

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	06 Nov	7.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Carmel Storey & birthday remembrance for her husband Jimmy. Patrick & Peg Hogarty.
Sun	07 Nov	10.00am	Month's Mind Jimmy Dowling. Jim Parkinson.
Sun	07 Nov	10.45am	The Rosary will be recited after Mass
Mon	08 Nov	9.30am	Communion Prayer Service
Tue	09 Nov	9.30am	Communion Prayer Service
Tue	09 Nov	10am to 12noon	Eucharistic Adoration after the Communion prayer service
Wed	10 Nov	9.30am	Communion Prayer Service
Thur	11 Nov	9.30am	November Dead List
Fri	12 Nov	9.30am	November Dead List
Sat	13 Nov	7.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary John Casey, Brookes Grove & remember his wife Rose. Tommy Quine. Gino Salemi, who died recently.
Sun	14 Nov	10.00am	First Anniversary Ellen (Nellie) O'Neill, Goretti Tee. & we remember her husband Michael, son Ian and deceased members of the O'Neill & McNamee families.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Gino Salemi, Australia (brother-in-law of Mary Cassidy)  
Our sincere sympathy to his family at this sad and difficult time.

### Prosperous Eco-Congregation

COP26 continues until November 12th. There are hopeful signs that these leaders are attending to the climate and biodiversity crisis. We must continue to pray earnestly that they continue with courage, wisdom and commitment to save us and our Planet. We ourselves must act responsibly, we are an island nation and some species of birds, insects and plants have already become extinct here. Our hedgerows this autumn have an abundant harvest of elderberries, blackberries, haws, rose hips etc. Our wildlife needs this essential source of food to prepare for winter, migration and hibernation. Unfortunately some of these hedges have been annihilated before our pollinators and wildlife could avail of this abundant source of food. "As safe repositories of CO2 and Ireland's best equivalence to forests, hedgerows are now vital to Ireland's carbon saving 'mitigation' targets" M Viney David Attenborough says that our food crops depend on insects which are in massive decline, a situation that "*threatens our ability to feed ourselves, control our climate and puts us at greater risk of pandemic diseases*". Our planet is in deep trouble and we don't need another report to tell us that. We must listen to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

### Muintireas

Muintireas are organising a trip to the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 from 12.30pm – 6pm

For

The Young at Heart Christmas Event

The afternoon commences with a Mulled Wine Reception/ Live Music/ 4course festive dinner/ comedy, concluding with live music with Brendan Shine & his Band.

If you are interested in joining us please contact  
Anne @ 086 - 8628334 or Patricia @ 087 - 6885708



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

THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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### November Reflection

This November we take time to remember those whom we've met on life's journey and who have now passed on to eternal life. We may be remembering someone very dear to us – a mother, father, brother or sister, a grandparent, a daughter or son, a dear friend or relation.....and we may also call to mind people who walked alongside us in life's journey for only a brief time, but who touched our lives deeply.....we remember those who have died during the past year, and all our loved ones who have died.

At the rising of the sun and at its going down - We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter - We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring - We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer - We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn - We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends - We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now a part of us as we remember them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The greatest wealth is to live content with little.”

### PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

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### 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)

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

### PARISH EMAIL & WEBSITE

Email: [parishoffice@prosperousparish.net](mailto:parishoffice@prosperousparish.net)  
Website: [www.prosperousparish.net](http://www.prosperousparish.net)

### ROSARY

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and the Rosary will be recited in our church after Mass.

### TROCAIRE

This weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### SICK CALLS

Fr. Bernard will visit the sick for November after morning Mass on Friday next 12<sup>th</sup> November.

### TREE OF LIFE

November is a month for remembering our loved ones who have died. Once again this year we 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.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> November.

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

**You can make a difference.**

### 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](mailto:parishoffice@prosperousparish.net) Please remember to leave your phone number with your message.

### 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.

### POPE CALLS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT TO ELIMINATE CHILD LABOUR

Pope Francis is calling on international and national authorities to defend vulnerable children, many of whom are enslaved in child labour and deprived of “a dignified and harmonious development.” The message was signed by Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, on the Pope’s behalf. It is addressed to the Director of the UN’s Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization, where a Global Solutions Forum entitled “Acting Together to End Child Labour in Agriculture” is taking place on 2 and 3 November. Decrying recent estimates that point to an increase in child labour, the Pope described the phenomenon as “a scourge that cruelly wounds the dignified existence and harmonious development of the youngest, considerably limiting their opportunities for the future.”

**Impact of the pandemic:** Noting that the exploitation of children for work “reduces and damages their lives to meet the productive and lucrative needs of adults,” he said this drama has been exacerbated by the pandemic, which has pushed an increasing number of minors to drop out of school and fall into the “the clutches of this form of slavery.” For many children, he continued, not going to school means not only missing out on opportunities that will enable them to face the challenges of adulthood, but also deprives them of their right to health, while many of them fall ill “because of the deplorable conditions in which they have to carry out the tasks that are vilely demanded of them.” The

Pope also focused on the agricultural sector, where he said, the emergency is, even more, alarming with “thousands of boys and girls forced to work tirelessly, in exhausting, precarious and demeaning conditions, suffering mistreatment, abuse and discrimination.” The situation, he added, reaches the height of desolation when the parents themselves are forced to send their children to work, in order to support their families.

**Humanity’s best investment:** “Let a powerful cry rise from this meeting, demanding that the competent international and national authorities defend the serenity and happiness of children!” the Pope appealed. He said that the best investment humanity can make is the protection of children. Protecting children, he continued, means respecting the different phases of their development and growth and allowing them to benefit from appropriate conditions in which to blossom. He said that in order to protect children decisive action must be taken to help the families of small farmers so they are not forced to send their children to work to increase incomes that are otherwise so low they are unable to support their families.

**A logic of care:** Finally, the Pope said, “protecting children means acting in such a way as to open up horizons for them as free, honest and caring citizens.” He expressed his wish for an appropriate and effective juridical system in order to defend and protect children from what he called “this harmful technocratic mentality that has taken over the present.”

**Joint international commitment:** Thus he called for an increase in the number of individuals and associations at every level working to ensure that the desire for “excessive profit that condemns children and young people to the brutal yoke of labour exploitation, may give way to a logic of care.” In this sense, Pope Francis explained, it is necessary to continue to denounce, educate and raise awareness so that compulsive consumerism that has no qualms about enslaving children is overcome, and we end up forgetting that the planet’s resources must be preserved for future generations. He concluded by asking for a joint commitment during the current International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour, to ensure that children are able to pursue and cultivate their dreams, to play and to learn: “Thus the path to a bright future for the human family will be opened.” **By Linda Bordoni for Vatican News**