

Community Events

The following pictures are of major events which took place in Prospect over the years, mostly having to do with the church.

[The New Church](#)

In 1921 Our Lady of Mount Carmel was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Nothing was saved, so the community rebuilt the church and this picture was taken the day the "new" church opened in 1922. The whole village was out and dressed in their best Sunday clothes.

The Blessing of the Boats, 1944/45

These are a series of Pictures of the Blessing of the Boats (or fleet) by the church and I guess for a good catch.

- [Picture 1](#)
- [Picture 2](#)
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- [Picture 5](#)

The Holy Name Society, 1944/45

This was a social group that the church had.

- [Picture 1](#) - I am in the process of identifying all the men pictured in this photo. I have about 75% of them named at the moment.
- [Picture 2](#) - This is the procession to an area of the village called Kiley's Hill where a mass took place outside.
- [Picture 3](#) - This picture is of the Choir and women of the village at the outdoor mass
- [Picture 4](#) - This is a picture of the alter and priest.

[Masquerade Ball July 1922](#)

Contributed by Ed Rogers: "This photograph was given to me by my mother, Ada Rogers (Duggan), who would have been about sixteen at the time the picture was taken. In addition to my mother, also shown is one of her brothers, Harold, and a sister Gladys who died quite young. Three of my mother's uncles: Dick, Bun, and Jack (Blinker) Duggan are also in the picture. I would be interested in hearing from anyone who can provide information on the other persons in the photo."

1944 Celebration of the founding of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

[Group picture](#) - In this picture you see some of the people of Prospect, Dover and Shad Bay all dressed up in weird costumes. This was because they were reenacting the founding of the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in a play. This picture is larger than what is shown here.

135 Anniversary of the founding of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 1929

These are pictures that were taken in 1929 when Prospect and surrounding villages celebrated the 135 anniversary of the founding of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel in 1794.

- [Picture 1](#) - This picture is of all the priest and I think the archbishop going into the church
- [Picture 2](#) - This picture is of all the children of the village dressed up. They performed a pageant of the founding of the parish (same as in 1944). The girl in the middle with the two trumpeters above her is said to be the virgin Mary. I am in the process of identifying the people in the picture, but very few people today were actually at the event.
- [Picture 3](#) - This picture shows the church all decorated as the priests and archbishop say mass.
- [Picture 4](#) - This picture shows the church hall decorated for the dinner that followed the mass. This table was most likely for the archbishop and priests.
- [Picture 5](#) - This picture shows the "second" bridge in Prospect. On the right was a store and I believe a bowling alley at one time. This part of the village is pretty much the same today, except that the building on your right is no longer there, and the building directly on your left has been re-modeled, otherwise it looks pretty much the same.