

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	10 July	7.30pm	Mary Gill. Ned O'Farrell
Sun	11 July	10.00am	Mary Downey. Paul McGrattan.
Mon	12 July	9.30am	
Tue	13 July	9.30am	
Tue	13 July	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	14 July	9.30am	Birthday Remembrance May Daly.
Thur	15 July	9.30am	
Fri	16 July	9.30am	
Sat	17 July	7.30pm	Andy Dempsey & his parents. Trevor Hannon & remember his dad Christy. Breda & Dick Dwyer & remember their sons Richard, Michael & Paul.
Sun	18 July	10.00am	Michael O'Neill, Goretti Tce. & remember his wife Ellie (Nellie) and son Ian and deceased members of the O'Neill & McNamee families.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Noel Gannon, Prosperous  
Patricia Melia, Coolree, Robertstown  
Tony Daly, Anne Street

**Our sincere sympathy to their families at this sad and difficult time.**

#### **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

#### 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.



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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11<sup>th</sup> July 2021

No 1199

## **The Deep End – 'The first mission'**

Two phrases come to mind as I read about the disciples heading off on their first mission: 'baptism of fire' and 'to be thrown in at the deep end'. We use these expressions to describe a difficult introduction to a new job or activity, when we are expected to learn as we go and cope with whatever obstacles we face. In today's Gospel, Jesus sends the Twelve out on their first mission. It is a challenging one and his instructions are brief and very specific: they are to bring nothing but a staff - no food or money - meaning they will have to rely on the hospitality of others for all their needs. They are to stay wherever they are welcomed, rather than move around from house to house, so they can't be choosy about their lodgings. Simplicity is key - no baggage, no luxuries, no distractions, nothing but the task of reaching to people. It might not be plain sailing, but Jesus offers advice for those difficult times too.

It appears their mission of preaching and healing was successful, as we are told the disciples came back eager to fill Jesus in. Imagine the experiences they must have had during this time - the people they met and helped, the generosity of those who welcomed them, the conversations on the road, the chance to share their excitement at everything Jesus was doing. They were certainly thrown into a challenging situation, but they returned with a fresh perspective and strengthened faith. Jesus calls us to step out into the unknown, his words as our guide and his bond with us unbreakable.

*'A boat is safe in the harbour, but this not the purpose of a boat.'* (Paulo Coelho)

***Embracing the Lord in order to embrace hope:  
that is the strength of faith, which frees us from fear and gives us hope.*** Pope Francis

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

“What counts can’t always be counted; what can be counted doesn’t always count.”

#### **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)

### **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)

### **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.

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

### **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)

### **PRAYER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Creator God,  
Thank you for the waters of the earth,  
for the life-sustaining rains,  
lakes, and deep oceans.  
Keep us mindful of how precious these are,  
and how vulnerable they are.  
Help us to work together for clean water,  
and for the sharing of it with those who  
have need of it today.  
Amen.

### **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

### **SUMMER TIME PRAYERS**

The warmth of the sun's embrace,  
the gentle breeze swept in by incoming tide,  
the rhythm of seasons,  
of new birth, death and recreation.  
All these speak so clearly of your love,  
your power and your beauty.  
All are expressions of your creativity,  
and more importantly of yourself.  
As an artist might share his personality within each brushstroke,  
so within the myriad colours of a butterfly's wing you share the exuberance of your love.

### **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*

### **BOOKS AVAILABLE**

Bibles, Catholic Dictionaries, Encyclopedia of Church History/Theology/Bible. Psychology/Theology/History/Spirituality books. Suitable for parish reading room/library. Summary of titles can be provided or interested parties can call and select.

If interested please contact: Kieran Coughlan, 8 Courtlawns, Tullow. 059 9151608 / 087 6283046

[kierancoughlan185@gmail.com](mailto:kierancoughlan185@gmail.com)

### **PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES**

**We are currently recruiting for the following vacancies:**

**Assistant Housekeepers – Focolare Centre, Prosperous – Ref: 2173418**

**Groundskeeper/Caretaker – Focolare Centre, Prosperous – Ref: 2173420**

**Catering Assistants/Care Givers – Muintireas Club Prosperous – Ref: 2173416**

**Tidy Towns Workers – Prosperous Village – Ref: 2173417**

**Please visit the Jobs Ireland Website ([www.jobsireland.ie](http://www.jobsireland.ie)) or phone 045-840009 for more information on the above positions.**

**Eligibility to participate on Community Employment is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and applicants must also be in receipt of a qualifying Irish Social Welfare payment for 1 year or more.**

### **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

**We continue to keep Pope Francis in our prayers as he recovers in hospital after his surgery.**