

MASS INTENTIONS

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. Tom Moran, Graigues.
Sun	25 July	10.00am	
Mon	26 July	9.30am	
Tue	27 July	9.30am	Bob Murtha whose funeral takes place in Wales today.
Tue	27 July	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	28 July	9.30am	
Thur	29 July	9.30am	Communion Prayer Service
Fri	30 July	9.30am	Communion Prayer Service
Sat	31 July	7.30pm	1 st Anniversary Mary Tracey.
Sun	01 Aug	10.00am	Month's Mind Noel Gannon & remember his wife Margaret. Rose Gleeson.

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.

**PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY
FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

**I thank you, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,**

**You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!**

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with long life.

**I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life
and for those that are still ahead of me.**

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

**Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace,
Teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.**

**Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.**

**Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.**

**Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.**

Amen.



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th July 2021

No 1201

**A WARM WELCOME FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR
GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

Bishop Denis Nulty, chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family has welcomed Pope Francis' World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, as a timely reminder for the whole Church to be close to all the elderly and grandparents at this time of pandemic. Bishop Nulty said, "There have been so many unsung heroes and heroines during the pandemic – grandparents and elders, including our older priests and religious – all who are to be applauded for how they have coped with the challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a society we have learned a lot from their stoicism and pragmatism in the face of so many challenges.

"Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has reminded us to value the many gifts of grandparents and the elderly. In his theme chosen for this inaugural year *I am with you always*, the Holy Father is highlighting that promise of closeness that generations share with each other. Not only are our young people called to be present in the lives of older people, but so too grandparents and elders have a mission to encourage young people on their faith journey. Our little domestic churches are always enriched by the inclusion of grandparents and elders.

"In the text of his inaugural message Pope Francis expands on this theme and assures us that he has been close to all those who have felt isolated and alone in recent months and that, even at the darkest of moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that 'He is with us always'. Pope Francis tells us that these angels sent to console us will at times have the face of our grandchildren, while at other times, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us."

Bishop Nulty concluded, "The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is being celebrated for the first time this year as part of a special Year on the Family to mark the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*. I would love to see parishes in every diocese across the country celebrating grandparents, elders, not forgetting our older priests and religious, who have given lives of dedicated service to their families and communities. I would also encourage parishes to ensure that their local nursing care home is included in this annual celebration."

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“You can fall so very often: but you are not a failure until you give up”

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: **045-841806**
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Our Website is: Prosperousparish.net
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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:



**Isla Faye Walker,
Emerson Court.**

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bob Murtha, Llandudno, Wales passed away suddenly but peacefully at his home on July 7th age 77years. R.I.P.

Bob was a frequent visitor to Prosperous since the 1980's. He enjoyed fishing in his earlier years and traditional music nights in Larry's Bar every Friday night.

He attended Sunday Mass in this Church and was proud to be a member of our Church community.

Bob's camper van was well known throughout Prosperous and surrounding areas.

Mass for Bob will be offered on Tuesday morning 27th July at 9.30am.

May Bob rest in peace.

PRAYER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Eternal God,
whose Spirit moved over the face of the deep bringing forth light and life;
by that same Spirit, renew your creation, and restore your image in your people.
Turn us from careless tenants to faithful stewards, that your threefold blessing of clean air, pure water and rich earth may be the inheritance of everything that has the breath of life and one generation may proclaim to another the wonder of your works; through Jesus Christ, your living Word, in whom the fullness of your glory is revealed.
Amen.

PROSPEROUS ECO-CONGREGATION

Propagate your bluebells by separating the bulbs and replanting in groups 4" apart and 4" deep. Create a wildlife pond to support wildlife. Please continue to save even one square metre of your garden as a wild space to support wildlife remembering they need food and shelter to survive.

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

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

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

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.

**“What good is the warmth of summer
without the cold of winter
to give it sweetness”**

Memories of the Shamrock Star Ceili Band

The “Shamrock Star” Ceili Band was formed in the late 1950's in the Robertstown area in Co. Kildare by Christy Brereton, Dinny Moran and Paddy “Ducks” Moran. The main line up of the band was: Christy Brereton & Willie Aungier (Fiddles) - Dinny & Paddy (Ducks) Moran, Paddy Dowling & Mick Lenehan (Accordians) - Jimmy “Goosey” Farrell / Dick Lenehan (Drums) - Jack O'Brien /Tommy Lube (Piano) - Peter Gordon /Nessa O'Brien (Vocals)

Several other musicians also played with the band over the years including Vincent Donoghue whose accordian skills were recognised at a very young age. Under the management of Tom Moore, the band were hugely popular in their day and developed a large following in the North Leinster area often featuring in the prestigious A.O.H and Irish Club ballrooms in Parnell square, Dublin.

The recent discovery of a cassette tape recording from the 1960's and a reunion of the band in the 1990's was recorded on to a C.D, compiled by Margaret Brereton, Darren Brereton and Declan Aungier. Individual members of the band also feature on the C.D.

The Album is on sale for €10 and all proceeds go to the “Little Way” Cancer Support Centre, Clane. Available from the Parish Office, Prosperous or phone Margaret @ 087 2724366.

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