

#### MASS INTENTIONS

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.
Mon	13 Sep	11.00am	FUNERAL OF SEAN TRACEY
Tue	14 Sep	9.30am	Special Intention.
Tue	14 Sep	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	15 Sep	9.30am	Special Intention.
Thur	16 Sep	9.30am	
Fri	17 Sep	9.30am	
Sat	18 Sep	10.00am	First Holy Communion.
Sat	18 Sep	12.00pm	First Holy Communion.
Sat	18 Sep	7.30pm	Christopher Delaney & Jack Bagnall. Suzie O'Reilly.
Sun	19 Sep	10.00am	Ned Malone, late of Anne Street. Joan Power and we remember her husband Billy.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Sean Tracey, Prosperous  
Our sincere sympathy to his family 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](mailto: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](http://www.thecatholicpetition.org)**



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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

No 1208

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

Last week we shared some ideas on how we can care for creation and we continue this week with some more suggestions.

Rent a boat without a motor: a kayak, row boat or canoe and get some exercise and enjoy the beautiful nature that is near us.

Reduce junk mail by opting out. Go paperless and subscribe online.

Pick up litter when you see it.

Donate unwanted blankets, towels, pillows or stuffed toys to an animal shelter.

Minimize water use when brushing your teeth, cleaning and washing dishes.

Be mindful of animals and their habitats when exploring the outdoors.

Ban Styrofoam – it contains a known carcinogen. Use plant-based products.

Buy wood products, cards and paper FSC certified or responsibly sourced.

Buy fresh local unpackaged food with real ingredients and no chemicals.

Take unwanted clothing and other items to a donation center.

Recycle used electronics and video games.

If you can't recycle it – don't buy it.

Dispose of hazardous cleaning agents, oils and paint correctly. Check out if you can donate unused paint to local schools or charity projects.

Avoid Gas spills, yard chemicals and other street run off that goes into storm drains and ultimately into lakes and rivers.

Buy from companies with eco-friendly sustainable and ethical practices.

Buy free-range eggs or local farm eggs, meat and even milk.

Try a mixture of vinegar and water with lemon for a fresh biodegradable cleaning agent.

Recycle or dispose of batteries properly – they may have toxic contents.

Take baths less frequently and shorten your shower time.

Calculate your ecological footprint on the planet at [earthday.org/footprint-calculator](http://earthday.org/footprint-calculator)

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.”

#### PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: **045-841806**  
**Fr. Bernard Reyhart 085-2325095**  
Our Diocesan Website is [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
**Our Website is: Prosperousparish.net**  
Parish Email: [parishoffice@prosperousparish.net](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

### BAPTISMS



#### We welcome into our Christian community of Prosperous:

Christopher Sean Daly Brosnan  
Corrachoill Park.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.icatholic.ie)

### PARISH EMAIL & WEBSITE

Email: [parishoffice@prosperousparish.net](mailto:parishoffice@prosperousparish.net)

Website: [www.prosperousparish.net](http://www.prosperousparish.net)

### CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the children who made their Confirmation here this weekend. I want to thank their parents & guardians for bringing their children for Confirmation. It was a long wait due to the pandemic and government restrictions but finally we were able to celebrate the sacraments again and I thank you for your patience. I would also like to thank all the people involved in the Confirmation ceremonies – Ms. Hetherton & the teachers & staff in the school / altar society & the volunteers who cleaned the church / Stewards / Billy Carey / sacramental co-ordinator Anne Garry / Sacristan Bill O’ Reilly. Thank you so much for your great help and may God bless you all.

*Fr. Bernard*

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We look forward to welcoming the children along with their parents/guardians to our church on Saturday next, 18<sup>th</sup> 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>

### 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.

### TOWARDS HEALING

Towards Healing is an independent organisation providing professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical, or religious abuse in Ireland. The service is provided by lay, independent and fully accredited therapists. Freephone 1800 303416. Hearing impaired Text Line Number: 085-8022859 [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

### PROSPEROUS ECO-CONGREGATION

#### PARISH

#### Celebrating the Season of Creation

1st Sep - 4th Oct

The Season of creation continues to October 4th Feast Day of St Francis. It’s Time for us to make a special effort to take better care of our Natural World. Shops and garden centers have large a stocks of Spring flower bulbs. Our pollinating insects are in decline, one third of our 99 bee species are at risk of extinction. By choosing pollen rich flowers you will provide much needed food for our bees and other pollinating insects as well as creating a beautiful garden. The following fall into this category: Snowdrops, Crocus, Grape Hyacinth, Hellebore (single flower), Winter flowering heather (don’t need to be planted in peat) - all rich in pollen and nectar. Winter flowering heathers flower from Winter until May, produced and available locally. If you wish to learn more about our natural world, Zero Waste Community Garden in Rathcoffey is hosting a garden talk on managing your garden for nature on Tuesday 14th September at 7pm (Free - All Welcome). Two further talks, September 21st - Herbs and their Part in our Health), September 28th - Sourcing your Plants for Pollinators).

**Think Globally, Act Locally!**

### 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](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:odohertydes@gmail.com)  
087-122-1345

Kevin Kiernan [kevinkiernan9@gmail.com](mailto:kevinkiernan9@gmail.com)  
086-244-6436

### LOUGH DERG

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on *Sun 12<sup>th</sup>, Wed 15<sup>th</sup>, Sat 18<sup>th</sup> & Sun 26<sup>th</sup> September and Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 071 9861518. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September the Diocese celebrates Safeguarding Sunday. On this day we turn the spotlight on safeguarding and remind our communities and parish personnel that protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is about creating an opportunity for parishes to find out all the positive work that has been happening in terms of safeguarding over the past year. Safeguarding in each parish could not happen without the commitment and work of many paid and volunteer personnel including local safeguarding representatives, sacristans, youth leaders, choir leaders and priests.

We remember those who have experienced abuse in our Diocese and remind people of the Towards Healing confidential and free counselling service, Ph. 1800 303 416, Monday to Friday 11.00am to 6.00pm.

They provide face to face counselling, structured phone counselling, family counselling and a counselling helpline.

The Safeguarding Committee has produced a short video to mark this day, and this will be available to view on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)