 'Songs of Love, Faith, Trust & Praise' July 7th-10th 2021

Streaming on ICMA Facebook and YouTube with workshops Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 8pm and on Saturday at 2pm, followed by closing Eucharist. No booking required.

FREE EVENT

An ICMA virtual choir will accompany the summer school. This project is open to all and we hope lots of you will join us for 4 days of music workshops, prayer and liturgical input as we explore the psalms of love, faith, trust and praise!

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

PRAYER FOR SUMMERTIME

Loving God,
Creator of all times and places,
we thank you for the gift of summertime,
the days of light, warmth and leisure.
Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look:
the multi-coloured flowers,
the deep blue of the sky,
the tranquil surface of lakes,
the laughter of children at play,
people strolling in park,
families gathered around picnic tables and
the increased time to spend with family and friends.
As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people,
open our hearts to receive all as gift.
Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist.
Help us to realize and appreciate that you are labouring to keep all in existence;
And warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.
Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer
deepen our awareness of you love
so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.
Amen