

MASS INTENTIONS

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. Tom Johnson.
Sun	15 Aug	10.00am	Johnny Dempsey, Maynooth Road. Tommy Fitzpatrick & remember his wife Maggie. Nancy Duffy. Special Intention.
Mon	16 Aug	9.30am	
Tue	17 Aug	9.30am	
Tue	17 Aug	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	18 Aug	9.30am	
Thur	19 Aug	9.30am	James Dalton, recently deceased (former Chaplin of Scoil Mhuire, Clane)
Fri	20 Aug	9.30am	
Sat	21 Aug	7.30pm	Eamon & Madge Mitchell. Birthday remembrance for Carmel Storey & we remember her husband Jimmy whose anniversary also occurs.
Sun	22 Aug	10.00am	Peg Ennis, Ballinafagh and remember her husband John & son Edward and the deceased members of the Ennis & Gannon families.

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.

PROSPEROUS ECO-CONGREGATION

Most of us are alarmed at the rapid increase in global warming and the enormous effects it will have on us, our children and our planet. The scientists are warning us that the increasing loss of biodiversity is even more serious for us all since the global population is increasing further and the demand for food will be greater hence the urgent need to protect existing wild spaces and creating more nature friendly areas in our gardens, green spaces in housing estates, road side verges etc to provide food and shelter for our pollinators and other wild species that are interdependence with us. There is so much we can do without financial cost that will protect our natural world but will give us enormous satisfaction. For lots of valuable information see www.biodiversity.ie and www.pollinators.ie

POEM FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

In the fading of the summer sun,
the shortening of days, cooling breeze,
swallows' flight and moonlight rays
WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND

In the browning of leaves once green,
morning mists, autumn chill,
fruit that falls, frost's first kiss
WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND



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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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The Deep End: The slow work of God

'Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.' (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

These beautiful words from French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ speak to the sometimes-tortuous experience of waiting. In it the author gives us permission to not have all the answers, to allow our faith time to grow and develop. Above all, he invites us to do that most difficult of things: live in the present moment, and surrender ourselves to God in that moment.

This poem comes to mind as I think about today's celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, when we recall Mary's role in the life of Jesus and in salvation. In our Gospel extract we meet Mary, pregnant and celebrating with her relative Elizabeth. Given the circumstances, it would be understandable if she was unsure and fearful. Her future is uncertain, as is that of her soon-to-be-born son. She cannot yet comprehend the enormity of what is to come. But Mary seems content to wait. When Elizabeth proclaims Mary as 'blessed', Mary bursts into prayer, praising God for his greatness and for 'looking upon his lowly handmaid'.

In modern terms, it is a lesson in mindfulness. When we find ourselves impatient, struggling to comprehend or to trust God's ways, let us turn to Mary who accepted God's plan with trust and hope, allowing it all to unfold one step at a time.

Written by Triona Doherty for the Intercom magazine.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.”

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
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BAPTISMS

 We welcome into our Christian Parish Community of Prosperous: **Ethan, Joseph Lyons.**

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

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

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. 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.

MIGRANT SUNDAY COLLECTION

Migrant Sunday takes place on the 26th of September. This year we are holding a collection to support the work of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) who provides grant funding to Irish organisations overseas working with the most vulnerable of our emigrant community; from the elderly and isolated to the undocumented and those dealing with mental health problems.

ACCORD

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie.

The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27 August. Additional information is available on www.accord.ie

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.

MOUNT ST. ANNES AUTUMN COURSES ONLINE:

All Courses are at 19.00-21.00 on ZOOM

To book a place please email:

ceo@mountstannes.com

Laudato Si' in our Contemporary World October 6, 13, 20, 27 (Sean McDonagh)

This course will explore Laudato Si and the challenges of Biodiversity and Climate Change. €100 for full course

Women in the Bible: Our Mothers in Faith October 7, 14, 21, 28 (Rosalie Moloney)

The diverse women of the Bible offer us inspiring examples of Faith in action. This course invites us to follow in the footsteps of some of these remarkable but very human characters: from Ruth and Naomi and the mothers of Genesis to the women of Jesus' parables and the female leaders of the early Church.

€100 for full course

Celtic Spirituality: What is it? Has it any significance for life today?

November 3, 10, 17, 24 (Michael Drumm)

There is a lot of talk today about Celtic Spirituality. But the question arises – what exactly is it? Does such a spirituality exist? Is it anything more than romantic nostalgia for a dead past? Who were the Celts? Can we access their spiritual insights? During this course some characteristics of Celtic life will be identified which might legitimately form the foundations for a renewed Celtic spirituality today.

€100 for full course

Exploring the Synodal Pathway: The Ongoing Reception of Vatican II November 4, 11, 18, 25

(Janet Forbes and Oonagh O' Brien featuring Sr. Nathalie Bequart and Rafael Luciani.)

This course will explore the upcoming Synod as the continuation of the Second Vatican Council With particular focus on the Spirituality of Synodality; the participation of all especially young people and the need for structures and resources to support the local church.

€100 for full course