

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	21 Nov	7.30pm	Mary Dempsey & her brother Jack and sister-in-law Chrissie Dempsey.
Sun	22 Nov	9.30am	Brendan Carty & remember his daughter Jacqueline.
Mon	23 Nov	9.30am	Peter Daly, Graigues.
Tue	24 Nov	9.30am	November Dead List.
Tue	24 Nov	10am to 12noon	Eucharistic Adoration.
Wed	25 Nov	9.30am	Margaret Mc Swiney.
Thur	26 Nov	9.30am	November Dead List.
Fri	27 Nov	9:30am	
Sat	28 Nov	7.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Joseph Pierce.
Sun	29 Nov	9.30am	Billy Fitzpatrick & remember his wife Eileen. Regan Family Hatters Cross & Tim Mc Cann. Andy Mitchell. Ann Ennis. Birthday Remembrance for Michael Murphy.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Ellen (Nellie) O'Neill, Goretta Terrace.

Our sincere sympathy to her family at this sad and difficult time.

### PROSPEROUS PARISH OFFICE

Under Level 5 the Parish Office has to remain closed to the public.

Mass Intentions can be booked by calling 045-841806 or emailing [prosperousparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:prosperousparishoffice@eircom.net) Please remember to leave your phone number.

To purchase Mass cards for All Occasions please ring the Parish Office. Simply call or email to arrange a time for collection.

If you need to contact Fr. Bernard his telephone number is 085-2325095. If a person needs The Sacrament of Anointing for the Sick please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Bernard.

### LOUGH DERG

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL SERVICE for deceased pilgrims and benefactors - Live via webcam from St. Mary's Church, Pettigo, Sunday 22nd November at 7pm [www.churchservices.tv/pettigo](http://www.churchservices.tv/pettigo)

### SAINT FARNAN'S WELL

You must have heard the name but who was St. Farnan? A Sligo saint and a disciple of St. Columcille. St. Farnan was for some time a hermit on, what must have been, a remote island in the bog - now Downings graveyard. The ruined church there marks the spot where he had his hermitage. St. Farnan blessed a well in the vicinity which is believed to have a cure for alcoholism. We are really privileged to have this well in our parish but sadly it has never been properly enclosed or cared for.

February 15<sup>th</sup> is St Farnan's feast day - surely a good day for Parish Penitential Pilgrimage - the weather could be bad and the walk long! We could visit all the local holy places including this well. Anyone interested in helping with this venture in any way please contact Bríd Norrby on 089 475 1903 or the parish office.

Arrangements are now in place for the fencing off of this Holy Well. When it is completed people will be able to visit the well on the Feastday of St. Farnan. A strong three rail fence is to be put in place which will save the well from further depredation. This is of course only the beginning of what will need to be done. In order to make this a community endeavour you are invited to help to cover the cost of this. Please leave your donations, marked St. Farnan's Well, with the Parish Office or get in touch with Bríd Norrby at 045 860170.



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

Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020

No 1167

### NOVEMBER PRAYER

Eternal Rest grant to them, whose earthly lives are past.  
Perpetual Light shine on them: May they rest in peace at last.

Eternal joy Grant to them, whose sufferings now are through;  
Their pain and illness finally gone, their minds and hearts renew.

Eternal peace grant to them, all friends and foes together;  
Forgive them all their trespasses, may they rest in peace for ever. Amen

### INVITATION FROM BISHOP DENIS TO AN ADVENT LITURGY OF HOPE

People across the diocese are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for a service of prayer to begin the Advent journey together in a spirit of hope. It will be streamed live from Carlow Cathedral, via iCatholic.ie, at 7:30 pm on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th. In these darkening days of winter may this time of music, scripture, inspiration and prayer help people to draw once more on the hope that comes to us through our faith in Jesus, a hope that brings the light of Christ into our lives.

### A C N WEEK OF WITNESS

ACN Ireland began the Week of Witness and Red Wednesday as an invitation to Christians in Ireland to stand in solidarity with, and bear witness to the heroic example of, our persecuted brothers and sisters in faith across the world. This year, the ACN Week of Witness will take place between 25<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December, with many important talks to be live streamed on the theme of Christian persecution. During the Week of Witness, the Red Wednesday Liturgy of Witness will be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral Armagh. This is a beautiful opportunity for the faithful to gather as a community of witnesses and pray not only for persecuted Christians - but also for the persecutors of Christians. During the Week of Witness, A C N would like to encourage us to take part and here are some *Ways to Witness*:

**WEARING** a red tie, scarf or scapular as a mark of the blood lost by Christians in defence of our Faith.

**PRAYING** for the suffering and persecuted Church at the hours of the Angelus, 1200 and 1800 and during Holy Mass, or consider giving a homily on the theme of persecution and martyrdom in the Church.

**ATTENDING** a Red Wednesday Liturgy of Witness (in the Republic of Ireland, due to restrictions related to COVID-19, ACN Ireland's events will be live-streamed via <https://www.acnireland.org/mass> )

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"It only seems impossible until it's done."

### PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: **045-841806**  
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**Our Website is: Prosperousparish.ie**  
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### Safeguarding children

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

Máiread Harman & Billy Carey

Contact through Parish Office on 045-841806

#### **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:**

Mr Mick Daly

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#### **Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator:**

Ms Michele Hughes Tel: 086-1710643

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### COLLECTIONS - OCTOBER

Envelopes €1158.00

Basket €258.00

### PARISH FINANCES

Many thanks to our parishioners who continue to give so generously to our parish especially during lockdown by donating via standing order, online donation or dropping in envelopes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

*Fr. Bernard*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will continue in our Church each Tuesday from 10am until 12noon (after morning Mass). Eucharistic Adoration will also be available via Webcam.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards with all proceeds going to our local Hospice are now available from the Parish Office. Price €5 per pack.

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

### FIRST READING 34:11-12.15-17

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

**Response:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

### SECOND READING 15:20-26.28 I

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL 25:31-46

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

### CATECHISM CLASS

Catechism Studies are held online on Zoom each Monday from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It's a very enjoyable and relaxed study of the Catholic faith. If you would like to join, please contact Alice on 087 6505 803, and she will send you a link on the evening.

### Apostles Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Each year around this time our local St Vincent de Paul Conference conducts their annual Christmas appeal. Unfortunately, this year due to Covid -19 restrictions we currently cannot collect at the Church door, but you can still donate. We have placed St Vincent de Paul collection boxes in the local Post Office and Londis Supermarket, Prosperous.

The funds raised will be spent here in our own Community helping those who need it most with food, heat and education costs throughout the winter and beyond and with extra help at Christmas. We rely almost entirely on the support of you, the generous parishioners of Prosperous/Caragh Parish. Many thanks for your continued support. Prosperous/Caragh Conference.

### CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS ARE NOW ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Apostolate of Adoration invites you to **ADORATION, PRAYER & FASTING on the FOUR FRIDAYS in NOVEMBER**

(see website for full details  
[www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie))