

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	20 Aug	7.30pm	John Cummins. Peg Ennis, Ballinafagh & remember her husband John & son Edward & deceased members of the Ennis & Gannon families. Gabrielle Lee. Tommy Fitzpatrick & remember his wife Maggie.
Sun	21 Aug	10.00am	
Mon	22 Aug	9.30am	
Tue	23 Aug	9.30am	May Ivers & remember her son Michael.
Tue	23 Aug	10am to 12 Noon	Eucharistic Adoration after Mass
Wed	24 Aug	9.30am	Communion Prayer Service
Thur	25 Aug	9.30am	Ned Cox, Carbury.
Fri	26 Aug	9.30am	
Sat	27 Aug	7.30pm	Birthday Remembrance for Carmel Storey. Paddy Doherty.
Sun	28 Aug	10.00am	

PROSPEROUS PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is open to the public
Monday / Tuesday / Thursday/ Friday from 10am to 12noon.

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

Please remember to leave your phone number with your message.

A STUDENT'S PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

We give you praise, O God, for everything that is new and beautiful,
For everything which holds promise and brings us joy.

Bless us as we start this new year with our friends and teachers.

Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh.

May we show love to one another and to all.

May the new beginning of this school year remind us
that you give us chances to start over again and again.

Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness.

Help us to learn and to work together.

Help us to listen when we should and to know the best words when we speak
and when it is better not to speak.

We thank you for our friends – Help us to be good friends this year.

Help us to be patient with ourselves and with others.

Bless our school and keep us safe.

Be with us as we travel each day.

Help us to be aware of your love shown to us in the people around us.

Bless all those who care for us in school and at home.

Help us show our care for them and to say sorry when we need to.

May the Blessed Mother Mary protect us and help us to live as well as we can,
giving thanks and glory to God as she did through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st August 2022

No 1253

Gospel reflection for children:

The symbol for this week is a **door**. What could a **door** symbolize? - a way to enter or leave a room. Today Jesus talks about the ways to be more like him and how to enter heaven.

Last week, in the Gospel, Jesus said that he did not come to bring peace to the world. What do you think it might mean when the Responsorial Psalm says that those who love Jesus' law have peace? - when you do the right thing, you feel good inside yourself - so others may not understand and may not like you but you have peace in your heart because you know doing what Jesus wants is the right thing to do.

Has anyone ever been punished? Was it fun? But did you learn anything from it? Did it help you become a better person? When you were punished, did you already know that you had done something wrong? Usually when we are punished, we already know that it is coming. Another word for God's punishment is "Consequence".

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the book of Luke (Lk 13:22-30) We have been talking about punishment and having peace in your heart. What does that have to do with a door? Becoming a better person, following Jesus, helps us to enter heaven. Getting into heaven is a consequence of doing the right thing. It's something that all of us CAN do – but many of us WON'T do it. We try to take the easy way when we should think every day of how we can do what Jesus would do. Think of the door as the entrance to heaven and listen to what St Luke tells us that Jesus said.

What was the parable? If you were going to a house and there were two doors, a big wide one and a tiny narrow one, which do you think that most people would choose? - the large one. Why? - because it would be the easiest to go through.

Jesus is telling us not to do what most others do. He is telling us to think, to pray to him and to do everything we can to become better people, more like him. He tells us that is the way to heaven.

For several weeks, we have been talking about what it is like to be a Christian. Jesus did not do things in the easy or lazy way or the way everyone else does things. He asks us to *actively* follow him. He asks us to stand up and make the world a better place.

Perhaps for one meal this week, eat very simply- like soup and salad. Take the money you saved and buy food for the food pantry. As a family, clean your rooms! Find 2 or 3 things that you can each donate to those less fortunate than you.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Recognize that on certain days the greatest grace is that the day is over and you get to close your eyes. Tomorrow comes more brightly.”

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat 20 Aug 7.30pm Caroline Ennis
Sun 21 Aug 10.00am Marie Gordon
Sat 27 Aug 7.30pm Paddy O'Reilly
Sun 28 Aug 10.00am Lurlene Duggan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sat 20 Aug 7.30pm Anne Garry
Sun 21 Aug 10.00am Mary Daly
Sat 27 Aug 7.30pm Angela O'Dwyer
Sun 28 Aug 10.00am Gay Blake

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays from 10am until 12noon & also available via our Webcam.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Are you interested in helping out in our church? The Altar Society is looking for more people to get involved and join a rota for flower arranging please. If you are interested please contact the parish office 045-841806.

AFRICAN MASS

An African Mass is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month in St. Brigid's Church, Kildare at 2pm. **All are welcome.**

iCatholic player can be accessed via www.icatholic.ie

NATIONAL SYNTHESIS OF SYNODAL PROCESS

The national synthesis – which has now been submitted to the Synod Secretariat in the Vatican as part of the global synodal process announced by Pope Francis for the Church is available to read and download on www.kandle.ie

Dr Nicola Brady, Chair of the Synod Steering Committee, said, “We invite everyone to read the national synthesis and reflect on what we are called to do, as individuals and as a church community, as a result of what we have heard. The issues raised are not new, but the honesty and clarity with which they have been articulated in this process, and the relational approach that has characterised the work to date, offers a strong foundation to build upon. Some of the findings are stark, many of the experiences shared are painful, but there have also been many hopeful and encouraging aspects, notably the importance many people have placed on this process and the skills and experience we will take forward into the subsequent phases of this work. Important questions have been set out for deeper reflection and pastoral action at every level of Church life and there will be many more opportunities for people to get involved and help shape this process.”

MUINTIREAS SUMMER OUTING 2022

The Muintireas outing will take place on Monday 22nd August departing at 10.15am. We will visit The Arboretum, Leighlinbridge / Delta Sensory Gardens, Carlow and The Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow for lunch. For further information please contact:
Anne @ 086 – 8628334 or
Patricia @ 087 – 6885708.

SHORT PRAYER VIGIL AND A MOMENTS SILENCE FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE CONTINUES EVERY SUNDAY AT 11AM AT THE PLAYGROUND / PARK. PROSPEROUS ALL ARE WELCOME.

WHY STUDY THE CATECHISM?

To get a brief authoritative overall statement of the whole of our Catholic Faith. Liturgical or biblical studies do not fully explain the social teaching of the Church, for instance, or help us to understand what exactly the Church is (20 pages in the Catechism.)

Based largely on the documents of Vatican II *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* show faith and reason linked in a wonderful network.

Weekly Meetings resume on September 8th 10-30 am in the Parish Centre.

There is no charge and all are welcome.

SUPPORTING CATHOLIC PARENTS

On Tuesday 6th September, there will be a conference on Zoom hosted by ‘The Hook of Faith’. The topic of the conference will be: **‘Supporting Catholic Parents: Sharing the Catholic Vision of Love and Human Sexuality with Our Children’**. The speaker will be Fr Chris Hayden, author of the recently published book: ‘A Better Vision: Understanding and Living the Catholic Vision of Human Sexuality’. The conference will begin at 8pm and conclude at 9pm. All are welcome. All you need to take part is send an email to: thehookoffaith@gmail.com This conference is designed to help Catholic parents be the best educators of their children in the areas of faith and morality in our modern culture.

The Meaning Crisis, Modernity and the Christian Way

Benburb Priory will soon host a day conference on the meaning crisis (rise in suicides, depression, and more) and the Christian way, today. The conference will feature leading Christian thinkers, including Paul Kingsnorth, Paul Vander Klay, and Fr Calvin Robinson. This event will take place on Friday 2nd September. Tickets are available at Benburbpriory.com now. All are welcome. Details at [The Meaning Crisis](http://TheMeaningCrisis.com), [Modernity, and the Christian Way: A Benburb Priory Conference - Benburb Priory](http://ModernityandtheChristianWay.com)

ECO PARISH GROUP

Our Eco Parish Garden is part of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan and is registered with the National Biodiversity Data Centre. Here are their recommendations if you have been growing a wildflower meadow;

Don't mow just yet – August's seeds feed next year's bees!

*“Many of our beautiful long-flowering ‘Don't Mow Let it Grow’ meadows are coming towards the end of their cycle for this year. There can be a temptation to mow now as the meadow begins to look dead and less tidy. Hold off if you can! From mid-August many plants will be producing seed, ready to drop into the soil. If you give them a chance to do this, you'll reap the rewards next year. It's always good to try to leave the meadows into September before you mow for the year. Remember, when you do cut - you should **remove the cuttings** to gradually reduce the soil fertility and give next year's wildflowers a chance to compete with the more dominant grass species”.*

We are always looking for new members and for ideas on what we can do to for the environment. Email us at: ProsperousEcoParish@outlook.com or see our Facebook page; Eco Parish, Prosperous.

CARDIAC REHAB PODCAST

“It's Cardiac Rehab” – A podcast series bringing together experts in cardiac rehab and patients who have attended cardiac rehabilitation. Topics included are exercise, medication, healthy eating and the psychological impact of living with heart disease. If you have had a cardiovascular event such as a heart attack, coronary artery stenting or coronary artery bypass surgery – log onto <https://irishheart.ie/services-for-you/its-cardiac-rehab-podcast/> for information and support.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

I am delighted to announce that with effect from Friday 2nd September our First Friday Mass will return to the Parish Centre at the new time of 10am. This will be followed by a cup of tea. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to our Mass in the Parish Centre.

Fr. Bernard.