

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	30 Oct	7.30pm	Mike-Joe Behan & deceased members of the Behan Family.
Sun	31 Oct	10.00am	1 st Anniversary Paul Condron, Prosperous. Andrew Dunne Jnr. Mylerstown, & remember his children Andrew & Lisa who died 31 years ago.
Sun	31 Oct	10.45am	The Rosary will be recited after Mass
Mon	01 Nov	9.30am	Feast of All Saints
Mon	01 Nov	7.00pm	Feast of All Saints
Tue	02 Nov	9.30am	Feast of All Souls
Wed	03 Nov	9.30am	Special Intention.
Wed	03 Nov	7.00pm	SPECIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
Thur	04 Nov	9.30am	November Dead List
Fri	05 Nov	9.30am	November Dead List
Sat	06 Nov	7.30pm	Patrick & Peg Hogarty.
Sun	07 Nov	10.00am	Month's Mind Jimmy Dowling. Jim Parkinson.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sandra Mitchell, Curryhills, Prosperous
Rosemary Norrby, Derry (sister of Eugene Norrby)
Our sincere sympathy to their families at this sad and difficult time.

PROSPEROUS PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is open to the public Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 12noon. Please remember to follow the HSE guidelines at all times. Mass intentions can be booked by calling 045-841806 or emailing parishoffice@prosperousparish.net Please remember to leave your phone number with your message.

Pope Francis: Listen to the melody of God in your lives

A group of some five hundred young Lutheran pilgrims from Germany greeted Pope Francis with song as he welcomed them to the Vatican on Monday morning. 'Singing unites' The Holy Father took up the musical theme in his remarks to the pilgrims, saying, "Singing unites," and explaining that "In the choir, no one is alone: it is important to listen to others." Pope Francis said he desired "this willingness to listen for the Church," which is "learning it anew in the synodal process." He encouraged the pilgrims to also listen for "the melody of God" in their own lives, calling on them to open not only their ears, but also their hearts. "Whoever sings with an open heart," he said, "already touches the mystery of God, perhaps without even realizing it." This mystery, he said, "is love, the love that in Jesus Christ finds its splendid, full, and unique sound."

Written By Christopher Wells for Vatican News

FINAL CALL FOR SURVEY RESPONSES

The diocesan online survey has been extended but will close on Monday November 1st. We are delighted with the response to date but if you haven't had a chance to take this quick survey we ask you to do it today! We look forward to reporting back on what people have said to us. You can access the link on <https://www.kandle.ie/welcome-home/>



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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31st October 2021

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November brings a sense of things ending and dying

Even though the weather, as life, seems to become stranger every year, with its twists and its turns, Nature has a way of re-asserting the turn of the seasons. Even though last May it looked as if we were in for a terrible year, suddenly the sun appeared bringing us a memorable summer and an equally memorable autumn, Nature insists again that November inevitably brings a sense of things ending and dying. Nature has worked its way through the promise of Spring, the high-point of Summer, the gathering of Autumn and has now packed its bags for the deadening feel of Winter. The leaves scattered under our feet are a sad anthem for the decline of another year. It's no coincidence that November is the time of the year when we especially remember our dead.

Because November is a time for remembering - Memory sweeps up the scattered leaves of time and we forage through them to pick and choose the memories that satisfy us or trouble us: the places, the events and especially the people who have shaped and formed us and who drift into our consciousness at this time of the year.

Of course, memory can deceive. Retrospect can camouflage the reality but no matter how we camouflage the past, it sometimes insists on forcing itself into our consciousness. Walking along a road or driving a car or pottering around the house and suddenly the leaves of yesteryear blow into a heap in front of us and memory takes over.

It's natural to remember and it's part of that nature to remember the dead because they are part of what we are. They have shaped us and formed us in ways it takes a lifetime to explore. We are what we are because of what they have been and memory forces us to pay attention.

So in November we remember our dead. For all of us this November, the leaves of time will be swept by memory into the small and great heaps that give birth to our remembering. Let us remember, lest we forget.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A friend is one who knows us, but loves us anyway."

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 045-841806

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Our Diocesan Website is www.kandle.ie

Our Website is: [Prosperousparish.net](http://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:

Quinn Owen McArdle,
The Downings.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in our church every Tuesday from 10am to 5pm. All are welcome to come for silent prayer throughout the day. There is a petition book at the back of the Church for your written intentions. If you would like to join the rota for Eucharistic Adoration please contact John O'Connor 045-902965 or Kitty Fox on 087-7672312.

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

ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be recited in our church each day after morning Mass. We encourage families to pray the Rosary on a daily basis.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Monday 1st November is a holy day - the Feast of All Saints. Mass will be celebrated in our church at 9.30am and again at 7pm. Mass will also be available via our webcam.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Tuesday 2nd November is the Feast of All Souls and Mass will be at the usual time of 9.30a.m

SPECIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

I am delighted that once more we can gather together as a parish community to support one another and so I invite you to attend our Special Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday 3rd November at 7pm. to pray for all our dead but in particular those whose funeral took place in our church during the past year. All are welcome.

TREE OF LIFE

November is a month for remembering our loved ones who have died. Once again this year we will have our 'Tree of Life' up near the altar. I invite people to come and take a label and write down the names of their loved ones and hang it on a branch.

I also encourage people to light a candle daily at home and offer one Hail Mary for those whom we have loved and lost. Please continue to follow the HSE guidelines when visiting our church.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

The family altar list of the dead will be renewed during the month of November. Mass will be offered two days a week for the names on the list. You will find a purple envelope along with a pious list in your box of weekly envelopes. Please write down the names of your loved ones and place them in this envelope and return it at Mass or drop it in to the Parish Office. Extra envelopes are available in the church porch if you do not already have one.

MISSION SUNDAY THANK YOU

The collection for Mission Sunday amounted to €893. This compares to €710 in 2019. On behalf of Mission Ireland thank you for supporting World Mission Sunday. Your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalized and vulnerable people.

TROCAIRE

Next weekend 6th/7th November we will hold a second collection after communion for Trocaire to help with the Famine Crisis in East Africa. We ask for your support.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas Shoebox Appeal is taking place again this year. The Shoebox Appeal sends thousands of gift filled shoeboxes to children in Eastern Europe and Africa.

The children who receive your shoeboxes are affected by poverty in different ways. Many come from families with very little income; others live on the margins of society or in areas affected by conflict.

Shoeboxes are given based on need alone and bring joy and excitement to children living in often very difficult situations. Your shoebox may be the only present they receive this Christmas.

If you would like to help please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church and return your shoebox to the Parish Office by Monday 8th November.

If you need more information please contact Lorraine on 086-3121775.

You can make a difference.

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

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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.

ECO-CONGREGATION

COP26 commences this weekend in Glasgow Oct 31 - Nov 12. This is a crucial moment for individuals and churches to pray for wisdom and courage for our world leaders to:

- Tackle the climate emergency and biodiversity crisis together
- Limit warming to 1.5°C and promise no more biodiversity loss
- Ensure equitable global action including support for those most affected
- Protect the right of indigenous people

Prayer during COP26

God, you uphold us always. Free us from ignorance about your gifts of Creation so we can relate to earth's rhythms with humility. Inspire us to welcome the truth when scientists speak of climate change and death of species, rejecting false pathways designed to confuse. Strengthen our resolve to respect life in all its forms, choosing 'to eat, travel, spend, invest and live differently' as wrote Pope Francis and faith leaders on pilgrimage to COP26, listening to the cries of the earth, the poor, and future generations. Help us urge our politicians to take urgent action in negotiating sustainable living. Ground all our thoughts in your revealing Scriptures and the wisdom of holy women and men who have gone before us to help grow a new creation promised in your Cosmic Son. Give us a discerning spirit to work with the ecological and the human, the political and the economic realities of this world, and in-still in us a spirit of respect, compassion and friendship able to imagine pathways of harmony. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Charles Rue

The month of November

we pray for

ALL SOULS

For those who sleep in Christ,

Life is changed, not ended.