

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	07 Aug	7.30pm	Tracey Family of Caragh. Rose Casey, Brooks Grove & formerly of Corrachoill Park & we remember her husband John.
Sun	08 Aug	10.00am	Jack Ward, Newtown and remember his son Andy, daughters Ann & Martina and grandson Frankie. Bernard & Eileen Flaherty. Tim Dempsey, Newtown and remember his mother Teresa. Frank Gunning, Naas.
Mon	09 Aug	9.30am	Alice Curtayne & Family.
Tue	10 Aug	9.30am	Bridie Mulhall.
Tue	10 Aug	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	11 Aug	9.30am	
Thur	12 Aug	9.30am	
Fri	13 Aug	9.30am	
Sat	14 Aug	7.30pm	James & Brigid Reynolds, son Thomas, sons-in-law Cathal & Jim & daughter-in-law Mary. Elizabeth Mc Hugh & deceased members of the McHugh family. John Cummins.
Sun	15 Aug	10.00am	Johnny Dempsey, Maynooth Road. Tommy Fitzpatrick & remember his wife Maggie.

CRISES ARE SIGNS THAT CHURCH IS STILL ALIVE, POPE SAYS

VATICAN CITY — Difficulties and crises within the Catholic Church are not signs of a church in decline but one that is alive and living through challenges, just like men and women today, Pope Francis said. "Let us remember that the church always has difficulties, always is in crisis, because she's alive. Living things go through crises. Only the dead don't have crises," he said. In a video message released by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network Aug. 3, the pope offered his prayer intention for the month of August, which is dedicated to the church's mission of evangelization.

At the start of each month, the network posts a short video of the pope offering his specific prayer intention. The church's call to evangelize and not proselytize, he said, is more than just a vocation; it is a part of the Catholic Church's identity. "We can only renew the church by discerning God's will in our daily life and embarking on a transformation guided by the Holy Spirit. Our own reform as persons is that transformation. Allowing the Holy Spirit, the gift of God, in our hearts reminds us what Jesus taught and helps us put it into practice," the pope said. Catholics can renew the church only by "discerning God's will in our daily life" and putting Jesus' teaching into practice, he added. "Let us begin reforming the church with a reform of ourselves, without prefabricated ideas, without ideological prejudices, without rigidity, but rather by moving forward based on spiritual experience — an experience of prayer, an experience of charity, an experience of service," the pope said.

Before reciting his prayer intention, Francis expressed his hope for "an even more missionary option" that "goes out to meet others without proselytism." "Let us pray for the church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel," he said.

The Pope Video was first launched in 2016 to encourage people to join an estimated 50 million Catholics who already had a more formal relationship with the prayer network — better known by its former title, the Apostleship of Prayer. The prayer network is more than 170 years old.



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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th August 2021

No 1203

The Deep End: Uphill Struggle

Have you ever felt like giving up? Elijah certainly did. In today's first reading we meet a prophet who has had enough. He is fleeing from trouble and things seem so hopeless after a day's journey that he sits under a bush and begs God to take his life. Life has a way of getting on top of us, such as when we are grieving a loss, when we are hurt by a friend, when illness strikes, or when we are simply exhausted. We experience the feelings described in the famous anonymous poem Don't Quit: 'When things go wrong as they sometimes will/ When the road you're trudging seems all uphill...'

At these times of struggle it is helpful to pause and to refuel for the journey. Elijah was visited by an angel who offered him comfort and respite, giving him the strength he needed to carry on. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again say he is the living bread. Some people have been complaining about his teaching. Surely this is the son of Joseph, they say, demonstrating their lack of understanding of who Jesus really is. Again, he explains that he is the bread of life - more than physical food, more than an ordinary man, he is the living bread and he is God. In all our struggles, especially when we feel like giving up, Jesus offers us nourishment for the journey. This gift is there for us especially in the Eucharist, offering comfort and strength.

'The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*)

Written by Triona Doherty for the Intercom magazine.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Inside every person you know is a person you don't know."

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: **045-841806**
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BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish community of Prosperous:

Corey John Ryan, Brooks Grove.



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

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

PROSPEROUS ECO-CONGREGATION

We must listen to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor, Pope Francis tells us in Laudate Si. Our planet earth is overburdened by stuff. We are buying far more than we need. Disposal of this excess is an enormous burden on the environment. It is reckoned we need two and a half planets to support this excess.

We must constantly remind ourselves of the Golden Rule, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

REDUCE: When shopping we should use a list and support local shops, business and producers. Remember to share with those in need.

REUSE: Repair old and damaged goods rather than replacing them. Men's Shed's and local crafts people can help. Up-cycle where possible. Support your local charity shop.

We must learn to live SIMPLY that others may SIMPLY live!

PRAYER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

That we can glimpse you within creation is a beautiful thought, but also tells us that you desire to be seen, to be found and known.

Open our eyes, Lord, as we walk through this world, feel the wind and sunshine, see the majesty of creation unfolding before our eyes. Help us to see you. 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

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

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

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)

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAYNOOTH Higher Diploma in Theological Studies

Find out more from the programme director Rev. Dr. Neil Xavier O'Donoghue, Lecturer of Systematic Theology at SPCM

This one year evening/weekend, Level 8, 65 ECTS credits programme gives a foundation in Theological Studies to students who hold a primary degree in another discipline.

Find out more information [here!](#)

LITTLE WAY, CLANE

A CD 'Memories of the Shamrock Star Ceili Band' is on sale for €10 and all proceeds go to the "Little Way" Cancer Support Centre, Clane. CD's available from the Parish Office, Prosperous or phone Margaret @ 087 2724366.

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.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

This year the Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place both ONLINE and IN PERSON!

The festival is primarily taking place ONLINE! All talks, testimonies, Liturgies, prayer and worship will take place online for the course of the weekend and it is here that you can watch, engage with and participate in the Summer Festival in its entirety.

However, in line with government and church regulations, this year we are able to add in person elements once again to our Summer Festival. These in person elements will be held at multiple satellite locations around Ireland with slightly different formats in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to ensure that all activities are in line with relevant government regulations there.

For all information and to register please visit www.youth2000.ie "

SUMMER FESTIVAL
13TH – 15TH AUGUST

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. DAVID,
NAAS

Friday Mass at 8pm
Saturday Mass at 3pm
Saturday Healing and Reconciliation Service at 8.30pm
Sunday Closing Mass at 2.30pm