

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	06 Mar	7.30pm	Special Intention.
Sun	07 Mar	10.00am	Teresa Sullivan. Gracie Cross and remember her husband John who died recently.
Mon	08 Mar	9.30am	Charles, Elizabeth & Mary Byrne.
Tue	09 Mar	9.30am	
Tue	09 Mar	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	10 Mar	9.30am	
Thur	11 Mar	9.30am	
Fri	12 Mar	9.30am	Tom Lamont, Newtown.
Fri	12 Mar	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	13 Mar	7.30pm	
Sun	14 Mar	10.00am	

### PROSPEROUS PARISH OFFICE

UNDER LEVEL 5 THE PARISH OFFICE HAS TO REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

The phone lines will be manned Thursday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12noon.

If you want to book a mass intention please contact Fr. Bernard 085-2325095 or Bill our sacristan 085-7052448. If a person needs The Sacrament of Anointing for the Sick please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Bernard.

### "LAUDATO SI' QUOTES ON THE ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 5 - "Interdependence obliges us to think of one world with a common plan. Yet the same ingenuity which has brought about enormous technological progress has so far proved incapable of finding effective ways of dealing with grave environmental and social problems worldwide. A global consensus is essential for confronting the deeper problems, which cannot be resolved by unilateral actions on the part of individual countries." (no.164)

### WORD OF LIFE MEETING ON ZOOM

We would like to invite you to a local Word of Life meeting on zoom on Friday 19th of March at 4:30pm. During this meeting we will read the Word of Life (a commentary on a sentence from the Gospel) followed by a discussion. The sentence chosen for March is:

*"Make me know your ways, O Lord: teach me your paths."* (Ps 25 [24]:4)

If you would like to participate please send an email to [aidang@live.ie](mailto:aidang@live.ie) and we will send you a zoom link on Thursday 18th of March. You will just have to click on the link on the 19th to join the meeting, from a Laptop/ PC or your smart-phone. If you need any assistance when trying to join the meeting, please phone 089-2459216, and we will try to assist you. We look forward to seeing you there.

Aidan & Susan Gately

*'No one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord...whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.'*

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel

**"LENT – A time for renewing Faith, Hope & Love"** Pope Francis.



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

No 1181

## EXPLORING A PRACTICE FOR LENT: Friday Penance

**Penance is an essential part of the lives of all Christ's faithful. It arises from the Lord's call to conversion and repentance, a call that is central to the season of Lent. We do penance:**

- + in memory of the passion and death of the Lord,
- + as a sharing in Christ's suffering,
- + as an expression of inner conversion,
- + as a form of making amends for sin.

**As Catholics we are encouraged to practice forms of Friday Penance throughout the year. The season of Lent is a time when we might be especially mindful of this practice. The following are suggestions from the Irish Bishops' Conference as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:**

- + Abstaining from meat or some other food
- + Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking
- + Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer
- + Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- + Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- + Making the Stations of the Cross
- + Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy
- + Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely.

## Living Lent - Third Sunday of Lent: Some Suggestions for the Week

- + Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God
- + Think of one habit you can create to help keep Sunday holy in your home
- + Make sure you have your Trócaire box for the home and find out about the Trócaire campaign to help people living in conflict in South Sudan
- + Go for a walk and contemplate the beauty of God's creation
- + Do a Friday Penance
- + Find ways to conserve and reduce your use of water in the home. See [www.water.ie/conserve](http://www.water.ie/conserve) for easy tips that go a long way

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

“Love the life you live. Live the life you love.”

### **PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS**

Parish Office: **045-841806**

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Our Diocesan Website is [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Our Website is: Prosperousparish.net**

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

### **Safeguarding children**

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

Máiread Harman & Billy Carey

Contact through Parish Office on 045-841806

#### **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:**

Mr Mick Daly

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#### **Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator:**

Ms Michele Hughes Tel: 086-1710643

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### **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.

### **VOCATIONS**

We continue to pray for those considering a call to the priesthood, the diaconate or consecrated life, that they will answer the call and proclaim Christ crucified.

### **LENTEN PROGRAMME BEGINAGAIN21**

BeginAgain21 is an initiative of Newbridge Parish inviting everyone to mark Lent 2021 in an intentional way. We are inviting everyone to take part in this initiative which seeks to improve body and soul.

It is called BeginAgain because it is inviting people to start something new but also to begin again if they miss a day or even a few! There are two versions available - a youth and adult version.

To view the full programme and register online please see the 'BeginAgain21' section on the Newbridge Parish Website.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Please join us via webcam every Friday evening during Lent at 7pm for the “Stations Of the Cross”. Each week a different group from our parish will lead us in prayer  
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/church-of-our-lady-st-joseph>

### **First Reading** Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, ‘I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ‘You shall have no gods except me. ‘You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father’s fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ‘You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. ‘Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. ‘Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. ‘You shall not kill. ‘You shall not commit adultery. ‘You shall not steal. ‘You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ‘You shall not covet your neighbour’s house. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.’

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 18(19):8-11

**Response:** *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

### **Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Jn11:25, 26

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

### **Gospel** John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers’ coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, ‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market.’ Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, ‘What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?’ Jesus answered, ‘Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS in this time of Pandemic**

This Lent the diocese is offering a video series, led by Bishop Denis, with three stations each week. The Stations can be accessed on [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie) from 3pm each Friday during Lent, as well as on the Kandle Facebook page. It is also available in written format for those who prefer to pray the stations in that way. The video reflections are read by people from the diocese who have been seriously impacted by COVID.

### **TROCAIRE**

Please support our Trocaire Lenten Campaign.

### **Free Trees !**

Our Eco Parish Group have free saplings of Alder, Oak, Birch and Hazel to give away to anyone within 5km of Prosperous. Any Sports Organisations, Residents Associations or households who are interested please contact us on 087 601 8961. These Native varieties will be a huge benefit to wildlife. Let’s get planting Prosperous!

### **THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Labouré, a Sister of Charity in Paris, giving her the exact design of this medal. The medal was struck in 1832 and it brought strength and healing during the cholera epidemic later in the city. We encourage people to wear this medal during these difficult times and we ask you to say the lovely little prayer on it “Oh Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to you.” Fr. Bernard has blessed some miraculous medals and left them in the church near the altar so please feel free to call in and take one and wear it.