

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	12 June	7.30pm	1 st Anniversary Edward Holland. Patrick & Mary Phillips, their daughter Mairead & deceased members of the Phillips family. Jim & Rosie Walsh & their son Jimmy and deceased members of the Walsh family. Martin & Mary Nolan, Newtown & Nan Keane, Healy's Bridge.
Sun	13 June	10.00am	Maura Hegarty. Des Ward & remember his parents Eithne & Joe. Little girl (18 months old) who is very ill in hospital.. Michael from Tullamore – having treatment.
Mon	14 June	9.30am	
Tue	15 June	9.30am	
Tue	15 June	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	16 June	9.30am	
Thur	17 June	9.30am	
Fri	18 June	9.30am	Annie & James Brereton & Mary (Molly) Ward.
Sat	19 June	7.30pm	Del & Kathleen Weld. Tony Carr. Tom Dunne & remember his wife Rita. Mary & Ted Barrett. Bill & Pat Scully.
Sun	20 June	10.00am	1 st anniversary Mary Shortall & remember her parents Mai & Liam whose anniversaries also occur at this time. Kathleen Moore & her grandson M.J. Anne & Jim Fennell.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?

Permanent Deacons are ministers of the Word, the altar and service. Bishop Denis is inviting expressions of interest in learning more about formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. The Permanent Diaconate is open to men aged between 30 and 60 who have a genuine sense of vocation to this calling. Deacons are self-supporting and continue in their family lives and secular employment.

A new programme of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese will commence in October 2021.

For further information please contact Rev. John McEvoy before Saturday July 31st.

Tel: 059 9161114

Email: permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie

'You did not choose me but I chose you' – John 15:16

PROSPEROUS PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will open to the public Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 12noon. Only one person allowed in the office at a time. Please sanitize your hands and keep social distancing 2m.

Mass intentions can be booked by calling 045-841806 or emailing parishoffice@prosperousparish.net

Please remember to leave your phone number with your message.



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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th June 2021

No 1195

The Deep End – ‘It is like a mustard seed’

Something we may not often think about is Jesus' earthly relationship with creation. Jesus walked everywhere, went to quiet places to pray, preached from mountains, from boats on the water; his followers included fishermen in tune with the rhythm of the sea. In Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* – On Care for Our Common Home, he reminds us that Jesus *'was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder'* (*Laudato Si'*, 97). Jesus' parables are full of imagery from the natural world and in today's Gospel we have an example of this in the parable of the mustard seed. People of Jesus' time may have preferred the image of the lofty 'cedars of Lebanon' to explain God's kingdom, mustard plants however, only stand a few feet tall. Jesus is turning the ideals of power and triumph on their head. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over wherever it is planted and attracts unwanted birds. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to *kudzu*, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings. This mustard seed image of God's dream for this world is one which suggests that it will grow even in places where it is not wanted, putting cracks in seemingly mighty structures.

The New Testament not only tells us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout all of creation (Col 1:19-20). *'The very flowers of the field and the birds which [Christ's] human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence'* (*Laudato Si'*, 100). As we watch out for traces of the mustard seed kingdom this week, let us also embrace the joy of Christ in all of creation.

Written for the Intercom Magazine by Jane Mellett

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated.”

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: **045-841806**

Fr. Bernard Reyhart 085-2325095

Our Diocesan Website is www.kandle.ie

Our Website is: 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

COLLECTIONS

April	Envelopes	€2376.70
May	Envelopes	€2327.10
May	Basket	€1135.90

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish community of Prosperous:



Darcy Ann Catherine Whelan
Maynooth Road, Prosperous.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a few hours to spare every 4 to 2 weeks? The altar society is looking for new people to join them to help with flower arranging in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to help.

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.

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*

SICK CALLS

Fr. Bernard is planning to start back visiting the sick and household but is aware that some people might not be ready for this yet. The parish office will contact everyone on the list shortly. If anyone new would like Fr. Bernard to call to their home please contact him on 085-2325095.

PRAYER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Creator of our common home,
You fill the earth and sea and sky with life
Forgive us our neglect of your creation
The choking waste of our pollution
The damage done by careless habits
And our indifference to future generations.
Help us to amend our lives
To refuse more plastic if we can't reuse it
To lift our voice for lasting change
And to live well and gently on the earth
To the glory of your Son, the Living Word
Through whom you made this fragile world.
Amen.

PRAYERS

We ask our parishioners to please keep little Aria Brereton in your prayers. Aria is 4yrs old and is undergoing treatment for Leukaemia at the moment. We ask God to bless her and heal her and to help her family on this journey. We pray also for all our parishioners who are undergoing treatment at this time. We remember them and their families in our prayers.

EXAMS

We remember and pray for all our young people doing exams at this time. We ask the Holy Spirit to be with them and to calm their nerves and help them to concentrate on their exams. Help keep their minds alert and memory sharp. We ask God to guide them in their life choices and help them to use what they have learned in school to make our world a better place.

iCatholic player can be accessed via www.icatholic.ie

PROSPEROUS ECO-PARISH

Sister Maureen expresses sincere thanks to Prosperous Eco-Parish group for their efforts to protect the biodiversity of Kildare and to everybody for the generous donations towards tree planting and bringing clean water to vulnerable families in Uganda. Prosperous Eco-Parish would also like to thank very much everyone who supported the initiative, we raised €370.78.

LITTLE WAY CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

If you have been recently diagnosed, are undergoing treatment or you have experienced a bereavement due to cancer, The Little Way Cancer Support Centre based in Clane can provide you with the emotional and practical support free of charge to those affected by cancer. We are able to facilitate face to face support sessions. Open Monday - Friday from 10am -2pm you can make an appointment by ringing 045-902996 or out of hours 087-2983140.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15th

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day serves as a call to organisations and communities to raise awareness about Elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Research suggests that 4 – 10% of older people experience some form of abuse, most of which will go unreported. This day is to make sure we remain focused on our older populations and ensure that they continue to lead lives of high quality and dignity. You can show your support by wearing a purple ribbon on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th.

PRESENT FOR MY TEACHER

www.presentformyteacher.com is where parents and guardians can buy an online gift for their children's teachers in exchange for a donation towards the work of Mary's Meals. Every donation will help to support their mission to provide nutritious daily meals to some of the world's poorest children in their place of education. Donations of **any** amount are gratefully accepted and for just €18.30, a child can receive daily meals while they learn for an entire school year. It is really two gifts in one: your children can safely send a beautiful e-card via email to recognise and thank their teacher, while simultaneously giving a gift of hope to hungry children across the globe.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The Government has given permission for ceremonies to go ahead from July but we are waiting on further instruction from Bishop Denis before finalising our plans for celebrating the sacraments here in our parish. I thank you for your patience.

Fr. Bernard

WEBCAM

Apologies to anyone who experienced problems with our Webcam this week - our internet was down for a few days and this caused problems for our webcam but we are back up and running again now. Our Masses continue to be live-streamed daily on our Church webcam <https://prosperousparish.net/webcam>

Announcing The Irish Church Music Association Virtual Summer School 'Songs of Love, Faith, Trust & Praise' July 7th-10th 2021

Streaming on ICMA Facebook and YouTube with workshops Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 8pm and on Saturday at 2pm, followed by closing Eucharist. No booking required.

FREE EVENT

An ICMA virtual choir will accompany the summer school. This project is open to all and we hope lots of you will join us for 4 days of music workshops, prayer and liturgical input as we explore the psalms of love, faith, trust and praise!

THE SISTERS OF MERCY SUMMER SERIES

The Sisters of Mercy of the Northern Province, Ireland are delighted to announce a Summer Series of comhthionól ar líne (online gatherings) to mark 50 years since the publication of "A Theology of Liberation" (Teología de la Liberación) by Gustavo Gutiérrez. Please find information on the attached flyer. Here is the Eventbrite Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/summer-series-of-comhthionol-ar-line-online-gatherings-tickets-157753560145>