

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	20 Nov	7.30pm	Mary Dempsey & her brother Jack & sister-in-law Chrissie. Mary O'Sullivan, Blackwood. Deceased members of Prosperous Pitch & Putt Club. Andrew Mullen, his wife Kathleen & deceased members of the Mullen family. Brendan Carty & his daughter Jacqueline.
Sun	21 Nov	10.00am	The Holy Souls of Sri Lanka.
Mon	22 Nov	9.30am	Peter Daly, Graigues.
Tue	23 Nov	9.30am	November Dead List.
Tue	23 Nov	10am to 12noon	Eucharistic Adoration after Mass.
Wed	24 Nov	9.30am	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.
Thur	25 Nov	9.30am	Denis & Sarah Murphy.
Fri	26 Nov	9.30am	November Dead List
Sat	27 Nov	7.30pm	Month's Mind Sandra Mitchell. Birthday Remembrance Peg Ennis, Ballinafagh & remember her husband John & son Edward & all the deceased members of the Ennis & Gannon families. Patricia Barker. Andy Mitchell & deceased members of the Mitchell & Carroll families.
Sun	28 Nov	10.00am	Patricia Dunney. Ann Ennis, Firmount, Clane.

**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

**ACI Zoom Meeting - Being Catholic in Contemporary Ireland  
November 25th, 2021, at 8.00 p.m.**

"The majority of Irish people see and understand themselves as Catholics. Being Catholic is embedded in school, community and family life. And yet there seems to be little interest in salvation in and through the Church. Moreover, being Catholic seems no longer relevant to fulfilling social, political, economic and, more significantly, environmental interests." Tom Inglis - Irish Sociologist and Commentator. This observation - by the renowned writer on the Catholic Church's 'Moral Monopoly' in 20th century Ireland - will be expanded by Tom on 25th November - for discussion by all who are interested. If, like ACI, you are convinced that 'being Catholic' is far from irrelevant in an ongoing world secular crisis - climatic and otherwise - be sure to join us to tell us why. To join us click the link below. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85832005890?pwd=Y111UEp4OXVxbWsxOFIyWUpCTmF0Zz09>



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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

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**Pope: Those who do good are investing in eternity**

Pope Francis reflects on the transient nature of material goods and physical appearances and invites the faithful to base their lives on the Word of God. Taking his cue from the Gospel passage of the day, Pope Francis explained that Jesus tells us that everything passes but His words, and he invited the faithful to build Heaven on earth, "because good is never lost, it lasts forever." Speaking in St. Peter's Square, the Pope recalled the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus says "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven." However, he continued, the Lord was not a doomsayer, His intention is to make us understand that sooner or later everything in this world passes except for God's love and the Gospel's saving message.

**A guide for the important things in life**

The Pope said this valuable message guides us in the important decisions in life. Urging us not to give too much value to things that give us immediate satisfaction, and not to be too attached to things that pass, "like money, appearance, physical well-being," he said it is important to go beyond the immediate, with patience, and build one's life doing good. The invitation he said, is not to build your life on sand: "According to Jesus, the faithful disciple is the one who found his life on the rock, which is His Word." Quoting from Saint Paul, the Pope said "*Love never ends*" and he reminded us that "Those who do good, are investing in eternity."

**Building Heaven on earth**

"When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, does not brag, is not puffed up with pride, does not lack respect, (*Cor 13:4-7*), this is a person who builds Heaven on earth. They may not be noticed or have a career, and yet, what they do will not be lost because good is never lost, it lasts forever," he said.

Thus, the Pope continued, that to base one's life on His Word "is not an escape from history, but an immersion into earthly realities in order to make them solid, to transform them with love, imprinting on them the sign of eternity, the sign of God." He concluded by inviting believers to make important choices bearing this in mind: "Before deciding, let us imagine that we are standing in front of Jesus, as at the end of life, before Him who is love. Imagining ourselves there, in His presence, at the threshold of eternity, we make the decision for today. It may not be the easiest, the most immediate, but it will be the right one."

**Christ is present in the poor**

After the recitation of the Marian prayer, the Pope recalled that today we celebrate the Fifth World Day of the Poor. He reminded those following that it was established "as a fruit of the Jubilee of Mercy." "Christ is present in the poor," he said, adding that "The cry of the poor, united to the cry of the earth," resounded in recent days at the United Nations Climate Change Summit, COP26, in Glasgow. "I encourage those with political and economic responsibilities to act now with courage and foresight," the Pope said, and he highlighted the fact that today, on the World Day of the Poor, registrations open for the *Laudato si' Action Platform* that promotes integral ecology.

Written By Linda Bordonni for Vatican News

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

“No matter how hard the past is, you can always begin again.”

### **PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS**

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### **Safeguarding children**

#### **Parish Designated persons:**

Máiread Harman & Billy Carey

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#### **Diocesan Safeguarding Director:**

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### **MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

**This Week:** Tom O'Rourke & Anne Garry

**Next Week:** Caroline Ennis & Valerie Moran

### **MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**This Week:** Rosarii McKennedy & Mary Daly

**Next Week:** Des O'Doherty & Siobhan Mullins

### **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.

### **PARISH EMAIL & WEBSITE**

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

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

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Thanks to all the people who dropped in their Shoe Box for Team Hope. We collected 55 boxes. We hope they bring joy to the children who receive them.

### **LEGION OF MARY**

The annual Mass for the deceased members of the Legion of Mary will take place next Wednesday morning 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am. All are welcome.

### **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 MASS BOUQUETS**

The Christmas Mass Bouquets are now on sale in the Parish Shop €6 each.

**On Friday 26th November @ 8.00pm**  
**A special memorial service will be held in Caragh Church for babies, who passed away through miscarriage, Still birth and Neo Natal deaths.**

***"Their time was short, yet very precious".***

**All are very welcome to attend**

**Caragh Pastoral Council**

### **LITTLE WAY, CLANE**

The 'Little Way' Calendar 2022 is now on sale for €5 - available from the Parish Office. 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

### **CATECHISM CORNER**

It is often better to get our meanings clear. Catechism...catechize..? Well it means to ask searching questions. To question deeply.

Jesus when he was twelve years old taught the elders in the temple "hearing them and asking them questions." To ask questions and to listen to answers is a very good way of learning.

In the Catechism we ask much harder questions than the everyday ones like 'what will the weather be like?' Or 'where can I get that cheaper?' The Catechism questions are more like: 'What is it all about? Has life any meaning or purpose and if so what is it? Is there any value in suffering? And of course, about life after death - that sort of question. Learning the catechism will help with many of these.

**Your Question: What is the first question in the old catechism?**

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Kildare County Council Mobile Library will visit Church View Lawns on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 2-4pm.

### **COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES in PROSPEROUS**

We are currently recruiting for the following vacancies:

Catering Assistants/Care Givers – Muintireas Club Prosperous – Ref: 2197722

Tidy Towns Workers – Prosperous Village – Ref: 2197723

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.

**To Apply:** Please contact your local Employment Services Office (LESN)/DSP Intreo Office to register your interest using the above reference and check your eligibility (closest offices to Prosperous are Maynooth, Naas and Newbridge). When above has been completed you need to post/deliver your CV to the Prosperous Area Community Employment Office, Parish Centre, Prosperous or e-mail to [CESupervisor@prosperousce.ie](mailto:CESupervisor@prosperousce.ie)

### **PRAYERS**

Please keep Fr. Bill Kemmy in your prayers. We wish him a speedy recovery following his recent heart surgery.

**iCatholic player can be accessed via [www.icatholic.ie](http://www.icatholic.ie)**

### **ST. JOSEPH**

Pope Francis began a new cycle of catechesis on St. Joseph at his weekly Audience on Wednesday, explaining that "today, as never before, in this time marked by a global crisis," St Joseph can offer us "support, consolation, and guidance." As the year of St Joseph draws to a close, the Pope said he hoped his reflections might "further help us to allow ourselves to be enlightened by his example and by his witness." Concluding his catechesis, Pope Francis offered the following prayer to St Joseph:

#### **Prayer to St Joseph**

Saint Joseph,  
you who always trusted God,  
and made your choices  
guided by His providence  
teach us not to count so much  
on our own plans but on His plan of love.  
You who come from the peripheries  
help us to convert our gaze  
and to prefer what the world discards and  
marginalises.  
Comfort those who feel alone  
and support those who work silently  
to defend life and human dignity. Amen.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

We have a selection of Christmas Cards in aid of the Hospice and Trócaire on sale in the Parish Shop.

### **USED STAMPS**

Just a reminder to keep collecting your used stamps for St.Patrick's Missionary Society. Please drop them into the Parish Office.

*November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life.*