

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	01 Dec	7.30pm	
Sun	02 Dec	9.00am	Mary Dempsey & Remember her husband Kit. William Fitzpatrick & Eileen (who died this year). Eileen & Bill Connolly. Regan Family, Hatter's Cross. Tim McGann.
Sun	02 Dec	11.30am	Michael Casey, Maynooth Road. Mary Coyle.
Mon	03 Dec	9.30am	
Tue	04 Dec	9.30am	
Wed	05 Dec	9.30am	Communion Prayer Service
Thur	06 Dec	9.30am	
Fri	07 Dec	11.00am	Parish Centre
Fri	07 Dec	7.30pm	John Clohessy & remember his wife Molly & deceased members of the Gordon & Clohessy families.
Sat	08 Dec	9.30am	
Sat	08 Dec	7.30pm	Austin O'Malley, Frank Parkinson & deceased Members of the O'Malley & Parkinson families. Vincent Dunne & his wife Anne & Larry Kehoe.
Sun	09 Dec	9.00am	Thomas & Eileen McHugh & deceased members of the McHugh family.
Sun	09 Dec	11.30am	Margaret (Mai) Curry late of Killybegs House.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Ann Ennis, Firmount Clane.

Our sincere sympathy to her family at this sad time.

### FEAST DAYS

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – St. John Damascene, Priest

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – St. Nicholas, Bishop

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – St. Ambrose

### COFFEE MORNING

Our own Sister Maureen from Prosperous Laudate Si group is going to Uganda soon a country badly hit by climate change, where many children will go hungry this Christmas. Sister hopes to be able to offer them a little party as she promotes our message of care for the earth. Please support this noble cause. Drop in for a cup of coffee at the parish Centre (Muintireas) after Masses on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Market on Saturday 8th December at Christy's (11am-5pm). The indoor & outdoor market will feature quality handcrafted products and gift ideas, along with baked goods and a variety of other stalls. Soup and non-alcoholic mulled wine will be available on the day. We are happy to be helping out the "Light Up Prosperous" campaign too.

### Santa Arrives in Caragh

Join in the excitement as SANTA arrives in his Grotto at Caragh Community Centre at 2pm  
2nd December.

Christmas Craft Fair Caragh

Sunday 2nd December

Doors Open 12 O'Clock



PARISH OF CARAGH

## *Church of Our Lady and St. Joseph Prosperous*

2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2018.

No 1068

### **First Sunday of Advent**

### **The Deep End Be prepared....**

Have you ever heard the story of the ant and the grasshopper? It tells the tale of a grasshopper who has spent the summer singing and so is not prepared when winter comes, whereas the ant has been working hard all summer and has stored up enough food for winter. Like many of Aesop's Fables, it has a stark moral lesson, in this case about the virtue of hard work and being prepared for the future.

Of course, Advent is about looking forward to Christmas and our celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is a special time of preparation to welcome him anew into our lives. But today's reading remind us that Advent is also about looking ahead to another time, the second and final coming of Jesus at the end of time.

'Advent' comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning 'coming'.

The problem, of course, is that we have no idea when this will happen. Unlike the ant and the grasshopper, we have no way of knowing when the seasons will change. We don't even know when the sun will set on our own individual lives. All we can do is to be prepared and to 'stay awake'- to live now in such a way that when we meet Jesus, we will be ready. This readiness is less a practical skill than a condition, or a way of life. Look at how St. Paul describes it: he talks about increasing our love for one another, and continually making progress in living the life that God wants. That is how we store up treasures here on earth to make sure we are ready for the heavenly things to come.

*Triona Doherty*

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

Take good care of your "Reputation" its going to live longer than "you".

### **PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS**

Parish Office: **045-841806**  
**Fr. Bill Kemmy 087-2308053**  
Our Diocesan Website is [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
Our Website is: Prosperousparish.ie

### **Safeguarding children**

#### **Parish Designated persons:**

Josephine Thorpe & Seamus Carey  
Contact through Parish Office on 045-841806

### **CONFESSION TIMES**

Saturday evening at 7.00pm  
Other times on request.

### **MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

#### **This Week**

Valerie Moran & Gay Blake

**7<sup>th</sup> December**

Susan Gately 7.30pm

**8<sup>th</sup> December**

Brendan Garry (9.30am)

#### **Next Week**

Caroline Ennis & Marie Gordon

### **MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Group 3

9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Group 4

Collections

25<sup>th</sup> November

Envelopes €474.00

Basket €559.00

### **FIRST FRIDAY**

Friday next is the First Friday of the month and Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am in the Parish Centre. Visitation of the sick will take place on the day.

### **VINCENT de PAUL**

Our Annual church gate collection will take place on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> December. Your donations are vital for us to help those in great need this Christmas and the coming year.

### **ST. BRIGID'S HOSPICE**

St. Brigid's Hospice Christmas Cards are available in our Parish Shop.

### **CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT**

Enrolment for Confirmation will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at our 7.30pm Mass.

### **ROSARY**

The Rosary will be recited in our Church on Sunday at 3pm. All are welcome.

### **HOLY DAY**

Saturday next 8<sup>th</sup> December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy day of obligation. Our Vigil Mass takes place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and on Saturday morning 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

### **LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary meets every Thursday morning after Mass in the parish vestry. New members welcome. Catholic newspapers on sale in the parish shop after all Masses on Sundays and during the week.

### **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.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration will take place in our church every Tuesday from 10am to 5pm. All are welcome to come for silent prayer throughout the day. There is a petition book at the back of the Church for written intentions. If you would like to join the rota for Eucharistic Adoration please contact John O'Connor 045-902965 or Kitty Fox 087-7672312.

### **PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER GROUP.**

We are holding our annual collection this weekend for much needed funds for Prosperous Community First Responder group. The group was established in 2008. We are a voluntary Community based group who respond to emergency ambulance calls for stroke, heart attacks, and cardiac arrest in Prosperous, Clane, Coill Dubh, Allenwood, Donadea and Robertstown. We rely on donations/contributions to replenish our stocks used during emergency calls. Please support generously. There will be refreshments in the Parish Centre after 11.30am Mass and an opportunity to meet members of the group and have a chat.

### **MESSENGER**

The Sacred Heart Messenger magazine is now in the Parish Shop. If anyone would like to take one for the year the cost is €21. Envelopes are available through Parish Office/shop.

### **Applications for Certificates**

As part of the new data protection law, you will be asked to provide ID when requesting Baptism/Confirmation/ Marriage certificates from the Parish Office.

### **iCATHOLIC**

The iCatholic player can be accessed via [www.icatholic.ie](http://www.icatholic.ie) Undermining Divisions. The Counter – Cultural message the church needs to offer.

### **An Invitation from Bishop Denis ENTERING INTO ADVENT TOGETHER**

Bishop Denis warmly invites people and clergy from across the diocese to join him, as we begin our Advent journey, for a celebration of Evening Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent in the Cathedral of the Assumption at 5 pm on December 2. (Tea/coffee in Cathedral Parish Centre from 4-4:45 pm) The music for this diocesan celebration will be led by the **Kandle Diocesan Choir**. At this Advent Evening Prayer Bishop Denis will anoint an Icon written to depict, from the Rosary, the **Third Mystery of Light: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God**. An image of this icon with helpful information to assist people pray the Mysteries of Light during Advent, will be this year's parish **Reach Out Gift**.

### **SENIORS ALERT SCHEME**

People over the age of 65 are eligible for a monitored alarm through the Seniors Alert Scheme. The scheme is funded by the government and administered by Pobal. It is free of charge and easy to install. If you need further information contact 086-8628334.

### **The Big C Choir & Friends Our Lady & St. Joseph Church, Caragh Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 8.00pm FREE EVENT**

Our community comes together for a variety of music and songs from the Big C Choir & Friends also Caragh National School Choir Raffle on the night.  
Tea/Coffee served afterwards.

### **CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE GROUP TO THE HOLY LAND**

Christmas Pilgrimage Group to the Holy Land 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (last remaining places). Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem (Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Last Supper Room and Calvary), Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 061-921470 or 086-0572216. Payments can be made in instalments before December.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LISBON**

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon (last remaining seats) for Feast of Saint Anthony 9<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Full Board €675 pps. Single supplement €32. Contact James Treacy 061-921470.

### **ICA**

Knitting & Stitching has resumed on Wednesdays at 10.30am in the ICA Hall, Prosperous. Whist takes place on Wednesday nights at 8.30pm.

### **LULLYMORE HERITAGE & DISCOVERY PARK COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME**

Currently has vacancies for Catering Assistants and General Maintenance workers with the opportunity of gaining valuable experience in the tourism industry. For application details/interview and Job reference number please phone Stephen on 045 870238 or e-mail [stephen@lullymoreheritagepark.com](mailto:stephen@lullymoreheritagepark.com) Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over. Applicants must also be in receipt of a social welfare payment for 1 year or more. Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare.

### **The Church of Our Lady & St.**

**Joseph  
Presents  
Carols by Candlelight  
On  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
At 8.00pm**