

MASS INTENTIONS

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.
Mon	19 July	9.30am	
Tue	20 July	9.30am	
Tue	20 July	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	21 July	9.30am	Angela Ward & Declan Birchall. Joe Ward & his parents John & Ann. John & Ann McCabe.
Thur	22 July	9.30am	
Fri	23 July	9.30am	
Sat	24 July	7.30pm	Mary & Ger Landy. Mary & Tommy Devine, Blacksallies. John Ennis & remember his wife Mary, son Tommy and daughter-in-law Ann.
Sun	25 July	10.00am	Tom Moran, Graigues.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bob Murtha, Wales

**James Joseph McShane, Glasgow (Father of Patricia McShane, Barrington Court)
whose funeral takes place Saturday July 17th.**

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

SYNODALITY - A CALL TO EVERYONE

ACI Zoom discussion - July 22nd 2021 - led by: Professor Tom O'Loughlin

As the priestly manpower crisis deepens in Ireland, the call for 'more vocations' becomes ever more plaintive. But what does synodality mean in our Catholic understanding of 'vocation'? Is that still too often all about clergy and religious - when all of the baptised faithful are now called to become 'first responders' in an era of crisis?

Might the 'priest crisis' itself be a result of an unbalanced theology of Priesthood, Ordination and Baptism? Is every baptised person now being called equally to mission - to help keep hope and faith alive among those we love and meet?

Dr Tom O'Loughlin's profound understanding of the history of Catholic Theology is in high demand by all who study the problem of Catholic Church renewal today.

Join us on Thursday July 22nd at 8.00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85148985546?pwd=ZThhdUZxbGhrOFV0VG8wNVZLUkJKHUT09>

Learning from experience, the ACI has purchased extra Zoom capacity for this event - to accommodate all-comers.

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
Please remember to leave your phone number with your message.



18th July 2021

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

No 1200

The Deep End – 'Take a break'

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common - she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love.



No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples

off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray. In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.

Written for Intercom Magazine by Triona Doherty

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“May your blessings be countless....like grains of sand.”

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:



**Ben Thomas Casey,
Donagher's Lane.
Bonnie Rae Louise Tobin
Coill Dubh.**

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**

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

PARISH ACCOUNTS

The Parish accounts for 2019 have been published and are available in the church porch. Please take a copy home with you.

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 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

PRAYER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

God of life,
we praise you for the beauty of creation,
its richness and variety;
yet, through greed and ignorance,
we scar your world with plastic waste
and throw so much away.
Make us more like Jesus,
treading gently on our common home,
and breathe your Spirit on us,
that we may care more deeply for your Earth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021 on the theme ‘I am with you always’ (Mt 28:20)

SUMMER TIME PRAYERS

Creator God
who breathed this world into being,
who is discernible within
the harmony of nature,
the perfection of a butterfly's wing,
the grandeur of a mountain range,
the soaring eagle and humming bird,
thank you for this world
which you have created.
Thank you for summer sun,
which reminds us
that your creative breath
is still alive and active.
Thank you for the warmth of your love,
sustaining this world, your garden. Amen.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre.
A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September.
For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org

USED STAMPS

Just a reminder to keep collecting your used stamps for St.Patrick's Missionary Society. Please drop them into the Parish Office.

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) 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.**

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

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

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