

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	28 Aug	7.30pm	Paddy Doherty & remember the deceased members of the Doherty family.
Sun	29 Aug	10.00am	
Mon	30 Aug	9.30am	
Tue	31 Aug	9.30am	
Tue	31 Aug	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	01 Sep	9.30am	
Thur	02 Sep	9.30am	
Fri	03 Sep	9.30am	FIRST FRIDAY
Sat	04 Sep	7.30pm	Frank Gorry.
Sun	05 Sep	10.00am	Climate Sunday for Season of Creation. Mary Cassidy, Graigues.

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

PROSPEROUS ECO-CONGREGATION PARISH

Celebrating the Season of Creation 1st Sep - 4th Oct

Our time for action is getting smaller to stop the worse effects of climate change and biodiversity destruction. Come join our Eco-Parish group to support our Parish reducing its carbon footprint and protecting our biodiversity while reaching out to those most effected by the damage that has been done by us all. We work with any individuals or groups in the community for this purpose. Contact us at ProsperousEcoParish@outlook.com or the Parish Office.



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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th August 2021

No 1206

SEASON OF CREATION *Restoring Our Common Home* 01 September – 04 October 2021

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

Restoring Our Common Home

The theme for the Season of Creation 2021 is 'Restoring Our Common Home'. During this season we are asked to join together to celebrate creation and protect our common home through prayer, reflection and action. The global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same, "for we know that things can change!" (Laudato Si', 13).

This year we celebrate this season mindful of the fact that our world continues to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic as well as a devastating climate and biodiversity crisis. We look towards two UN Conferences in the Autumn, COP15 (on Biodiversity, due to take place in China) and COP24 (on climate change, Glasgow) in the hope that world leaders take the urgent action that is needed to Restore Our Common Home. **Catholics are urged to sign the "Healthy Planet Healthy People" petition as a key action for this year's Season of Creation.** This petition has been endorsed by the Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development in the hope that millions of Catholics will raise their voices in the public sphere to help Restore Our Common Home in the run up to these vital UN Conferences.

God of creation, who loves all he has made and all that has evolved,

Open the eyes of your people,

That your love might be reflected in our care for the planet.

Through Jesus Christ, who walked this earth and calls us by name.

Amen

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If you don't love yourself, you cannot love others."

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

JULY COLLECTIONS

Envelopes €3345.50

Basket €1690.50

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Parish Community of Prosperous:

John Stephen Garvey-Casey, Naas



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

PARISH EMAIL & WEBSITE

Email: parishoffice@prosperousparish.net

Website: www.prosperousparish.net

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

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 3rd September, is the first Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated here in our church at 9.30am. Fr. Bernard will visit the sick after morning mass.

CLIMATE SUNDAY

Mass for Climate Action will be celebrated here in our church on Sunday next, 5th September, at 10am, as part of The Season Of Creation.

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.

POPE URGES CATHOLIC LAWMAKERS TO GUIDE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES

Pope Francis met a delegation from the International Catholic Legislators Network, and urged them to help create a more sustainable future while putting technology at the service of the common good.

Moral reflection required

Pope Francis reiterated his call for Catholic legislators to "undertake serious and in-depth moral reflection on the risks and possibilities associated with scientific and technological advances." He also recalled that public figures have their own specific gifts to offer to promote the welfare of all. "All of us are called to foster the spirit of solidarity, starting with the needs of our weakest and most disadvantaged brothers and sisters," he said. "If we are to heal our world so harshly tried by the pandemic, and build a more inclusive and sustainable future in which technology serves human needs without isolating us from one another, we need not only responsible citizens, but also capable leaders inspired by the principle of the common good."

The Vatican News

NEW- Affinity Plus Home Support has reimaged home support for every generation. Colette Beausang and Elaine O'Connor have set up a new home support company. Our services include Senior Care, Mother Care, Recovery Care and a unique Concierge Service. We can assist with personal care, domestic tasks, meal preparation and assistance to and from appointments. Please contact us on 045-916060 or visit our website on www.affinityplus.ie to find out more.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

As the new school year starts we keep in our prayers all those who continue to work in our schools. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

We remember our young people heading back to school or those starting school for the first time. We hope they settle in well and pray that their time in school is full of learning, making friends, fun and happy memories.

A BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God

Thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences and a love of learning.

Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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.

It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAYNOOTH

Higher Diploma in Theological Studies
Applications closing September 13th

This Blended Learning Higher Diploma allows you to accommodate your studies into your busy life with minimal on-campus attendance.

For more information contact: admissions@spcm.ie

MOUNT ST. ANNES ADVENT RETREATS

For Bookings email:

secretary@mountstannes.com

'Living the Advent Dream through the experiences of our lives'

Wed 24th - Sat 27th November (Willie Purcell)

Fr. Willie Purcell reflects on the mystery and reality of our own Advent Story as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

Cost: €300 residential

Desert Walk, Desert Work, Desert Walk: Entering the Journey of Hope that is Advent.

Thurs 2nd – Sun 5th December (Seamus O'Connell)

This retreat is an invitation to, and orientation for the journey in faith and in life that is Advent.

Cost: €300 residential

Advent Retreat – Resting in the Arms of God
Wed 8th – Sat 11th December (Deirdre Ni Chinneide)

During this waiting time, we listen and reflect on the invitation to settle deeply in the well of our own hearts.

Cost: €300 residential

Prayerful Meditation Days 10am to 3.30pm
Sept 18th / Oct 23rd / Nov 27th / Feb 12th / Apr 2nd / May 21st

"Come to me all you who are burdened and I will give you rest." Come and enjoy a day of peace, reflection and prayer – after a year of coping with Covid shut-downs and uncertainty. Facilitated by Sr. Anne Kearney hfb and MSA Team. Cost: €25 (bring a packed lunch) Tea/Coffee provided

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.