

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>			
Sat	07 Sep	7.30pm	1 ST Anniversary May Daly. Michael O'Connell & deceased members of the O'Connell & O'Connor families.
Sun	08 Sep	10.00am	Month's Mind Jack Ward.
Mon	09 Sep	9.30am	Michael O'Rourke.
Tues	10 Sep	9.30am	
Wed	11 Sep	9.30am	Communion Prayer Service
Thur	12 Sep	9.30am	
Fri	13 Sep	9.30am	
Sat	14 Sep	7.30pm	1 st Anniversary – Ned Malone, Anne Street. Christopher Delaney & Jack Bagnall.
Sun	15 Sep	10.00am	Betty Martin Cullen.

RECENTLY DECEASED
Gerry Kearns, Downings North.
 Our sincere sympathy to his family at this sad time.

FEAST DAYS
Monday 9th September – St. Ciaran
Friday 13th September – St. John Chrysostom
Saturday 14th September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Prayer at the Ploughing 2019

The Ploughing Championships takes place in the middle of the annual Season of Creation, which the Church marks from 1 September – 4 October. Because the 3-day ploughing championship focuses on rural living, I am also inviting people to submit a personal prayer (no more than 100 words) about the environment which they compose themselves. This new environmentally centred prayer could relate to farming, gardening or sustainability.

People can submit their preferences and entries to prayerattheploughing@kandle.ie between now and 10 September. Alternatively they are welcome to post them to me at Bishop's House.

A shortlist of the favourite prayers will be displayed at the Kildare & Leighlin stand when the event gets underway on 17 September.

The theme of the Kildare & Leighlin stand at the ploughing is 'Digging Deeper – Rooting for Christ' a continuation of our diocesan campaign exploring new ways for people to understand their faith.

+Denis

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. JOSEPH 1869 - 2019

OUR CHURCH WAS BUILT IN 1869 AND SO IS 150 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR. ON SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER WE WILL BE JOINED BY BISHOP NULTY AT THE 10.00 a.m. MASS. IT IS HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL ALSO BE JOINED BY PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED HERE IN THE PAST. WE PROPOSE TO HOLD AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER MATERIAL IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THE DAY, AND WE ARE APPEALING FOR OLD PHOTOGRAPHS RELATING TO THE CHURCH. PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE HANDED IN TO THE PARISH OFFICE AND WILL BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Bishop Nulty, together with the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee are happy to announce the first Safeguarding Sunday event in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Safeguarding Sunday will take place on Sunday 29th September in all parishes across the Diocese, this day aims to communicate our safeguarding message in a creative and innovative way.



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

8th September, 2019. No 1106

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEASON OF CREATION
Day of Action

Pope Francis tells us that "living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to life of virtue; It is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (Laudato Si', 217) On September 20, over one million people will be calling for action on climate change to protect all creation. Our parish will be joining Pope Francis' call to action by joining the Faiths For Future prayer service at the Famine Memorial in Dublin on 20th September (times to be confirmed). We will then join the youth in solidarity at the main protest. More details to follow. Contact Anna McHugh 086-3142493. During our Sunday Mass on 15th September we will have special prayers for the Season of Creation.

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME:
What we can do in Home and parish
An Afternoon Gathering

The diocese will hold an afternoon to mark the Season of Creation from 2:15pm – 5pm on **Saturday, OCTOBER 5TH, 2019** in An Gairdín Beo, Old Dublin Road, Carlow. The afternoon will offer parish groups and individuals an opportunity to spend some time together in a beautiful setting.

In the course of the afternoon we will reflect on what is happening to our common home and how Pope Francis is calling us to care for the earth and all its creatures, especially through his letter on the environment, *Laudato Si'*.

We will spend some time enjoying and contemplating our surroundings. *So, dress for the weather!*

Finally, we will explore together the very practical things we can do in our homes and in our parishes to help care for our world and its future.

We are delighted to be joined by Jane Mellett, *Laudato Si'* Officer, Trócaire, for the afternoon.

Places are limited and early booking is advisable. Parishes can contact Christine in Faith Development Services at 059 9164084 / fds@kandle.ie leaving the name of the parish and number attending. Individual bookings are also welcome. Bookings close Thursday, October 3.

At the end of the Season of Creation, this afternoon could be a golden opportunity for your parish to continue to carry the message of the season into the heart of parish life in very practical and real ways!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"Work for a cause - not for applause.
Live life to express – not to impress"**

PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: **045-841806**
Fr. Bernard Reyhart 085-2325095
Our Diocesan Website is www.kandle.ie
Our Website is: Prosperousparish.ie
Parish Email: prosperousparishoffice@eircom.net

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: Josephine Thorpe & Lisa Rogers
Next Week: Denis McKennedy & Sheila Walsh

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

8th September – Group 4
15th September – Group 1

COLLECTIONS

1st September 2019

Envelopes: €468.36 Basket: €383.00

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 takes 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 on 087-7672312.

PARISH OFFICE/SHOP

**Please note that for the moment the Parish Office will be closed on Mondays & Wednesdays and open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am-1pm.
The Parish Shop will open after Masses.**

CHURCH CLEANING

The next clean up of our church will take place on Monday 9th September after morning Mass. Volunteers are always welcome.

K.A.R.E.

K.A.R.E. will hold their annual church gate collection Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th September. We ask for your support please.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of our Pastoral Council takes place on Tuesday 10th September (upstairs in the Parish Centre) at 8pm.

Our parish is going to take part in training for Parish Pastoral Councils and the dates are as follows: Tuesday October 15 & 22nd and November 5th and 12th. Each session would be from 7.30pm – 9.15pm each night. If anyone is interested in joining our Pastoral Council please contact Fr. Bernard or give your name into the Parish office.

PRESENTATION TO FR. BILL

On Saturday 21st September Fr. Bill will be joining us for the 7.30pm Mass. It is intended to have a presentation on the night and go to the school after Mass for refreshments. Envelopes were distributed at both masses last weekend to allow people make a contribution if they so wish. The envelopes can be returned and placed in the box at the back of the church or alternatively dropped into the Parish Office.

KILLYBEGS GRAVEYARD

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and dog litter must be picked up immediately.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

From Monday 26th August we will be securing the gate of the Community Car Park at night time and opening it at 8.30 am. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

CIRCLE DANCE

FREE introductory evening for first timers to Circle Dance at Prosperous Parish Centre, Tuesday September 10th at 8pm.
No partner required. An ideal opportunity to experience mindfulness with simple, rhythmic steps to beautiful music. A warm welcome awaits all. Enquiries to Marie [086/8937096](tel:086/8937096).

iCATHOLIC

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

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

Please support the annual Hospice Coffee Morning which will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday 19th September from 10am to 1pm.

DIOCESAN TRAINING FOR PARISH READERS

Venue: Prosperous Parish Centre

This three night course takes place on Tuesdays November 19th & 26th and December 3rd from 7.30pm to 9pm. Course will be led by Julie Kavanagh and Trish O'Neill.

EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION

Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be an Extraordinary Month of Mission. This special month of prayer and action calls us all to renew our missionary commitment by sharing the Good News of Jesus with all people!

ICA

ICA monthly meetings will resume on Mon 9th Sept at 8pm. We will have a session of **Laughter Yoga** to start us off on our new season.

Knitting & Stitching continues on Wednesdays 10.30am to 12noon.

Come along and bring a friend, all are welcome. Contact Mary 0879421065

EIRE ÓG CORRA CHOILL

Lotto Results: Sunday 1st September 2019

Numbers drawn 09*11*22*26

Jackpot – No Winner

€50 Winders Girls, Thomastown.

€20 each: Brid Dowling, Jack Smith Raheens, David Cunningham c/o C. Connolly, Garry Johnson, John Farrell.

Next week's Jackpot €2,000

CLANE TOASTMASTERS

Want to improve your communication and public speaking skills. Learn in a fun and supportive environment. Our meetings are on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month.

7:45pm - 9:45pm Clane Project Centre, Prosperous Rd., Clane. We are hosting an Open Night on the 18th September.

For more information email:

toastmastersclane@gmail.com

Facebook: Clane Toastmasters

Website: www.clanetoastmasters.ie

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Are you between the age of 16 and 18? THE POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE will take place on Friday, 27 September 2019. Over 1,100 young people from across the country attended this FREE youth pilgrimage last year. Our theme is 'Life To The Full' - Positive Friendships - Your Parish Needs You Now!

Guest speaker will be Elma Walsh #LiveLife. Music by Elation Ministries. The pilgrimage will start at 11:00am and will conclude after 3:00pm. Mass will be celebrated by Award patron, Bishop Donal McKeown.

If you're interested, please contact your parish/school JPPII Award Leader or contact the K&L Diocesan coordinator on cathriona.kelly@kandle.ie

ALPHA TRAINING EVENING

A training evening will be held for those interested in hosting an Alpha course in their home Parish on Tuesday 17th October from 6.30pm to 9.30pm in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. Refreshments will be provided before the training. There is no cost to attend and you will be equipped to facilitate an Alpha course after the evening concludes. This is a fantastic opportunity for Parish Pastoral Councils and other Parish groups to bring the joy of the Gospel to their Parishes. To register and for further information please contact Philip at 059 913 1227 or email alphacarlow01@gmail.com

PROSPEROUS YOUTH CLUB

INFORMATION MEETING

8pm Friday 13th September in Parish Centre
To discuss current and future plans for the youth club

ALL PARENTS & GUARDIANS ARE WELCOME

KILDARE & WICKLOW EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD

Further Education & Training Centre, Manor Mills, Maynooth. Registration for classes on September 9th & 10th from 10am to 1pm and 7pm to 8pm.

Classes are suitable for people who have been away from education for some time and now wish to improve their skills for personal or employment purposes. Tel: 01-6292602

or email: maynoothfetec@kwetb.ie

REOURCE & INFORMATION CENTRE

Parish Centre, Prosperous

Contact: 045-840796

Typing and photocopying services available.

Open Tuesday – Friday 10am to 3pm