

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat	09 Jan	7.30pm	Margaret Gannon. Tim Brien. Michelle Patchell.
Sun	10 Jan	10.00am	Mary Ennis, Firmount, Clane. May Murphy, Landenstown. Tim Cassidy, Graigues.
Mon	11 Jan	9.30am	Michelle Patchell.
Tue	12 Jan	9.30am	Special Intention.
Tue	12 Jan	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	13 Jan	9.30am	
Thur	14 Jan	9.30am	
Fri	15 Jan	9.30am	Liam William O'Connor & deceased members of the O'Connor family.
Sat	16 Jan	7.30pm	Carl Conroy. Mona Casey & remember her husband Paddy whose anniversary was in October.
Sun	17 Jan	10.00am	Martina McGovern & remember her son Frankie.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Deirdre (Der) Nicholson, Brooks Mill, Prosperous  
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 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

The phone lines will be manned Thursday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12noon.

If you want to book a mass intention please contact Fr. Bernard 085-2325095 or Bill our sacristan 085-7052448. If a person needs The Sacrament of Anointing for the Sick please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Bernard.

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

**MASS TIMES**

Due to the current HSE restrictions all Masses are only available on-line. Prosperous

Masses will be available via the parish webcam as follows:

Monday to Friday 9.30am / Saturday 7.30pm / Sunday 10.00am

**SINCERE THANKS**

Thank you to everyone who helped out in our church over Christmas. To our singers, musicians, readers, stewards, altar society, cleaners, sacristan & secretary - we are truly grateful. I also want to say a special word of thanks to the many groups that have helped me out over the past year - The Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Alpha leaders, Laudato Si, Catechism Group, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental Co-ordinators, Baptismal Team, Newbridge Parish Team & Muintireas. Our parish is blessed with volunteers and for this I thank God. Thanks also to Geraldine Hetheron & the teachers of First Holy Communion & Confirmation classes for their help and patience with all the rescheduling of the sacraments this year. May God bless each and every one of you.

*Fr. Bernard Reyhart*



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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

No 1173

**The Deep End - Come to the water**

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start.

Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the river Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that he submitting to God's will. At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as 'Beloved Son'. It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus' identity and launching him on his new mission.

The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God's family. In today's first reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty'. We are called to the water, to that moment when we recognise who Jesus is, who we are, and our mission to live as children of God.

*'In order to live a life of holiness, we must first receive new life from God — we must be born from above.'*

J. Vernon McGee

Written for the 'Intercom' magazine by Triona Doherty

**After having a tough year, let us welcome a year  
that will unfold some good and happy times for all.**

*Seek God for the future:- Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.* (Proverbs 3:5-6,)

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

“The New Year lies before you like a spotless tract of snow. Be careful how you tread on it for every mark will show.”

### **PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS**

Parish Office: **045-841806**  
**Fr. Bernard Reyhart 085-2325095**  
Our Diocesan Website is [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
**Our Website is: Prosperousparish.ie**  
Parish Email: [prosperousparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:prosperousparishoffice@eircom.net)

### **Safeguarding children**

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

Máiread Harman & Billy Carey

Contact through Parish Office on 045-841806

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

Mr Mick Daly

Email: [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie) Tel: 085-8021633

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

Ms Michele Hughes Tel: 086-1710643

Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

### **BAPTISMS**

**We welcome into our parish community of Prosperous:**

Lucy Elizabeth Murphy.

Nova Lee Dempsey Smullen.



### **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 DUES**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Christmas collection this year.

### **CRIB**

Our crib is now complete with the arrival of the Three Wise Men. Please remember to come and visit the crib and say a prayer in our church.

### **CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL**

We want to say a HUGE thank you to every single person who donated a Christmas Shoebox this year. You have sent Christmas gifts to 42,324 children.

*May joy and peace surround you,  
Contentment latch your door  
And happiness be with you now  
and bless you evermore.*

*Happy New Year to all our parishioners*

### **FIRST READING** 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways — it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps Is 12:2-6. 1 v.6

**Response: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

### **SECOND READING** 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is — keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world — our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness — since the Spirit is the truth — so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation** Jn 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus coming towards him and said:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** 1:7-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Glory to you, O Lord*

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **Nicene 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

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[www.icatholic.ie](http://www.icatholic.ie)

### **CHURCH ENVELOPES**

Sincere thanks to the many people who have supported our church by dropping off their weekly envelopes or donating On-line directly into our bank account. Can I ask people who make electronic transfers to please put your name or envelope number against your transaction.

Can I also ask people if you are dropping your envelopes into our post box on the left of the parish office door to please put them into a small plastic bag.

**For anyone using internet banking our bank details are as follows: (Weekly Envelopes)**

**IBAN: IE98 AIBK 9332 3628 6080 14**

**BIC: AIBKIE2D**

**Prosperous Church Account**

**Prosperous Parish Clergy Account details are as follows and this account is for the coloured envelopes in your box of envelopes.**

**IBAN: IE25 AIBK 9332 3650 4890 36**

**BIC: AIBKIE2D**

**Please include your name or envelope number with any money you transfer.**

### **ONLINE DONATIONS**

Our kandle website offers a donate facility that allows parishioners to donate to individual parishes as well as diocesan collections such as Trócaire etc.

The process is secure and straightforward and a number of donations have already been made. The diocese receives these donations and then at the end of the month they transfer the donations to the individual parishes. More information available on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

### **VOCATIONS**

**Is the One who "baptized you with the Holy Spirit" asking you to consider a call to serve as a priest, a deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)**

**Please wear a face mask in our Church - visors are not permitted.**