

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat | 12 Jan | 7.30pm | Carlos Conroy. Timmy Brien. Nancy O'Farrell. |
| Sun | 13 Jan | 9.00am | Sister Mary Lowry (sister of Josie Lawlor) recently deceased. Get Well Maureen Murray. |
| Sun | 13 Jan | 11.30am | Liam O'Connor & deceased members of the O'Connor Family. Mary Ennis, Firmount. |
| Mon | 14 Jan | 9.30am | Frances Marron. Mark Byrne & deceased members of the Byrne Family. George Towson & deceased members of the Towson Family. |
| Tues | 15 Jan | 9.30am | Communion Prayer Service. |
| Wed | 16 Jan | 9.30am | Communion Prayer Service. |
| Thur | 17 Jan | 9.30am | Communion Prayer Service. |
| Fri | 18 Jan | 9.30am | Mary O'Neill. |
| Sat | 19 Jan | 7.30pm | Mona Casey. Martina McGovern & remember her son Frankie. |
| Sun | 20 Jan | 9.00am | Denis & Catherine Dunney. |
| Sun | 20 Jan | 11.30am | 1 st Anniversary Maggie Fitzpatrick & remember her Husband Tommy. Michael Dwyer & remember his mam Breda, Dad Dick & Brothers Richard and Paul. |

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sister Mary Lowry (sister of Josie Lawlor)

Feast Days

Tuesday 15th January – St. Ita

Wednesday 16th January – St. Fursa

Thursday 17th January – St. Anthony, Abbot

Give me courage Lord
To let go of past hurts and betrayals
And face my present fears.

I will leave my past to your mercy,
And my present to your love and guidance.

Dear Lord,
Help me have a fulfilling life.

Amen.



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

13th January, 2019.

No 1073

The Baptism of the Lord

The Deep End The Baptism of the Lord

Today's Gospel tells us that the people were 'filled with expectation'. It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet John could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher as the people speculated if he were the one they had been waiting for. He uses all of this attention for one purpose: to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them, we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptists in our lives, pointing us towards the Lord like signposts along the way.

John humbly responds to the people by saying: 'One who is more powerful than I is coming.' He emphasises that it is He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning 'winnowing forks' seem harsh, we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative, Luke emphasises that He is at prayer, and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs. A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you: 'You are my Daughter/Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Jane Mellett

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: **045-841806**

Fr. Bill Kemmy 087-2308053

Our Diocesan Website is 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

Monica McGrath & Lurlene Duggan

Next Week

Tom O'Rourke & Deirdre Fitzpatrick

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

13th Jan – Group 2

20th Jan – Group 3

Collections

23rd December

Basket €766.00

Envelopes €1918.45

25th December

Basket €2025.00

Envelopes €3993.00

6th January

Basket €558.00

Envelopes €542.00

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community of Prosperous:

Sophia Siddhartha Kulkarni,
Newtown Donore.

Emily Siddhartha Kulkarni,
Newtown Donore.

Grace Amabel Kelly, Loughanure.

Finn Samson Wickham, Curryhills.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place in our church every Tuesday from 10am to 5pm. All are welcome to come for silent prayer through out the day. There is a petition book at the back of the Church for your 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS PRIEST COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone for your support over the last year and especially to all who contributed so generously to the Christmas Collections.

Fr. Bill

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the Parish Office will be **closed** all day **Monday 14th January**. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

THANK YOU

Huge thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Raffle in the Post Office in aid of St. Brigid's Hospice, The Curragh. €1218 was raised. Thanks also to Liz in the Post Office for facilitating the draw. The cheque has been handed over to the Hospice. *Dora Dunne.*

ICA

Our monthly meetings resume on this Monday 14th at 8pm. Our meeting consists of a Speaker or Demonstration followed by Tea and biscuits.

Whist takes place on Wednesdays weekly at 8.30pm, Restart date to be confirmed for Go for Life **exercise group and Crafts.**

The objective of ICA is to bring members and community together in Friendship. **All are welcome.** contact Mary 087 9421065.

USED STAMPS

Just a reminder that we still collect your used stamps so please drop them in to the Parish Office.

FR. SEAN HYLAND

Fr Sean Hyland's book is now available to buy in the Parish Office. .

MESSENGER

Thank you to all who have returned their yearly subscription for the Messenger magazine. If anyone else is interested in taking a copy for the year please contact the Parish Office. Telephone: 841806. Cost for the year €21.

Chrissie & Betty

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

Tired of all the Bad News.

Climate Generation: Awakening to our children's future.

50 years of Heroism – Br. Kevin Crowley.

Resource and Information Centre Parish Centre

Contact 045-840796

Typing and photocopying services available.

Open Tuesday – Friday inclusive

CARLOW COLLEGE

Looking for an exciting challenge in the New Year? Carlow College, St. Patrick's will run short 8 week evening courses starting on the 24th of January where our lecturers will help you broaden your perspectives, gain knowledge and help you develop exciting new skills. The courses include: **Actually Reading Ulysses; The Medieval World; Irish Identity: Past, Present, Future and Songs of Love and Hate; The world as seen through the work of songwriters and poets Leonard Cohen and Paul Simon.** The cost per course is €125. For further information visit www.CarlowCollege.ie or email admissionsec@carlowcollege.ie.

"Pro Life Kildare talk with Prof Patricia Casey in the Osprey Hotel, Naas on Thursday January 24th 7.30pm located in the Falcon suite. All welcome.

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

Led by Bishop Denis Nulty
1st August 2019 for five nights
€759

Pilgrimage Director
Fr. Paddy Byrne

Bookings through

Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410802

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile Library will be in Church View Lawns on January 22nd between 2.00pm-4.00pm.

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

Volunteer drivers urgently needed! The Irish Cancer Society operates a free Volunteer Driver Service for referred patients attending the following hospitals for chemotherapy treatment, The Mater Hospital, Tallaght Hospital & St. James's Hospital. All volunteer expenses are paid. We are looking for drivers who can commit to driving a minimum of two week days a month. Please call Laura on 01 2310594 or visit the Irish Cancer Society website www.cancer.ie

SUE RYDER SHOP

Sue Ryder Shop, George's Street, Newbridge
Welcome donations of clean, fashionable ladies and gents' clothes, bric a brac and also household items such as curtains and bed wear in good condition. Ladies and Gents' shoes, sandals, accepted in wearable condition. We are now taking small items of furniture or if you have large items please call and we will arrange collection. Shop opens Monday to Saturday from 10-5.30pm.
Phone 085-8664972.

Pair of Glasses found in the Church please contact the Parish Office