

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	03 Apr	7.30pm	Easter Vigil.
Sun	04 Apr	10.00am	Easter Sunday - Mass of the Lord's Resurrection.
Sun	04 Apr	10.45am	The rosary will be recited after morning Mass.
Mon	05 Apr	9.30am	John McCarthy.
Tue	06 Apr	9.30am	1 st Anniversary Mary Byrne.
Tue	06 Apr	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	07 Apr	9.30am	NO MASS
Thur	08 Apr	9.30am	Birthday Remembrance Pakie Cummins.
Fri	09 Apr	9.30am	Philip Hickey - recently deceased.
Sat	10 Apr	7.30pm	Month's Mind Moria Geraghty. 1 st Anniversary Geraldine Raleigh & also remember Michael (Mac) Raleigh whose anniversary also occurs. Finn & Mary McCarthy. Birthday Remembrance Pakie Cummins. Liam Delaney & remember his wife Eileen and deceased family members.
Sun	11 Apr	10.00am	Margie Mahoney & remember her son Vin. John Cosgrove & remember his wife Anna and deceased members of the Cosgrove and Curran families.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Financially for the parish, like so many other businesses and you at home, this past year has proved to be a very challenging time for us, as our income has largely disappeared. Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to support our parish in the absence of public Masses.

Please continue to put aside your weekly contribution in your envelope and when the restrictions are eased you can bring your envelope back to the church or the parish office.

You can drop off your envelopes into the post box (on the left) at the parish office Thursday & Friday mornings.

You can donate online to our bank account – details on our parish website www.prosperousparish.net

You can donate online via Kandle.ie website

We appreciate your continued generosity and thanks to the many people who continue to support us with their contributions. God bless and thank you.

Fr. Bernard Reyhart

A PRAYER ON EASTER SUNDAY

Light a candle and pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence.

Make the Sign of the Cross, as you pray:

Lord of all life, You are our hope and our joy, our source of true happiness.

We have journeyed to Easter and in the most difficult of trials

we have renewed our baptism and proclaimed your resurrection.

We embrace with gladness the new life to which you call each one of us.

Bless us, our families and all the world, with your constant presence and protection.

May we give you thanks every day and share the good news of our faith with all we meet.

And may the light of our Easter faith guide our footsteps in your ways of love, peace and truth.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

If you have Holy Water, use it to bless yourself as you make the Sign of the Cross. Place your candle safely somewhere prominent in your home as a reminder of the Light of Christ amongst us.



4th April 2021

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

EASTER SUNDAY

No 1185

Easter Message 2021

The card read "This is the night in which Christ has destroyed death and from the dead He rises victorious! Happy Easter". The Easter card tradition is a much quieter one than what we all experience at Christmas. There isn't as large of a number of cards arriving at Easter and yet when we think about it, the celebration is even more profound than what we celebrate at Christmas.

We have just celebrated the Easter Triduum behind closed doors for the second year in succession. The most sacred season of the year once again without any physical congregation. This is very hard on people of faith. Once again I thank our priests and parish teams for their creativity and ingenuity in making great use of the webcam, FaceBook live, parish radio etc. to livestream ceremonies into the homes of parishioners. By doing so, the kitchen table in your home has become an extension of the altar in your local church. I thank all of you who have been leading prayer in your homes this past while. The domestic Church has come into its own during this pandemic. While the virtual will remain with us whenever this pandemic passes, we all long for the gathering, we all wish to be back with one another. We can really understand and empathise with the need the disciples had for gathering two thousand years ago.

It's interesting in the gospel, resurrection encounters take place not only behind closed doors, but in spite of them "in the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were" (Jn.20:19), and despite the closed doors Jesus walks among them. His message then and His message to us this Easter is no different "Peace be with you" (Jn.20:19). A tiny, invisible virus, thousands of times smaller than the head of a pin has tested our resilience, has torn apart our economies and has very much tweaked our priorities. Yet in all of this the Risen One walks among us, carrying us, comforting us, consoling us.

Just over a year ago Pope Francis spoke in a deserted St. Peter's Square and reflected on the text from St. Mark about the storm at sea and how Jesus was asleep at the stern. His message in that rain swept square was and remains that Jesus is very much with us. The Risen One walks by our side. As we celebrate Easter once more in the midst of the suffering the world is enduring because of this pandemic may you experience the new life of resurrection, and from another Easter card I read:

May the Lord bless you this Easter time: Bless you with faith, guard you in doubt;

Bless you with hope, uplift you in despair; Bless you with love, keep you from fear;

Bless you with peace, calm you in trouble; Bless you with mercy, help you to forgive;

Bless you with joy, comfort you in sorrow; So your heart may rejoice in Him who is Risen. Amen.

Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Easter spells out beauty,
the rare beauty of new life."

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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.

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This is the right time to propagate your snowdrops. Lift the clump, separate the bulbs carefully, replant in your designated area an inch or two apart. Cover with soil and firm them in. Water them immediately, even if rain is due. Please allow dandelions to bloom and grow. They are a very valuable source of food for our pollinators when little else is available to them.

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.

"Our Lord has written the promise of
resurrection, not in books alone, but in every
leaf in springtime." – *Martin Luther King Jr.*

EASTER BLESSINGS

I would like to say a word of thanks to all the people who helped out in any way in our church throughout Lent. To the people who led the Stations of the Cross each Friday night and to all who arranged and participated in our ceremonies this Easter Week. Thanks to the ladies in our altar society for the lovely flowers and to our sacristan Bill O'Reilly for all his help and hard work. I thank the parishioners for continuing to join with me on Webcam each week and I look forward to a time when we will gather together here in our church again soon.

May this Easter day bring you blessings of love, joy, peace and hope and may it linger in your hearts forever. God bless.

Fr. Bernard Reyhart

TROCAIRE

"Corona virus is spreading around the world, but in South Sudan it joins three other pandemics already ravaging my country – constant conflict, hunger and sexual violence. And Covid-19 is making them worse. In Sudan more than seven million people face the prospect of extreme hunger, that's nearly half the population. Statistics never tell the whole story, you have to put your feet in the other's shoes and imagine that it is your daughter, sister, aunt or grandmother dying in front of you because of hunger or a preventable disease. Things were not normal in South Sudan even before the arrival of this virus, with social structures destroyed by years of conflict. In this situation the role of the churches – to which two-thirds of the population belong, with the Catholic Church the largest – is paramount. No other institution has the same trust, or ability to reach the grassroots. If this pandemic is to be overcome, it will be in large part through the efforts of the churches." Please, keep South Sudan in your hearts this Lent." This piece was taken from a letter from Fr. James Oyet Latansio who is the General Secretary of the South Sudan Council of Churches and his message features on the Trócaire box this year, "Here are my hands, hold them, Please don't leave South Sudan alone. We need your prayers. We need your support. We need your love. We ask you to **please remember to give generously to Trócaire** this year.

ROSARY

Easter Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and Betty will lead us in the Rosary after morning Mass.

'The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the holy virgin'. (St. Therese of Lisieux)

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth Pastoral Programmes

The final date for applications to all of our Pastoral courses, (Dip / HDip / MTh / HDip / MTh Healthcare Chaplaincy) is Friday 9th April 2021.

If you're thinking of applying or know someone who is interested, please send an expression of interest by Friday 9th April to Caroline Tennyson at admissions@spcm.ie.

Applications are now being accepted through (PAC) The Postgrad Application system the link to PAC is on each course descriptor linked below

Interviews will take place by video call at the end of April. Details of the courses can be found below.

In September 2020 we added a new addition to our pastoral programmes the MTh in Pastoral Theology (Healthcare Chaplaincy)

For those afflicted in time of pandemic

Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

Almighty ever-living God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS
DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES
PEACE, LOVE & COMPASSION**

INTER- DIOCESAN EASTER MUSIC PROJECT - LENT 2021

During this Lent, the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore designed an innovative music project and generated a shared vision across 6 dioceses: **Waterford & Lismore, Kildare and Leighlin, Ferns, Kerry, Limerick, Dublin Arch Diocese & Elphin**, bringing together 66 students in over 17 schools and young people from several youth groups, to give a beautiful spiritual expression to this Easter Season and to generate much needed funds for the Charity, Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals at present feed school-going children 1,600,000 meals every day across the world. The young people recorded 3 songs, readings, reflections, and liturgical dance, that focus on the 3 movements of Easter – Palm Sunday- The Crucifixion– The Resurrection of our Lord.

Declan Browne, the diocesan advisor for Waterford and Lismore, who having been provoked by the challenges of these times wanted to propose a faith-based project that would connect with the schools and provide a meaningful space for our youth. Declan, whose background is in psychology and youth retreat work, has spent 25 years working directly with young people and realised that music and social justice issues particularly resonated with young people. This realisation has been the motivation behind this innovative project.

The project from the outset was a real team effort. Diocesan Advisors and Youth Workers in 6 dioceses worked hand in hand to identify students and young people across their own dioceses, fantastic music teachers promoted the idea to their students and helped them with the recordings and Holy Family Missions supported with their musical talents. The whole video production would have not been possible without the technological skills and dedication of *The Sisters of the Home of the Mother*. Video File by File they created such a meaningful, spiritual story of Jesus & the Easter event. And finally, the young people themselves. Not even a Pandemic could prevent the generous, kind-hearted, and talented spirit of our young people who supported such a worthy cause as 'Marys Meals'. Through their example they showed the true meaning of Easter as 'A Time of Hope.'

Click the link <https://youtu.be/jAopVZUJGpE> to watch the video and details on how to donate to Mary's Meals.