

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	15 Jan	7.30pm	Martina McGovern & remember her son Frankie. Liam O'Connor & deceased family members. Nancy O'Farrell.
Sun	16 Jan	10.00am	Denis & Catherine Dunney & deceased members of the Graham & Dunney families. Tim Cassidy. Remembrance on the anniversary of Mona Casey and also remember her husband Paddy. Mary Ennis, Firmount, Clane.
Mon	17 Jan	9.30am	
Tue	18 Jan	9.30am	Elizabeth O'Shea and remember her husband Joe.
Tue	18 Jan	10am to 12 Noon	Eucharistic Adoration after Mass.
Wed	19 Jan	9.30am	Communion Prayer Service
Thur	20 Jan	9.30am	
Fri	21 Jan	9.30am	
Sat	22 Jan	7.30pm	Kitty Nevin and remember her husband Joe and deceased members of the Nevin & Weld families. Anthony Byrne & remember his wife Brigid and son Tony.
Sun	23 Jan	10.00am	1 st Anniversary Carmel Dockery & remember her husband Ciaran. Marie Fitzpatrick & deceased members of the Fitzpatrick family Killybegs. Cáit Kulcsar Dockery – Connecticut – recently deceased. Maggie Fitzpatrick & remember her husband Tommy.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bridget (Bid) Dunne, Mylerstown (sister of Nan Dunne, Hatter's Cross)
Our sincere sympathy to her family at this sad and difficult time.

Dioceses of Ferns, Kildare & Leighlin & Ossory

Invite applications for suitably qualified persons for the position of
Data Protection Officer – DPO

Dioceses of Ferns, Kildare & Leighlin & Ossory)

This will be a 3year Part-Time Fixed Term Contract (16 hours)

The purpose of this role is to assist the three Dioceses and their constituent parishes and agencies to ensure continued compliance with the requirements of the General Data protection Regulation (GDPR). The Catholic Church recognises that good pastoral care and respect for the dignity of every person requires that personal data should be sourced, stored, processed and eventually disposed of in an appropriate manner and welcomes the essential principles underlying the GDPR.

Further information and application procedure available at kandle.ie

Closing date for applications by post on or before 4th February 2022 to:

Ossory Diocesan office, James's Street, Kilkenny, R95 NH60

Email: admin@ossory.ie Phone: 056-7762448

The Dioceses of Ferns, Kildare & Leighlin and Ossory are equal opportunity employers.
Canvassing will disqualify.



16th January 2022

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

No 1224

Gospel reflection for children:

From Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

What do you remember from the reading today?

Jesus, his mother Mary, and the disciples were at a wedding, where they ran out of wine. Mary asked Jesus to help and so he changed some water into wine so that the celebration could continue.

How do you think that the servants must have felt when they saw that the water had turned into wine?

It must have been very surprising for them. And for the bride and bridegroom who were told that they had saved the best wine for last.

What do you think the word “miracle” means?

When we don't know how something happens, and we know it can only have been done by God, we call it a miracle. Turning the water into wine is the first miracle that Jesus performs. Can you think of any others? (*feeding the 5,000, healing people etc*)

Why do you think he performed this miracle, turning the water into wine? What does it tell us about him?

The miracle shows us how special and important Jesus is. It shows us that he is the Son of God and that he can do anything.

While we cannot work miracles, we can make real changes that make a difference to our own lives and the lives of others.

Joseph is a member of a CAFOD group in his primary school. They meet at lunchtime to do different activities and learn about, pray and help other children around the world who live in poverty.

Joseph and his friends planned their own CAFOD fundraiser to raise money to help even more children. Thousands of children also let world leaders know that the eyes of the world were watching them ahead of the climate change talks last November. They made sure that their voices and the voices of those who are already facing floods, storms and natural disasters because of the changing climate were heard.

What changes do you think we can make to help build a fairer world, so that all people have what they need to live happy, healthy and peaceful lives?

Through seeing Jesus' miracle the disciples believed in him. Through our actions we hope that others will see that we believe in Jesus too.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact.”

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

This Week

Paddy O'Reilly & Mary O'Mahoney

Next Week

Tom O'Rourke & Valerie Moran

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

This Week

Des O'Doherty & Siobhan Mullins

Next Week

Ann Dempsey & Sheila Walsh

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.

USED STAMPS

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

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

iCatholic player can be accessed via
www.icatholic.ie

THE CRIB

Our Crib will remain in our church for the next few weeks. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions we ask people not to congregate around the crib after Mass but to come back and visit at a quieter time outside of Mass times. Please adhere to social distancing at all times.

PROSPEROUS PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is open to the public Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 12noon. Please remember to follow the HSE guidelines at all times. Mass intentions can be booked by calling 045-841806 or emailing parishoffice@prosperousparish.net. Please remember to leave your phone number with your message.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

The church envelopes for 2022 were delivered over Christmas. We are aware that we have new people living in our parish or some parishioners who have not yet registered for envelopes – if anyone would like to contribute to our church please contact the parish office for a box of envelopes.

COLOURING PAGE

In our church porch you will find a picture of “The wedding in Cana” for children to take home and colour in. We ask parents to encourage their children to read and discuss the Gospel reflection on the front page of our bulletin

SYNOD NEWS

Did you know that there is a dedicated page given to the synod on our diocesan website? Find out more about the universal synod and the synodal pathway for the Irish Church at www.kandle.ie/synod. This page will continue to be added to as we move deeper into the synod journey.. Under Synod Resources you will find a very short video explaining the synod as well as three longer videos looking to: Synodality – What does it mean? How does it work? Why does it matter? The prayer for the synod can be found on this page and we very much.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Kildare Co. Council Mobile Library will visit Prosperous (Church View Lawns) on Tuesday 18th January from 2pm to 4pm.

HOUSE VISITS

The past two years have been very difficult for many of our parishioners and we are aware that some people have not yet returned to Mass and continue to join us via Webcam from the safety of their own home. If anyone knows people who would like Fr. Bernard to call and see them and bring Communion to them please contact the Parish Office on 045-841806 or give Fr. Bernard a call on 085-2325095

PRAYER SERVICE

There will be a Morning Prayer Service and Communion Service in our Church every Wednesday morning at 9.30am instead of the usual morning Mass. If you would like to take part in the prayer Service as a reader or as a Eucharistic Minister we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the Parish office. Tel: 045-841806

Email: parishoffice@prosperousparish.net

SCHOOL RETREATS AVAILABLE AT KNOCK SHRINE

We are delighted to announce that the Youth Ministry at Knock Shrine will resume school retreats throughout 2022. School retreats are available to both primary and secondary schools and offer students a meaningful, spiritually uplifting day to reflect within themselves and experience quality time with their fellow students. Retreat programmes are flexible and can be tailored to suit your group's needs or time limitations. If you would like to plan a school retreat, please get in touch with a member of our Youth Ministry team:

T: (094) 93 75321

E: youthministry@knockshrine.ie or find out more at www.knockshrine.ie/news

MISSING UMBRELLA

Monica McGrath left her umbrella in the church porch on Christmas morning and unfortunately when she came back to get it – it was gone. It's of huge sentimental value to Monica. It's blue in colour, and on the inside there are photos of the 7 wonders of the World. Monica is offering a reward for the return of her umbrella. If anyone has seen it please contact Monica or the Parish Office.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for new volunteers to join our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers here in our church. Please give your name and phone number into the parish office or speak to Fr. Bernard. We would love to see some of our teenagers getting involved in these ministries.

ALTAR SERVERS

We are hoping to have our altar servers back ministering in our church shortly. Children who have already made their First Holy Communion will be eligible. Application forms will be available from the parish office (045-841806).

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will begin on Tuesday next, 18 January, and last until 25 January. The theme this year is

“We saw the star in the East, and we come to worship him” (Mt 2:2).

In this fragile and uncertain world, we look for light. We look for the good within ourselves, but often we are so overwhelmed by our weakness that hope fails us. Our confidence rests in God, who in wisdom, enables us to hope for his mercy. We are surprised when it comes in human form: Christ is the light in our midst! God's gift to us is a 'spirit of power, and love'. We are drawn forward on the way to this perfect light by God's Holy Spirit, not by relying on our own strength and ability. In the midst of darkness, the star from the East penetrates the depths of the darkness that separates us from one another. The star's light continues to shine and to change the face of history. Throughout the ages, by the lives of Christ's followers, the world has come to know the hope that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. And the Risen One continues to shine, like a beacon guiding all into this perfect light and overcoming the darkness which separates us from one another. The desire to overcome the darkness that separates us compels us to pray and work for Christian unity.

Prayer

Creator of light, illumine our path by the light of Christ who moves before us and leads us. May he be a beacon for our pilgrimage. Enlighten us and dwell within us. Guide us to discover a manger in our hearts where a great light still shines. We thank you for the gift of that unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in him. Amen.