

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	04 Sep	7.30pm	Frank Gorry. James & Mary Hanafey, their sons Mikey & Tom & daughter Cathy.
Sun	05 Sep	10.00am	Climate Sunday Mass for Season of Creation. Mary Cassidy, Graigues.
Sun	05 Sep	10.45am	The Rosary will be recited after Mass.
Mon	06 Sep	11.00am	FUNERAL OF BRIDGET ROCK
Tue	07 Sep	9.30am	Special Intention.
Tue	07 Sep	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	08 Sep	9.30am	Birthday of Our Lady
Thur	09 Sep	9.30am	
Fri	10 Sep	9.30am	Special Intention.
Sat	11 Sep	7.30pm	May Daly. Annie & Joe Ennis, Maynooth Road. Michael O'Connell & deceased members of the O'Connell & O'Connor families.
Sun	12 Sep	10.00am	Betty Martin-Cullen.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bridget Rock, Donaghers Lane – Funeral here Monday
Michéal Leonard, London whose funeral takes place this week in England
(brother of Pat McHugh)
Our sincere sympathy to their families at this sad and difficult time.

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



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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CLIMATE ACTION SUNDAY

5th September 2021

No 1207

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

Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'* - On care for our common home was published on the 18th June 2015. This ground-breaking letter, written to every person on the planet, explores in detail the causes and effects of the environmental degradation that is being observed the world over including climate change and the effects it is having on the most vulnerable of communities. Pope Francis calls all of us to urgent action to combat the destruction that is being inflicted on earth, our common home and reminds Christians of our duty to be good stewards of creation. Over the next few weeks we will look at some practical ideas for what can be done in a parish and home setting to answer this call.

Avoid single use products such as plastic or Styrofoam cups, bottles, cutlery, straws.

Use reusable bags for shopping.

Refill a reusable water container instead of buying bottled water.

Ride a bike or walk (where possible) instead of driving.

Buy fair trade products that are ethically and sustainably sourced.

Turn off the car engine if sitting idle for more than 10 seconds.

Use washable napkins at meal times.

Bring your own coffee mug to the local café. Some even give discounts.

Take part in a community garden & save used water for plants.

Carpool with a group to an event or work if possible.

Buy only what you need – buy local – buy ethical – buy organic.

Organize a neighbourhood clean-up on your street or community park.

Choose energy certified appliances and products.

Go to the library instead of buying books, DVD's & CD's.

Start a compost bin in your backyard.

Buy produce/goods with little or no packaging.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Use the talent you possess – the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.”

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

AUGUST COLLECTIONS

Envelopes €1973.20
Basket €2017.80

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.

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.

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

CLIMATE SUNDAY

This Sunday marks the start of the ‘Season of Creation’ and to mark this our 10am Mass will highlight the need for Climate Action. A member of our Eco-Parish/Laudato Si Group will speak at Mass.

CONFIRMATION

We are delighted to announce that we will welcome our young adults to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation here in our church on Saturday 11th September. We will have two ceremonies 10.30am and 12noon. (The church will be sanitised between each service.) Due to the current restrictions we can only allow the candidate receiving Confirmation, their sponsor and their parents (so four people in total) to attend. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated for all our health and safety. The ceremony will be available via our webcam <https://prosperousparish.net/webcam>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Following the easing of government restrictions we are delighted to announce that we have set a date for our young children to receive their First Holy Communion. We look forward to welcoming the children along with their parents/guardians to our church on Saturday 18th September. We will have two ceremonies on the day at 10am and 12 noon. (The church will be sanitised between each Mass.) Due to the current government guidelines we are limited in the numbers that can attend so each child can bring 3 people with them. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated for all our health and safety. The ceremony will be available via our webcam <https://prosperousparish.net/webcam>

ROSARY

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Betty will lead us in the Rosary after morning Mass.

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

COVID RESTRICTIONS

With the relaxation of some Covid-19 restrictions, attendance at Mass and religious services can now increase to 50% capacity. The increase in numbers in our Church will bring extra responsibility on everyone to ensure they protect themselves and others while attending religious services. Please continue to wear face masks and to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church.

As we enter this new phase of lifting of restrictions it is important that we all behave correctly to ensure we can continue to progress further relaxation in the coming months.

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 affected 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.

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.**

Is there more to life than this?

For questions like this, try Online Alpha.

Alpha is a series of 10 interactive sessions, exploring Christianity and Faith. Each session consisting of a 30 min video followed by open discussion and sharing of experiences. Starting Thursday 16th September for 1hr 8pm to 9pm. In the comfort of your own home on a laptop, phone or tablet.

All are welcome, you will not be disappointed. Please register by supplying your name, email and phone number to the presenters: -

Des O’Doherty odohertydes@gmail.com
087-122-1345

Kevin Kiernan kevinkiernan9@gmail.com
086-244-6436

DRIVE IN CONCERT & CEILI Sunday 5th September at 3pm Clane GAA Car Park

Music By:

Darren Brereton

Zak Moran

Declan Aungier

The Shamrock Star Ceili Band.

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE LITTLE WAY CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE, CLANE

**This event will be held in full compliance
with Covid-19/HSE social distancing
guidelines.**

EXAM RESULTS

We remember and pray for all our young people who received their Leaving Certificate exam results this week. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to make the right choices in life and we wish them every success in the future as they start another chapter in life.

LOUGH DERG

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on

Sun 12th, Wed 15th, Sat 18th

& Sun 26th September and Sun 3rd October,
with Mass outdoors, weather permitting.

The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. **Advance booking is essential.**

For further information
email info@loughderg.org or telephone 071
9861518. www.loughderg.org