

MASS INTENTIONS

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. The rosary will be recited after Mass.
Sun	01 Aug	10.45am	
Mon	02 Aug	9.30am	
Tue	03 Aug	9.30am	Special Intention.
Tue	03 Aug	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	04 Aug	9.30am	
Thur	05 Aug	9.30am	Tadhg & Julia Folan. Timothy Kilty who died recently.
Fri	06 Aug	9.30am	First Friday
Sat	07 Aug	7.30pm	Tracey Family of Caragh.
Sun	08 Aug	10.00am	Jack Ward, Newtown and remember his son Andy, daughters Ann & Martina and grandson Frankie. Bernard & Eileen Flaherty.

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.

Pope: 'UN Food Systems Summit an opportunity to build a more just world'

In a message to the Secretary General, Pope Francis says this important meeting "highlights how one of our greatest challenges today is to overcome hunger, food insecurity, and malnutrition in the era of COVID-19."

The cry of the Earth

This pandemic, he adds, "has confronted us with the systemic injustices that undermine our unity as a human family," while the poorest and the Earth itself "cries out for the damage we inflict on it through irresponsible use and abuse of the goods God has placed in it."

The Pope notes that while new technologies are developed in order to increase "the planet's capacity to bear fruit," we continue to "exploit nature to the point of sterilisation, thus expanding not only external deserts but also internal spiritual deserts."

The scandal of hunger in a world of plenty

He denounces the "scandal" of hunger in a world that produces enough food for all people, adding that it is a "crime that violates basic human rights."

Pope Francis underlines that it is everyone's duty to combat "this injustice through concrete actions and good practices, and through bold local and international policies."

In this perspective, he says, the careful and correct transformation of food systems have an important role to play.

A new mindset

The Pope underlines that it is "not enough to produce food"; what is also needed is a "new mindset and a new holistic approach and to design food systems that protect the Earth and keep the dignity of the human person at the centre; that ensure enough food globally and promote decent work locally; and that feed the world today, without compromising the future."

In his message, Pope Francis also highlights the need to "restore the centrality of the rural sector," and reaffirm the agricultural sector's priority role "in the political and economic decision-making process, aimed at outlining the framework of the post-pandemic 'restart' process that is being built."

Written By Lydia O'Kane for Vatican News



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

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The Deep End: Food that satisfies

Growing up, did you hear any 'old wives' tales' about food - eating carrots helps you see in the dark; bread crusts will make your hair curly; an apple a day keeps the doctor away...? These wise old sayings, passed down the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Many even had an element of truth. These days we can easily establish the accuracy of such claims, but many parents still find themselves falling back on these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up strong and healthy.

Recent years have seen an increased focus on health, both physical and mental. Nourishing one's body and mind and keeping them healthy are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about a different type of nourishment - bread that gives life, food that satisfies, food that endures. 'I am the bread of life,' says Jesus. It is Jesus who nourishes us at the very core of our being, who knows our every need and gives meaning to our lives. He tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' As we continue on our way, learning how to best nourish our body and mind, let us not forget to nourish our spirit with Jesus, the bread of life.

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.' (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium)

Written by Triona Doherty for the Intercom magazine.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Whoever is happy will make others happy too”

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: **045-841806**

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Our Diocesan Website is www.kandle.ie

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:

**Willow Valerie Betty Coyle Casey,
Anne Street.**

**Fiadh Geraldine Travers Sterling,
Curryhills.**



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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**

USED STAMPS

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

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 6th August, is the first Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 9.30am. Fr. Bernard plans to do his house visits between Tuesday and Friday this week.

A sum of money was found in the church recently – please contact the sacristan Bill O'Reilly on 085-7052448 or the parish office.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

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

PRAYER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

God our Father,

As we celebrate the beauty and diversity of your creation, we are truly sorry for our consumerism and wastefulness.

Have mercy on us for contaminating the Earth with billions of tons of plastic waste.

Please give each one of us the desire and the means to put things right; no longer trusting in ourselves but in your grace and wisdom alone.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, 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

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.

"NEED TO TALK....."

No cost face to face counselling service available at ACDAL Allenwood.

Funding is limited. Our service will therefore be provided on a first - come first - served basis.

For further information, please contact Alison on 045 – 870 804

All calls and enquiries will be treated with the upmost respect and confidentiality. Our therapists are fully qualified and experienced psychotherapists and are accredited by the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (IACP)

COELIAC HOSTS

Specially made low gluten hosts for coeliacs are available. If you are coeliac and wish to receive, please inform the Sacristan before Mass.

ROSARY

This Sunday, August 1st, is the first Sunday of the month and Betty will lead us in the Rosary after Mass.

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

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.

*May the sun bring you new energy by day,
May the moon softly restore you by night,
May the rain wash away your worries,
May the breeze blow new strength into your being,
May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life.
Amen*

*Jesus, thank you for Summer.
Thank you for light and warmth.
Thank you for the sun.
Thank you for the gifts of nature and for the annual cycles and seasons.
Today, give us that grace again, to see you as the Creator, the One who lifts us up to be with you forever, even now.
Amen*