

MASS INTENTIONS

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.
Mon	23 Aug	9.30am	
Tue	24 Aug	9.30am	Month's Mind Bob Murtha, Wales & remember his parents Ethel & Patrick Murtha, Birmingham .
Tue	24 Aug	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	25 Aug	9.30am	Special intention for someone ill.
Thur	26 Aug	9.30am	Ned Cox, Carbury.
Fri	27 Aug	9.30am	Special Intention.
Sat	28 Aug	7.30pm	Paddy Doherty & remember the deceased members of the Doherty family.
Sun	29 Aug	10.00am	

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.

HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE PETITION

Two UN Conferences – One opportunity for Catholics worldwide to listen to Pope Francis and act out our faith. We have an opportunity like no other. At the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in October, world leaders can set meaningful targets to protect creation. In November, at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), countries will announce their plans to meet the goals of the Paris agreement. **Ahead of those meetings, it is our responsibility as Catholics to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf. We must act now.** Our common home and common family are suffering – the climate emergency is causing rising seas, a warmer planet and more extreme weather. It's devastating the lives of our poorest sisters and brothers. At the same time, biologists estimate that we're driving species to extinction at a rate of 100 to 1,000 times their usual rate. "We have no such right" (Laudato Si' 33)
Please join our diocese in signing the Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition so that the political leaders participating in COP15 and COP26 take action for all members of creation this year. The petition can be signed at www.thecatholicpetition.org

All powerful God,

You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
That we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Amen
(Laudato Si, 246)



22nd August 2021

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

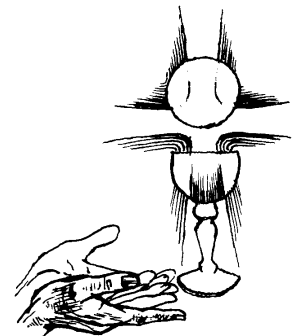
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The Deep End: Leap of faith

Children are often adept at looking beyond the practicalities and seeing the possibilities. Where a parent or guardian might only see a messy room in need of tidying, a child sees an obstacle course, a castle, a jungle, a magical fairy forest. It can be refreshing to take a breath and remember that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists. Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty or meaning.

In today's Gospel, some of Jesus' followers are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. He has been teaching them that he is the living bread, but it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language' and they wonder 'How could anyone accept it?' His teachings are too difficult to comprehend and they are annoyed and offended. Some of them even walk away.

But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life, and we believe.' He is able to see beyond the obvious, to hear the truth at the heart of Jesus' words. Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow. Are we ready to make that leap of faith?



Written by Triona Doherty for the Intercom magazine.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter, and those who matter don’t mind.”

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

EUCARISTIC 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

PARISH EMAIL & WEBSITE

Email: parishoffice@prosperousparish.net
Website: www.prosperousparish.net

**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)

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.

USED STAMPS

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

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@moutstannes.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 sign
ificance 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