

prosMASS INTENTIONS

Sat	09 Oct	7.30pm	Month's Mind Anthony (Anto) Griffin. Mary & Paddy Coffey. Frankie McGovern & remember his mother Martina. John Connolly & birthday remembrance for his wife Rose. Bridget Kenny, Downings.
Sun	10 Oct	10.00am	1 st Anniversary Michael (Mick) Murphy, Landenstown. Month's Mind Bridget Rock. Birthday remembrance Goretti Dunne. John, Jani & Johnny Mullen.
Mon	11 Oct	9.30am	
Tue	12 Oct	9.30am	Month's Mind Sean Treacy
Tue	12 Oct	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	13 Oct	9.30am	
Thur	14 Oct	9.30am	Anne Clarke & remember her husband Noel, her parents Daniel & Marcella McCormack & her brothers Tommie, Jack & Donie.
Fri	15 Oct	9.30am	
Sat	16 Oct	7.30pm	Month's Mind – Michael Farrell.
Sun	17 Oct	10.00am	Joan Moran, Graigues. Tom Ennis.

RECENTLY DECEASED

James (Jimmy) Dowling, Newtown Donore
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

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

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/r/nye9bBH7MG>

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



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

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th October 2021

No 1212

What a great occasion it was to have Bishop Denis Nulty celebrate Mass here in our church last Sunday and present our Eco Parish Group with their award from the national Eco Congregation. We are proud to lead the way and be the first parish in the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin to receive this award. After Mass Bishop Denis planted a hawthorn tree in our Eco-Garden.

The Hawthorn is native to Ireland and its genus name *Crataegus*, from the Greek *kratos*, which means strength, is thought to be a reference to the hardness of the hawthorn's wood. The Hawthorn is commonly described as a bush or small deciduous tree with spiny branches. In about mid-May, the hedgerows and fields of Ireland come alive with great clusters of its beautiful white flowers. Each 12 mm flower is a marvel in itself with an occasional blush of pink on its 5 petals. These flowers have numerous stamens and an examination of them through a hand-lens is most rewarding. The scent of the flowers is not very attractive in spite of it belonging to the family *Rosaceae*. The shiny dark-green leaves of the Hawthorn are deeply lobed and in autumn this 2-10 m tree is laden with bright crimson mealy but edible berries.

Fleshy fruits called haws appear on the tree in July and August and slowly ripen to a deep wine-red in autumn and early winter. They form an important food source for many of our native bird species, and the tree relies on the birds in turn to disperse its seeds widely.

For centuries haws have been used by people to produce a wide assortment of jellies, jams, wines and liquors. Legend has it that many parts of the hawthorn have medicinal and supernatural properties and herbalists regard both haws and berries as having valuable cardiac, diuretic and astringent properties. Infusions of the dried fruit are said to have a beneficial effect on the heart when taken regularly over long periods.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Success is not how high you have climbed, but how you make a positive difference to the world.”

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:

Odhran Denis Brennan, Clane.
Alfie William Lowry, Goretti Tce
Kyle Zachary O'Dowd,
Brookes Mill.

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.

iCatholic player can be accessed via
www.icatholic.ie

PARISH EMAIL & WEBSITE

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

AUTUMN COLLECTION

Our Autumn Stations are now due. Please use the blue envelope in your box of envelopes. Extra envelopes are available in the church porch if you do not already have one.

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

A Virtual POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 13th October @7.30pm. Streamed LIVE from the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow via www.icatholic.ie

This year marks the twelfth annual Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony in our Diocese. Regrettably, we are not in a position to gather as a diocesan family to celebrate the achievement of our young people across our Diocese. Therefore, medals and certificates will be presented at parish level this year. Bishop Denis Nulty will virtually address the 300+ recipients live from the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. The live stream of the ceremony will also be available afterwards on the iCatholic website and the iCatholic Player app.

It has been a very different and difficult year for all, so it really is a credit to these young people and the support structures in our parishes and schools that so many were still able to achieve a medal against all odds. We hope that these young people will continue to contribute in a positive way to the life of the Church through their parish long into the future.

For more information on this Award programme in Kildare & Leighlin, contact Cathriona Kelly cathriona.kelly@kandle.ie

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAYS

Please note the parish office will be closed for holidays from Monday 18th to Wednesday 27th October inclusive. If you need to book in a Mass intention or need a mass card please call our sacristan Bill O'Reilly on 085-7052448 or call to the sacristy after Mass. If you need Fr. Bernard please call him on 085-2325095

"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)

ROSARY

Each year the month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. The Rosary will be recited here in our church each day after morning Mass. We encourage families to pray the Rosary on a daily basis.

OCTOBER MISSIONS MONTH

October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. The generosity offered will be used to support missionary activities in over 1,100 struggling dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. You can help right now. Please donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively, donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to www.missio.ie.

There is also an envelope in your box of weekly envelopes for Mission Sunday. Missio Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. Through your generosity they support missionaries who are caring for some of the most vulnerable communities in the world.

PROSPEROUS ECO PARISH

Bishop Denis Nulty presented Prosperous Parish an Eco-Parish Award on behalf of Eco-Congregation Ireland and planted a tree in our Eco-garden for the Season of Creation. Great thanks to Sr. Catherine Brennan ECI on her kindness, support, and direction to achieve this. Sr. Maureen O'Connor gave a Communion Reflection on the environment. The Eco-parish team were then presented with the plaque. We had beautiful singing of Seán Ó Riada's repertoire during Mass. We invited Bishop Denis out to plant a tree in our Eco-garden. The Hawthorn tree had self-seeded over the last 2/3 years in a member's garden. The seed had been dropped by a bird. It is an excellent plant for biodiversity, with lovely, scented flowers in May important for pollinators, and in Autumn red haws to feed the birds. It was rootballed in hessian. We sang Seán Ó Riada's 'Ag Criost an Siol' around the tree, led by Bishop Denis. It was a great celebration. Thanks to everyone involved.
The Eco-Parish team!

PROSPEROUS INDOOR BOWLS

We are pleased to announce that indoor bowling has recommenced in the Caragh GFC pavilion on Tuesday nights 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 or they can ring 086-22632966 for further information.

MISSION MONTH

The Rich Young Man

Today's Gospel tells us of the rich young man who approached Christ with an honest desire to gain eternal life. Christ encouraged his efforts and took him onto a higher level of accomplishment: the radical way. He told the man to dispose of his possessions and follow him. Christ meant: 'Do not hoard riches; detach yourself from encumbrances and you will be free to soar to God.' Christ was coherent. He did not request for the proceeds for the maintenance of his disciples. For the man, the invitation to complete detachment was too hard to accept. Christ made it clear that hoarding was and continues to be an obstacle to entrance into the kingdom of God. The disciples, getting ready for the mission, got the message and they replied: 'If so, who then can be saved'? There are many people suffering from hunger and poverty; their efforts would not yield much fruit because of famine, war, social crises, lack of resources, lack of education and early formation, circumstantial obstacles, family limitations, intellectual shortcomings. And here we are, hoarding our talents, our riches, our knowledge, our humane attention! Hoarding means keeping for ourselves what we should make available to others also. Some are smart in accumulating and keeping everything for themselves. We are all stewards in this world, and no one carries these resources into the other world. Christ is not against the acquisition and the use of material things, otherwise he would not advise the young man to give to the poor. He is not against the perfection of our talents. Hoarding creates a feeling of independence, making us negligent and indifferent. Christ wants us to be aware that hoarding, whether individual or communal, is an obstacle to spiritual growth.

Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo