

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	10 Dec	7.30pm	Austin O'Malley, Frank Parkinson & deceased members of the O'Malley & Parkinson families. Gerard Gannon. Remembrance Mass for Finn, Mary & John McCarthy & deceased members of the McCarthy & Corrigan families. Remembrance Mass for Paddy Doherty & deceased members of the Doherty & Brady families. Thomas & Eileen McHugh & deceased members of the McHugh family.
Sun	11 Dec	10.00am	Margaret (Mai) Curry, late of Killybegs House. Patrick Dunne, Corduff, Donadea & remember a birthday remembrance for his wife Margaret & deceased members of the Dunne family.
Mon	12 Dec	11.00am	FUNERAL MASS FOR BILLY DUNNE.
Tue	13 Dec	9.30am	Ann O'Connor. Stephen Rynne & deceased relatives. Sr. Margaret USA — recently deceased.
Tue	13 Dec	10am to 12noon	Eucharistic Adoration after Mass.
Wed	14 Dec	9.30am	Communion Prayer Service
Thur	15 Dec	9.30am	Special intention for someone ill and remember his family.
Fri	16 Dec	9.30am	Josie & Larry O'Neill & deceased members of the O'Neill family.
Sat	17 Dec	7.30pm	Month's Mind for Martin Gleeson. Birthday remembrance for Margie Mahoney & remember her son Vin, parents Patrick & Margaret Dunne & her brother Steve. Paul Dwyer & remember his parents Dick & Breda & his brothers Richard & Michael. Patrick Dunne, late of Coill Dubh & remember his wife Anne. Paddy Nolan, Peter Hannon & Thomas & Dina Moore. Pat Moran.
Sun	18 Dec	10.00am	

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Murphy, Blackwood, Robertstown.
Nancy Brereton, Moods. Robertstown.
Billy Dunne, Killybegs.

Our sincere sympathy to their families 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

SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (the National Board) will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin on December 12th. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards as detailed in *Safeguarding Children—Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016*. If you would like to know more about safeguarding in your parish, please speak with your local Safeguarding Representatives John Dunne & Mairead Harman or look at the Safeguarding section on www.kandle.ie. If you ever wish to report a child or vulnerable adult safeguarding concern, please contact the Diocesan DLP on 085-8021633 or the statutory authorities of the Gardai, TUSLA, HSE.



PARISH OF CARAGH

Church of Our Lady and St. Joseph Prosperous

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11th December 2022

GAUDETE SUNDAY

No. 1269

Gospel Reflection for Children:

What do you remember from today's reading?

John the Baptist, who we heard about last week, wants to make sure that Jesus is really the special person that he has been waiting for, so he sends some friends to check.

Jesus answers them by telling them that he is the one who has come to heal the sick and to bring good news to the poor. This answer tells John that Jesus really is the person for whom he has been waiting. We are all part of one family, God's family, and God asks us to love each other and care for each other. But what does it mean to bring good news to people who are poor? Do you have any ideas?

What can we do to help other people, either our friends, family, or people in other countries whom we have never met? People who are sick or who have hurt themselves? People who are hungry or thirsty? People who are poor?

CAFOD works with people who are poor all around the world. In times of emergencies, like an earthquake or flooding, that can mean giving people food or shelter, but more often it means helping them to help themselves. For example, giving people seeds and tools means that they can grow enough food for their families and enough to share with others. This is very good news!

Around the world lots of people have all been working for a long time to make the world a better place and to help all the people in our global family to live a good life. And there is some good news to share:

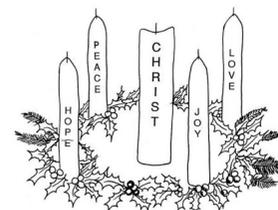
9% of people were living in extreme poverty in 2020. This is down from 16% in 2010 and 36% in 1990.

74% of people have safe water to drink – up from 61% in the year 2000.

(Statistics taken from the Sustainable development goals website: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>)

This is all really good news. But there is still more work to be done. We can all still do something to change the world for better and to help those who are in need.

How will you try to be like Jesus, helping others and bringing good news to people who are poor in the next week?



Third Sunday of Advent

Angels are central to the story of Christ's birth. An angel appears to Mary telling her she has been chosen to be the mother of God's Son. An angel appears in a dream to Joseph telling him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife. Angels appear to the shepherds telling them of a baby's birth in the city of David.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.”

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 & John Dunne
Contact through Parish Office on 045-841806

Diocesan Safeguarding Director:

Ms. Kathleen Sherry Tel: 085-8021633
Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat 10 Dec 7.30pm: Tom O'Rourke
Sun 11 Dec 10.00am: John Donoghue
Sat 17 Dec 7.30pm: Caroline Ennis
Sun 18 Dec 10.00am: Gay Blake

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sat 10 Dec 7.30pm: Des O'Doherty
Sun 11 Dec 10.00am: Siobhan Mullins
Sat 17 Dec 7.30pm: Angela O'Dwyer
Sun 18 Dec 10.00am: Sheila Walsh

Collections

Weekend 3rd / 4th December
Envelopes €308.80 Basket €399.95
Holy day Basket € 116.25

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration continues every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon and is also available via our webcam.

Would you like to read the Catechism in a year?

We are a friendly group that reads and discusses a section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church each week. In 2023, we will follow The Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>

Join us on Mondays at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre, Prosperous. Contact Alice 087 6505803

iCatholic Player can be accessed via
www.icatholic.ie

PARISH SHOP

**CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE €6 EACH
IN THE PARISH SHOP.**

**WE ALSO HAVE
A SELECTION OF CHRISTMAS CARDS
IN AID OF ST. BRIGID'S HOSPICE.
(Pack of 10 €5)**

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE - 7PM
TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER**

ALONE are seeking volunteers

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/>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Each year around this time our local St Vincent de Paul Conference conduct their annual appeal. We have placed collection boxes in our Local Post Office, Londis Supermarket and Gormely's Family Butchers. The funds raised from above will be spent in our local community helping those who need it most. We help with food, heat and educational costs throughout the year and with extra help at Christmas. We rely almost entirely on the support of you, the generous parishioners of Prosperous / Caragh area. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. Prosperous/Caragh Conference. Christmas 2022.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Our Annual Church gate collection takes place this weekend, December 10th & 11th. Please give what you can to help people in need in our community with food, fuel and education. We would also like to thank you for your generous support throughout the year and wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas.

**Carols by Candle Light
Billy Carey, Owen C. Lynch & Friends
Wednesday 21st December
7.30pm to 9pm**

I am delighted to announce that our "Carols By Candle Light" is back again this year in our Church. Billy Carey has very kindly offered to organize our Carol Service for us. I greatly appreciate Billy's help and continuous support he gives to the parish. As you know due to Covid-19 we were unable to have Carols in the Church for the last two years so this gathering should be extra special. You are most welcome to come and enjoy this night in preparation for the coming of our savior Jesus Christ.

Fr. Bernard

THE LITTLE WAY

2023 CALENDARS

€5 Each - Available from

THE PARISH OFFICE PROSPEROUS

**All proceeds go to 'The Little Way'
Cancer Support Centre, Clane**

USED STAMPS

Keep collecting your used stamps and drop them into the Parish Office and we will send them on to St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan.

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi 2023

Led by Fr Liam Merrigan and Mgr John McEvoy. Visiting Assisi 25th – 27th May 2023, visiting Rome 27th – 31st May 2023.

Total Price: €1265 per person Deposit: €150.

Return air ticket including 10kg luggage and taxes, Sharing twin rooms with private facilities for 2 nights in Assisi on half board basis, Sharing twin rooms with private facilities for 4 nights in Rome on B&B basis, Entrance tickets to the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, Catacombs & the Colosseum. Single Supplement subject to availability for €195.00. For reservations phone Tullys Travel on 059 9136100.

TROCAIRE

Give hope for a better world this Christmas with a Trócaire Gift of Love. There are twenty-three Trócaire gifts to choose from, such as chicks, emergency water and solar lamps, ranging in price from €5 to €1000. The gifts can be purchased at <https://trocaire.org/gifts> or by calling 1800 408 408 (ROI)

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Directed by Karl Keogh

**PROSPEROUS DRAMATIC
SOCIETY PANTO 2022**

**Dates: December 9th / 10th / 11th
& December 16th / 17th / 18th**

TICKETS:

<https://prosperousdrama.eventbrite.ie/>
Prosperous Theatre (beside the Church)

**AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA
Community Safety**

USE YOUR BRAIN NOT YOUR FISTS

An assault can wreck a victim's life but it can also ruin your own future. You could lose your job, your ability to travel, even your freedom, not to mention the distress it would cause your family.

A Garda initiative as part of their mission of Keeping People Safe that is aimed at reducing and preventing assaults which can have serious consequences for both victims and perpetrators.

IN AID OF KARE

New book by parishioner Mary Conliffe
"Grandmother Catherine in France
During the Great War"

And family memories from Laois
On sale in Prosperous Post Office €20
ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO KARE

For more information
contact Mary on 087-6188072