

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	18 Sep	7.30pm	Christopher Delaney & Jack Bagnall. Suzie O'Reilly.
Sun	19 Sep	10.00am	Ned Malone, late of Anne Street. Joan Power and we remember her husband Billy.
Mon	20 Sep	11.00am	FUNERAL MASS FOR MICHAEL FARRELL
Tue	21 Sep	9.30am	
Tue	21 Sep	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	22 Sep	9.30am	
Thur	23 Sep	9.30am	
Fri	24 Sep	9.30am	
Sat	25 Sep	7.30pm	Imelda & Michael McGee. Andrew & Anne Fitzachary, grandson Eoin & deceased members of the Fitzachary and Dreelan families. Tom & Annie McCormack, Churchview Lawns.
Sun	26 Sep	10.00am	Margaret Dempsey & her parents Margaret & Christopher Hannon. Geraldine Travers & we remember Billy Travers & deceased members of the Travers and Moriarty families.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Farrell, Mylerstown whose funeral takes place here on Monday.
Anthony Griffin, Leixlip whose funeral took place during the week.
John Lawlor, Prosperous & late of Walkinstown.
Our sincere sympathy to their families at this sad and difficult time.

PROSPEROUS PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is now open to the public Thursdays and Fridays from 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.

HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE PETITION

Two UN Conferences – One opportunity for Catholics worldwide to listen to Pope Francis and act out our faith. We have an opportunity like no other. At the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in October, world leaders can set meaningful targets to protect creation. In November, at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), countries will announce their plans to meet the goals of the Paris agreement. **Ahead of those meetings, it is our responsibility as Catholics to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf. We must act now.** Our common home and common family are suffering – the climate emergency is causing rising seas, a warmer planet and more extreme weather. It's devastating the lives of our poorest sisters and brothers. At the same time, biologists estimate that we're driving species to extinction at a rate of 100 to 1,000 times their usual rate. "We have no such right" (Laudato Si' 33)
Please join our diocese in signing the Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition so that the political leaders participating in COP15 and COP26 take action for all members of creation this year. The petition can be signed at www.thecatholicpetition.org



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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

19th September 2021

No 1209

SEASON OF CREATION 01 September – 04 October 2021
Restoring Our Common Home

Prayer for the Season of Creation 2021

Creator of All, We are grateful that from your communion of love you created our planet to be a home for all. By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water and air. Each part of creation praises you in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life. With the Psalmist, we sing your praise that in your house "even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young." We remember that you call human beings to keep your garden in ways that honor the dignity of each creature and conserve their place in the abundance of life on Earth. But we know that our will to power pushes the planet beyond her limits. Our consumption is out of harmony and rhythm with Earth's capacity to heal herself. Habitats are left barren or lost. Species are lost and systems fail. Where reefs and burrows, mountaintops and ocean deeps once teemed with life and relationships, wet and dry deserts lie empty, as if uncreated. Human families are displaced by insecurity and conflict, migrating in search of peace. Animals flee fires, deforestation and famine, wandering in search of a new place to find a home to lay their young and live. In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism. Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community. Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the Sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is.... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you."

Pope Francis.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.”

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

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Christian community of Prosperous:

Luke Patrick Cullen,
Barrington Court.

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.

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.

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.

iCatholic player can be accessed via
www.icatholic.ie

PARISH EMAIL & WEBSITE

Email: parishoffice@prosperousparish.net

Website: www.prosperousparish.net

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend the Diocese celebrates Safeguarding Sunday. On this day we turn the spotlight on safeguarding and remind our communities and parish personnel that protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is about creating an opportunity for parishes to find out all the positive work that has been happening in terms of safeguarding over the past year. Safeguarding in each parish could not happen without the commitment and work of many paid and volunteer personnel including local safeguarding representatives, sacristans, youth leaders, choir leaders and priests.

We remember those who have experienced abuse in our Diocese and remind people of the Towards Healing confidential and free counselling service, Ph. 1800 303 416, Monday to Friday 11.00am to 6.00pm. They provide face to face counselling, structured phone counselling, family counselling and a counselling helpline.

The Safeguarding Committee has produced a short video to mark this day, and this will be available to view on www.kandle.ie

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion here this weekend. I want to thank their parents & guardians for passing on the faith to their children. It was a long wait due to the pandemic and government restrictions but finally it was fantastic to be here to welcome the children along with their parents and guardians to celebrate the sacrament of First Holy Communion. I want to express my thanks to all the people involved in the ceremonies – Geraldine Hetheron & the teachers & staff in Scoil an Linbh Íosa / the altar society & the volunteers who cleaned the church / Stewards / Billy Carey for his beautiful singing /sacramental co-ordinator Anne Garry / Sacristan Bill O’ Reilly. Thank you so much for all your help and may God bless you all and reward you.

Fr. Bernard

TOWARDS HEALING

Towards Healing is an independent organisation providing professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical, or religious abuse in Ireland. The service is provided by lay, independent and fully accredited therapists. Freephone 1800 303416.

Hearing impaired Text Line Number: 085-8022859 www.towardshealing.ie

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ECO-CONGREGATION PARISH

We are going into the third week of season of creation. Let’s continue with some good practices for our planet. Leaving an untidy/wild corner of your garden - or nettles, brambles or ivy - is a great idea for lots of biodiversity. Leave leaf litter, as moth and butterfly larvae overwinter there. By dumping it you are destroying a whole generation of insects and also affecting the diet of the birds that rely on it for food.

Nettles are the food plant for a lot of butterfly caterpillars. The common nettle is the food plant of small tortoise shell, red admiral, comma and peacock butterflies. Bramble provides vital food for pollinating insects in summer and berries for birds and mammals in autumn. You can clip it back in winter to keep it contained, having enjoyed the blackberries! Allow ivy to flower - late autumn important for bumble bee queens to prepare for hibernation. Ivy provides good cover for nesting birds, the ivy berries are very important to our birds in late winter when food is scarce. Planting native trees is an excellent way to help biodiversity and to help our climate at the same time. There is a tree to suit every type of garden. Do your research and chose your tree carefully according to the location and size of your garden. Hawthorne is a good choice if it grows too large you can coppice it every few years to reduce it's size and it will grow new branches and new shoots. Herbs for Health, second last talk on gardening for nature in Zero Waste Community Garden Rathcoffey, Tuesday 21st September 7pm. Free. All Welcome. Great Community Effort - Great Source of Information.

'We garden because we believe in Tomorrow'

MIGRANT SUNDAY COLLECTION

Migrant Sunday takes place on the 26th of September. Next weekend we are going to have a second collection after communion to support the work of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) who provides grant funding to Irish organisations overseas working with the most vulnerable of our emigrant community; from the elderly and isolated to the undocumented and those dealing with mental health problems.

Is there more to life than this?

For questions like this, try Online Alpha.

Alpha is a series of 10 interactive sessions, exploring Christianity and Faith. Each session consisting of a 30 min video followed by open discussion and sharing of experiences. Starting Thursday 16th September for 1hr 8pm to 9pm. In the comfort of your own home on a laptop, phone or tablet.

All are welcome, you will not be disappointed. Please register by supplying your name, email and phone number to the presenters: -

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PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

We are currently recruiting for the following vacancies:

Assistant Housekeepers – Focolare Centre, Prosperous – Ref: 2173418

Groundskeeper/Caretaker – Focolare Centre, Prosperous – Ref: 2173420

Catering Assistants/Care Givers – Muintireas Club Prosperous – Ref: 2173416

Tidy Towns Workers – Prosperous Village – Ref: 2173417

Please visit the Jobs Ireland Website (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.

LOUGH DERG

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. **Advance booking is essential.** For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 071 9861518. www.loughderg.org