

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	25 Sep	7.30pm	Imelda & Michael McGee. Andrew & Anne Fitzachary, grandson Eoin & deceased members of the Fitzachary and Dreelan families. Tom & Annie McCormack, Churchview Lawns.
Sun	26 Sep	10.00am	Margaret Dempsey & her parents Margaret & Christopher Hannon. Geraldine Travers & we remember Billy Travers & the deceased members of the Travers and Moriarty families.
Mon	27 Sep	9.30am	
Tue	28 Sep	9.30am	
Tue	28 Sep	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	29 Sep	9.30am	
Thur	30 Sep	9.30am	
Fri	01 Oct	9.30am	First Friday
Sat	02 Oct	7.30pm	Eileen Delaney & remember her husband Liam. Michael Behan & remember his mother Madeline. Remembrance Mass for Eddie Holland.
Sun	03 Oct	10.00am	Ciaran Dockery & remember his wife Carmel. 75 th Birthday blessings for Elizabeth.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Eileen McMonagle Scotland (sister of the late Michael Murphy, Landenstown)
Our sincere sympathy to her 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

Please remember to leave your phone number with your message.

HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE PETITION

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

ACI Zoom Talk - Can Synodality Empower Women in the Church?

Rose O'Connor chaired the working group on women in leadership for the 2016 Synod in Limerick Diocese. The group's report called for the opening of ministry and leadership roles to the lay faithful - and especially for the voices of women to be heard and their gifts fully empowered. No one is better placed to assess the prospect of removal of roadblocks to lay leadership by the synodality process now pending for every diocese in Ireland.

Taking place via Zoom on Thursday Sept 30th, 2021 at 8.00 p.m.

link and log in details below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85945071712?pwd=VTVXSml5aDIBOVhLOGpsR215aXVUZz09>

Meeting ID: 859 4507 1712

Passcode: 898090



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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th September 2021

No 1210

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

A POPE'S PRAYER FOR IMMIGRANTS

Merciful God, we pray to you for all the men, women and children who have died after leaving their homelands in search of a better life. Though many of their graves bear no name, to you each one is known, loved and cherished. May we never forget them, but honour their sacrifice with deeds more than words.

We entrust to you all those who have made this journey, enduring fear, uncertainty and humiliation, in order to reach a place of safety and hope.

Just as you never abandoned your Son as he was brought to a safe place by Mary and Joseph, so now be close to these, your sons and daughters, through our tenderness and protection.

In caring for them may we seek a world where none are forced to leave their home and where all can live in freedom, dignity and peace.

Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centredness.

Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters. May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace.

Pope Francis

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The meaning of life is to give life meaning.”

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

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Christian community of Prosperous:

Arya Maisie Johnson McGrath,
Killybegs

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.

iCatholic player can be accessed via
www.icatholic.ie

PARISH EMAIL & WEBSITE

Email: parishoffice@prosperousparish.net

Website: www.prosperousparish.net

SEASON OF CREATION

Take a small step and together we will change the world. You can't heal the world in a day but you can make a start.

- **Pick up litter.**
- **Clear a stream.**
- **Sign a petition.**
- **Plant a tree.**

MIGRANT SUNDAY COLLECTION

This Sunday is Migrant Sunday. This weekend we are going to have a second collection after communion to support the work of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) who provide 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.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 1st October, is the first Friday of the month and Mass will be celebrated in our church at 9.30am. Fr. Bernard will make his house visits after Mass.

Prosperous Eco-Congregation Parish Eco-Parish Award Celebration

Our Eco-Parish group are delighted to have Bishop Denis Nulty presenting us with an Eco-Parish Award from Eco-Congregation on Sunday October 3rd @10:00a.m Mass, followed by the planting of a tree in our Eco-garden, and refreshments. We have been in existence for 6 years. We have been given this award as we have undertaken an environmental check-up and have taken initiatives in areas of spiritual, practical, community and global. Some of our achievements recently were distributing 600 saplings in lockdown within 5km radius and having a plant sale for Uganda. Also, we have a regular contribution to the newsletter on biodiversity. With our Kildare County Council and Cr Union grants we are developing our Eco-Garden for the parish. We hope you will join us in this celebration.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF OUR FAITH

A short online survey of those who have returned to parish celebration of Mass. The Social Media working group of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation have issued a short online survey that they are asking people who have returned to the public celebration of Mass to complete. The feedback given will give us great information for helping to build on and enrich our parish celebrations. The survey can be accessed on Kandle.ie or directly on the following link:
<https://forms.office.com/t/nve9bBH7MG>

"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)

RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME

County Kildare LEADER Partnership currently has 2 vacancies on the Rural Social Scheme for a participant to undertake 19.5 Hrs Community based work.

To qualify for the scheme, you must be in receipt of a means tested social welfare payment and provide proof that you are actively farming.

If you are eligible and do not wish to participate on the RSS, your dependant spouse/civil partner/cohabitant can apply in your place.

You may also permit a sibling or child to use your Herd Number to participate, once they satisfy the other criteria. For further information on the Rural Social Scheme or for an application form please contact

Suzanne Wallace, RSS Coordinator

Tel: 086-0411293

suzanne@countykildarelp.ie

WHO CARES?

Who Cares? is a new information booklet that aims to support and empower carers of people with cognitive impairment/dementia in Laois/Offaly on their caring journey and help them access relevant supports and services that they may require locally and nationally at various times along the route. It also has information that would be of relevance to all carers. This information booklet will be available through both the Alzheimer's Society, (087) 3210642, Family Carers Ireland (057) 932 2920 as well as in local libraries and on the HSE both Laois and Offaly County Council websites for those who were unable to secure copies.

PROSPEROUS INDOOR BOWLS

We are pleased to announce that indoor bowling will recommence on Tuesday September 28th next in the Caragh GFC pavilion at 8pm.

The hall and playing equipment will be fully sanitized and all participants will be required to wear a face mask in accordance with HSE recommendations.

New members are welcome to come along and try the game on any Tuesday night from September 28th or they can ring 08622632966 for further information.

LOUGH DERG

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

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE MAYNOOTH

CAO Available Places

Attention Leaving Certificate Students

We have available places in 2021 for our BATH degree. It is never too late to find the right programme! Our BATH Arts & Theology Degree is the perfect gateway to a variety of careers such as teaching, business, finance, journalism and many more! For any queries please contact our Admissions team:

Email: admissions@spcm.ie or Tel: 01-7083964

Strangers in a Foreign Land

Lord God, help us to remember those who will tonight go to sleep unfed and unwelcome, strangers in foreign lands, people who have fled for their lives and are far from their homes. We lift up to you those who are escaping persecution and conflict, having fled death, torture or ruthless exploitation. So many carry wounds, mental and physical. So many have suffered greatly. Lord Jesus, give us more of your compassion for their plight, soften our hearts to their situation, and help us follow your lead in seeking justice and mercy on their behalf. We pray for an end to the wars, poverty and human rights abuses that drive desperate people to become refugees in the first place.

We give thanks for people working in troubled countries and ask for more of your blessing so we can bring life, dignity and hope to those that remain. We thank you that you are Lord of all the earth and all its people are loved by you. We pray these things in the name of your Son who was himself born into the troubled life of a refugee.