

MASS INTENTIONS

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|------|---------|-----------------|--|
| Sat  | 03 July | 7.30pm          | Remembrance Mass for Larry Kehoe.<br>Vincent & Anne Dunne & their son Michael. |
| Sun  | 04 July | 10.00am         | Remembrance Mass Parkie Cummins.   |
| Sun  | 04 July | 10.45am         | The Rosary will be recited after morning Mass.                                 |
| Mon  | 05 July | 9.30am          |  |
| Tue  | 06 July | 9.30am          | Birthday remembrance for Anne Conlon.  |
| Tue  | 06 July | 10am to 12 noon | Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.                                      |
| Wed  | 07 July | 9.30am          | Special Intention  |
| Thur | 08 July | 9.30am          | Tony Gannon.   |
| Fri  | 09 July | 9.30am          |  |
| Sat  | 10 July | 7.30pm          | Mary Gill.<br>Ned O'Farrell  |
| Sun  | 11 July | 10.00am         | Mary Downey.<br>Paul McGrattan.  |

**POPE: PRAYER, LIFE, FAITH - KEEP FLAME OF CHRISTIAN LIFE ALIGHT**

In his penultimate catechesis on prayer, Pope Francis emphasises the relationship between constant prayer, faith, and daily life. For more than a year – beginning in May 2020 – Pope Francis has offered an ongoing cycle of teaching on “prayer” during his weekly General Audience. On Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, on his next to last catechesis on the subject, the Holy Father reflected on “perseverance in prayer.” and what it means to “pray constantly” – the invitation and command of scripture, taken from St Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians.

This invitation was the inspiration for the journey of the Russian pilgrim in the 19th century ascetical work *The Way of the Pilgrim*. Pope Francis recalled that the pilgrim learned to say the Jesus prayer, “a prayer that, little by little, adapts itself to the rhythm of breath and extends throughout the day.”

**Prayer: a sacred fire that burns in our hearts**

Pope Francis then turns to several passages from the history of spirituality cited by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which remind us that prayer serves as “an ardour in the Christian life, which must never fail,” like the “sacred fire that was kept in the ancient temples.” “So,” the Holy Father explains, “there must be a sacred fire in us too, which burns continually and which nothing can extinguish.”

From St John Chrysostom, the Pope shows that prayer can be a part of all our actions, saying that prayer does not interrupt or contradict the duties of daily life, but gives them meaning and peace.

**The inner balance between work and prayer**

But constant prayer is not easy, Pope Francis admits. When we are caught up in the obligations of daily life, and find it difficult to think of God, we should remember that although God cares for every aspect of Creation, He also remembers each one of us personally. “And so we too must always remember Him,” says the Pope.

Pointing to the example of monks, Pope Francis emphasises the importance of “inner balance” between work and prayer. Prayer that is too abstract can lose touch with reality, while work can keep us grounded. The hands of the monk, which are joined in prayer, he says, are calloused from physical labour.

On the other hand, prayer complements work, it is the “breath” of all we do, remaining as a “living backdrop to work,” even when it is not explicit. “It is inhuman,” the Pope says, to be so absorbed in work that you can no longer find time for prayer.”

**Keeping the flame alive**

Finally, Pope Francis recalls the experience of the Transfiguration. Jesus did not prolong the moment of ecstatic contemplation, but came down with the disciples to resume their daily journey. The experience of Mount Tabor, the Pope says, remained “in their hearts as the light and strength of their faith.”

The Pope explains that in the relationship between faith, life, and prayer, “one keeps alight the flame of Christian life that God expects of each one of us.”

By Christopher Wells for Vatican News



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**The Deep End – ‘This is the carpenter, surely?’**

‘A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house.’ We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus in today’s Gospel: no matter what a person achieves in life, in their home place they will always be identified with their childhood selves and their family. While this generates a sense of belonging, it can be stifling. There is always someone to ensure we don’t get ideas ‘above our station!’

Returning home to Nazareth, Jesus teaches in the synagogue but his former neighbours turn on him. Who does he think he is, this carpenter, the son of Mary? This could have been a moment of grace, if they were open to hearing what he had to say. Perhaps the implications of the Good News were just too challenging coming from one of their own.

Sometimes God’s Word comes in an unexpected package. As individuals and communities, we can be guilty of silencing certain voices. Do we listen to young people with their energy and idealism, or the elderly with their experience and wisdom? Are we biased against certain groups in society, do we shoot them down before they speak? When our hearts are open, we come to recognise the prophets who are bringing the dream of God to fruition among us.

*‘Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.’*  
(Tony Singleton)

Written for the Intercom Magazine by Triona Doherty

**“It is not enough to say we are Christians.  
We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.”**

**Pope Francis**

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of Good put together that overwhelm the world.” Desmond Tutu

### PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

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### Safeguarding children

#### **Parish Designated persons:**

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### JUNE COLLECTIONS

Envelopes €2368.15

Basket €1413.45

### BAPTISMS

#### **We welcome into our parish community of Prosperous:**



Fiadh Irina Rogers, Villa Court.  
Levi Morgan Kinsella, Clane.

### 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.

**iCatholic player can be accessed via**  
[www.icatholic.ie](http://www.icatholic.ie)

### **Kandle Virtual Confirmation Retreat 2021**

Fr. David Vard and his sister Charlotte revisit their old school in Newbridge remembering their Confirmation and tell us about their faith journey in life.

### PETER'S PENCE

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection. As a parish, we collected €258.20. Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, provide essential support for the Holy See's activities and help Pope Francis relieve the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disaster around the world. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give.

Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

### ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY HOMEMADE REMEDIES

One part cow's milk to two parts water sprayed on roses, effective against blackspot. An infusion of chopped garlic and a few drops of vegetable oil in water can be an effective insecticide, Prevention is better than cure! Please do not mow road side verges as they are home to wild flowers and grasses which are pollinators and other species depend on for food and shelter.

### THE BEAUTY OF NATURE

O God,  
We thank you for this earth, our home;  
For the wide sky and the blessed sun,  
For the salt sea and the running water,  
For the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds,  
For trees and the common grass underfoot.  
We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds,  
And see the splendour of the summer fields,  
and taste of the autumn fruits,  
And rejoice in the feel of the snow, and smell the breath of the spring.  
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;  
and save our souls from being so blind  
That we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory,  
O God our creator, who lives and reigns forever and ever.  
Amen

### PROSPEROUS PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is now open to the public Thursdays and Fridays from 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](mailto:parishoffice@prosperousparish.net)

Please remember to leave your phone number with your message.

### 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](mailto:permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie)

*'You did not choose me but I chose you'* – John 15:16

### USED STAMPS

Just a reminder to keep collecting your used stamps for St.Patrick's Missionary Society. If you drop them into the Parish Office we will forward them to Kiltegan.

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

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

### CHURCH DONATIONS

Sincere thanks to the many people who continue to drop in their church envelopes or donate online to our church. Earlier in the year we sent out the CHY3 forms that allow us to claim back tax on your donations. We got a very good response but there are still some people who have not returned their forms. This is a gentle reminder to those who received their CHY3 form and have not yet returned it to consider signing it and returning it to us as soon as possible – your action could immediately help out our parish financially.

### RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Radio Maria is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen via TV on Saorview - Channel 210; Download our FREE APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) or via PHONE – get live radio feed by telephoning +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family! Please feel free to contact, Eamonn Hennessy on 085- 8174799 & email [info@radiomaria.ie](mailto:info@radiomaria.ie)

### Summertime Prayer

Under the warmth of the summer sun the world awakes and blossoms into every imaginable colour.  
You created a garden for us to enjoy, and within it planted the most magical of flowers and trees.  
You needed no horticultural training to plan your colour scheme, no gardening expert to recommend variety or design. Your garden is perfect, its colours harmonious, its scale immense, spoilt only by the clumsiness of those who tend it.

### THE ROSARY

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

