

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	03 Sep	7.30pm	25 th Anniversary Frank Gorry.
Sun	04 Sep	10.00am	1 st Anniversary Bridget Rock & deceased members of the Rock family. Mary Cassidy, Graigues. The Rosary will be recited after Mass.
Sun	04 Sep	10.45am	Special Intention.
Mon	05 Sep	9.30am	1 st Anniversary Sean Treacy.
Tue	06 Sep	9.30am	Eucharistic Adoration after Mass
Tue	06 Sep	10am to 12 Noon	Communion Prayer Service
Wed	07 Sep	9.30am	Kitty Ryan & remember her husband Pa & deceased members of the Ryan & Kingston families.
Thur	08 Sep	9.30am	
Fri	09 Sep	10.00am	Christopher Delaney & Jack Bagnall.
Sat	10 Sep	7.30pm	25 th Anniversary Michael O'Connell & remember the deceased members of the O'Connell & O'Connor families. Betty Martin-Cullen. May Daly.
Sun	11 Sep	10.00am	

RECENTLY DECEASED

**Mary Gilligan (née Dunne), Rathangan & formerly of Prosperous.
Our sincere sympathy to her family at this sad and difficult time.**

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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

“For we know that things can change!” (Laudato Si’, 13)

Suggested Practical Actions for Parishes / Families during the Season of Creation

Look up the Laudato Si’ Action Platform and see how your family, school, parish or business might achieve the Laudato Si’ Goals by 2030: www.laudatosiactionplatform.org

Spend some time outside each day, in awareness, reconnect with nature.

Pray in and with nature – Encourage Laudato Si’ themed gardens in your parish; bless an area on church grounds specifically for outdoor meditation or prayer.

Organise a parish clean up, during the Season of Creation.

Check out the Faith Community Pollinator plan and think about how you could implement this in your church grounds, creating wildflower meadows, installing bug hotels etc.

<https://pollinators.ie/communities/faith-communities/> Invite local schools or groups to help.

Start to grow some of your own food; support local producers.

Compost your garden and food waste, in the parish too!

Avoid or reduce the use of chemicals in your home or parish garden.

Use (vinegar, baking soda) and buy eco- friendly cleaners. See (www.ecoverdirect.com)

Plant pollinator friendly plants in your window box or garden at home and in your parish grounds.

www.biodiversityireland.ie



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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th September 2022

No 1255

Gospel reflection for children:

What do you remember from today's reading?

Jesus tells the crowds two short stories to explain what being a disciple means, and to show us that if we want to follow him we must give up everything.

What do you think “giving up everything” means? I think that it means that we need to try to see that Jesus is the most important person in our lives. We must also “carry our cross” which means accepting the things we find difficult in our lives and asking for God's help in these difficult things.

These difficult things might be people we find it hard to get on with, lessons in school that we find boring or wanting something we can't have. It might be not having enough to eat or even living somewhere where there is violence. For a few moments in silence, think about what you find difficult and ask for God's help now.

The first story is about a man who wants to build a tower. He must work out the cost to make sure he has enough money and resources to finish the job.

The second story is about a king who is going to war. He must first count his soldiers and resources to make sure he can win the battle.

What do you think these stories are telling us? Both stories tell us about how important it is not to rush straight into something without thinking about it first. We need to prepare so that we can see our project through to the finish. It needs to be done properly.

Perhaps you can think of something big that you were asked to do. Maybe you thought it was too hard and that you'd never manage it, but it turned out you could do it! How did you feel when you'd finished?

On the other hand is there anything you've ever rushed into without thinking about it and then you weren't able to finish or it went wrong? Perhaps you were asked to help your friends at school or to help around the house and you didn't do as much as you could? How did you feel about that? And how do you think the person who asked you to help in the first place felt?

Jesus is telling us that following him and being a disciple is something that we have to see through to the finish. We need to follow Jesus always and this isn't always easy. Often we are distracted by other people or by thinking about what we want, rather than about what Jesus wants for us. Throughout our lives as followers of Jesus we might have to choose to do what Jesus wants even if it means not always being popular. It is hard but God is with us all the way to help and guide us.

How will you follow Jesus this week at home or in school? See if you can try to do one thing to show that you follow him, and finish it, even if it is difficult. What will that be?

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Never be too busy to meet someone new.”

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

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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

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat 03 Sep 7.30pm Denis McKennedy
Sun 04 Sep 10.00am Deirdre Fitzpatrick
Sat 10 Sep 7.30pm Kevin Kiernan
Sun 11 Sep 10.00am Marie Gordon

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sat 03 Sep 7.30pm Rosarii McKennedy
Sun 04 Sep 10.00am Siobhan Mullins
Sat 10 Sep 7.30pm Des O'Doherty
Sun 11 Sep 10.00am Sheila Walsh

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

CATECHISM

Catechism meeting for adults, started back Mondays, 8:00p.m to 9:30p.m. The Catechism explains everything we need to be Catholic. We discuss it in a friendly and open way, and all are welcome. We meet upstairs in Prosperous Parish Centre. Any queries, please call Alice 087 6505803.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS

We remember and pray for all our young people who received their results during the week. We ask God to help them make the right choices in whatever they decide to do in life.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We send our best wishes to Geraldine Hetherton as she officially starts her retirement this week. We thank her for her dedication and hard work over the past few years. We also welcome the new principal, Paul Cassidy to our school. We wish him well and look forward to working with him in the future.

ROSARY

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. The Rosary will be recited after morning Mass.

SICK CALLS

Under GDPR Fr. Bernard is not allowed to go into hospital or nursing homes to visit the sick without prior permission being put in place by the family. This must be done directly with the hospital. He will gladly visit if this is in place. If anyone has a loved one or neighbour who would like to receive communion in their home just contact Fr. Bernard or the Parish Office.

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 do 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.

WIDER OPTIONS

Wider Options - September 2022 - Limited Places available. Wider Options is a one-year, mature adult education programme, suitable for people who have been out of the workplace and wish to upskill or wish to move out of low paid employment. Core classes are from 9 to 1pm Monday to Friday and would, therefore, suit people who have school going children. There are no tuition fees for EU citizens. You are invited to attend an **Information Meeting on Tuesday 6th September @ 10am in St Conleth's Community College, Station Road, Newbridge.** For further information please email the course coordinator on MCurley@stconlethcc365.ie or contact the school secretary on (045) 431417. 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.

ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK 2022

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland have launched *Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2022*, proudly supported by Irish Life, which is taking place nationwide on **Sunday, 18th September** to mark World Alzheimer's Month 2022.

Alzheimer's Memory Walk is a *family-friendly* event suitable for all ages and abilities to unite together with their families and communities to raise awareness and funds for dementia supports. To register for the walk please visit <https://alzheimer.ie/register-below-for-memory-walk/>

VOLUNTEER WITH ALONE

ALONE provide services to older people living at home. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services: a Visitation and Befriending Service, and a Telephone Support and Befriending Service.

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> or more information, contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086 1366539

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

CPE is an internationally recognised training programme for Healthcare Chaplaincy. CPE can also be used for a time of sabbatical, discernment or faith formation. It is our intention to re-open the CPE centre at University Hospital Kerry in 2023. For further information or to make an enquiry please contact Dr Margaret Naughton at 066-7184000 or email naughtonmargaret@yahoo.com

**iCatholic player can be accessed via
www.icatholic.ie**

SEASON OF CREATION

01 September to 04 October

This year the theme is

“Listen to the Voice of Creation”

During the Covid-19 pandemic, many have become familiar with the concept of being muted in conversations. Many voices are muted in public discourse around climate change and the ethics of Earth-keeping.

These are voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change. These are voices of people who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of a diminishing diversity of more-than-human species. It is the voice of the Earth. **This year the Season of Creation invites us to Listen to the Voice of Creation.**

You will find some helpful resources:

at www.Catholicbishops.ie and

at www.seasonofcreation.org

Brother River Meditation

A three minute reflection of nature sounds and visuals. <https://youtu.be/yUUibGTmfW8>

ST. MOCHUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESUMPTION OF PRESENTATIONS

St. Mochua Historical Society Timahoe

Civil War in North Kildare,

June – September 1922,

Including the Battle of Skryne

Powers Pub, Timahoe,

September 7th 8.30pm

By Seamus Cullen

The PowerPoint presentation will focus on the two first months of the Civil War in North Kildare including the capture by the National army of Maynooth and Coolcarrigan, two anti-treaty strongholds in the area. More than 100 activists were taken into custody with the majority interned in Dundalk Jail. Following the capture of the prison by the anti-treaty side the Kildare internees were given their freedom, sent back fully armed to their native county. However, at Skryne in Co. Meath they were trapped by a large force on National army and a four-hour extensive gun battle ensued. A full account of this largely forgotten event which is arguably one of the biggest encounters involving Kildare men during the entire period of the Irish Revolution will be given.