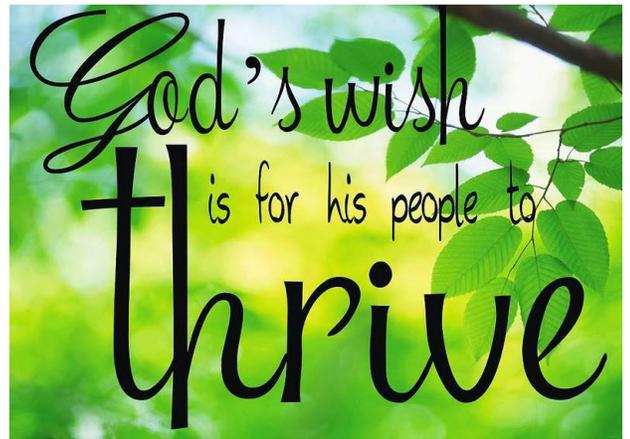


Parishes of Ardcath/Clonalvy & Curraha

Sunday 10th November Thirty Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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Ardcath– St Mary’s Church & Clonalvy St John the Baptist Church -ardcath.com.



Children for Baptism: The next meeting for parents who wish to have their children baptised, will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday 21st November and January 9th 2020 at 8.00pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Clonalvy Tuesday 10am – 11am. Ardcath: Friday 10am – 11am.
Curraha Thursday 10am– 12noon, Newcomers always very welcome.

Nov 16 th /17 th	<u>Ministers of the Eucharistic</u>	<u>Ministers of the Word</u>
Ardcath 6.30pm	Mary Moore	Patricia Fox & Liz Gough
Clonalvy 10.00am	Leta Harford	Brenda Fanning
Curraha 11.30am	Gerard O’Connor	Michael Laffey

Sunday 10th November Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ardcath Vigil	6.30pm	Birthday Rem Mary & John Noonan
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Nick Walsh & DFM A.V. James & Attracta Fanning, Joe & Michael Fanning Una & Richard Lynam DFM A.V. Dick Barnwell & DFM
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Margaret & Liam Caffrey A.V. Roger Sherry & Dec Mem of the Sherry & Whearity Families

Monday	Curraha	9.30am	11 th	Get Well Mass Parish List of the Dead
Tuesday	Clonalvy	9.30pm	12 th	Parish list of the dead
Thursday	Curraha	9.30am	14 th	Get Well Mass Parish list of the dead
Friday	Ardcath	9.30am	15 th	Parish list of the dead

Sunday 17th November Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ardcath Vigil	6.30pm	Mass for the Deceased members of our Parish
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	Mass for the Deceased members of our Parish
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	Mass for the Deceased members of our Parish A.V. Martha McAndrew, Rem Nicholas Conneely & Maureen Finlay

Remembrance Mass will take place next weekend the 22nd and 23rd of November in all the churches. All families are asked to bring a symbol of their loved ones to place on the altar, it can be a shoe, a photo, a flower etc., whatever you feel depicts the person. **If you know of any family who has lost a loved one in the last year please invite them to come along and join us in remembering them in prayer.**

Why is November Month of the Holy Souls?

In Catholic tradition November is a month of prayer for the dead.

The practice of praying for the dead is rooted first in the Christian belief in the everlasting life promised in Jesus' teachings and fore-shadowed by his disciple's experience that God had raised him from the dead. After death, even though separated from our earthly body, we yet continue a personal existence. It is as living persons that God invites us into a relationship whose life transcends death.

Praying for the dead has further origins in our belief in the communion of saints. Members of this community, who are living, often assist each other in faith by prayers and other forms of spiritual support. Christians who have died continue to be members of the communion of saints. We believe that we can assist them by our prayers, and they can assist us by theirs.

Our prayers for the dead express hope that God will free the person who has died from any burden of sin and prepare a place for him or her in heaven. Death remains a mystery for us – a great unknown. Yet Christian language evokes a hopeful realisation in the presence of death, an assurance that our love, linked to Christ's love, can help bridge whatever barriers might keep those whom we love from fully enjoying the presence of a loving and life-giving God.

"From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all in the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1032)

We can pray for our departed by including their names in the Parish list of the dead which are available at the back of each of the churches. They will be included each Mass for the month of November and the two Masses on the first Friday of every month.

Safeguarding Children teams are in place in all of our parishes, the Church's safeguarding children policy is available on our website and at www.meathsafeguarding.ie. Also there are contact numbers available in the back of all the churches, sacristies and parish properties.

Curraha N.S. Annual Christmas Fair to take place in the parish hall after 11.30am Mass on Sunday the 1st of December. Home-made jams, preserves, bespoke crafts, Tombola, Raffle, **Santa** and much more! Please join us for some festive cheer and support this fun community event.

Curraha I.C.A.Meeting will take place at 8pm on Monday 11th November in the Parish Centre. New members are very welcome to attend.

"**The Clodagh & Siobhán Laffey Trust** Table Quiz in aid of **Caoimhe Morgan** is being held on Friday 15th November @ 8:30pm in Swans, Curragha. All support is greatly appreciated."

Curraha Lotto results 04.11.19 There was no jackpot winner the numbers drawn were 5-6-18-25. There was no match 3 winner this will carry over to next week €200.00. The Jackpot next week is €7300.00. The next draw will take place in Swans.

Ardcath Windfall not won Numbers drawn were 9,11,14. Names drawn for monthly draw were Colm Matthews and Noel Lynch. Next week's jackpot will be €2750.00.



A kind word is better than the best gift

Vocations to the priesthood: 'Jesus, master; take pity on us!' is the cry of the ten lepers. They see in Jesus the chance of healing, reconciliation and a new life. The beauty of Christ is irresistible when people meet it face to face. The function and duty of the priest is to make this possible by the preached word and sacraments. If you have considered your life in service of God and his people as a priest in the Diocese of Meath contact Fr Shane Crombie in Navan frshane@gmail.com or Fr Joe Campbell in Mullingar frjoecampbell@gmail.com for confidential and non-committed information.

(Ecclesiasticus 7)

Holy Land Pilgrimage

From 1-9th June 2020 follow in the Footsteps of Jesus and experience the sacred sites of the Gospel. The pilgrimage will begin in Tiberius/Galilee and the surrounding region where Jesus called His disciples and first proclaimed the Good News. Pilgrims will then continue to Jerusalem and take excursions to the wider district, including Bethlehem. Fr. Mark English will be Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage which is provided by Navan Travel. For more details on full itinerary, costs and booking contact 046 9068600; email: info@travalue.ie or check out www.travalue.ie.

Curraha Altar Society: New members needed for the Altar Society to arrange the flowers in the church this would be on a one month basis in the year. Please contact the office if available on 01-8350136. Thank you.

Hospitalised or Housebound: If a parishioner or family member is hospitalised or housebound and you would like Fr. Brendan to call for the sacraments, it is vitally important that you let him know. Due to Data Protection the Hospitals do not give out the names of people who are in the hospital so it is down to the family or neighbours to inform Fr. Brendan.

Source: http://forums.familyfriendpoems.com/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=49436

Directives from the Diocese of Meath for Celebration of Funeral & Wedding Masses

In our Parish according to Diocesan guidelines, "Eulogies/Speeches thanking People" are not part of the Funeral Mass; an option for a "Eulogy/Speeches thanking People" to take place is in the Funeral Home or in the Cemetery, after the burial. Like in all celebrations of the Eucharist, Readings at the Mass must be taken from the Bible (Lectionary). Sacred Music or Hymns are only permitted during the celebration of the Eucharistic be it at a funeral or wedding Mass.

There was once a sea captain
who in his retirement skippered a boat
taking day trippers to the Shetland Islands.
On one trip the boat was full of young people.
These laughed at the old captain
when they saw him saying a prayer before setting out,
for the day was fine and the sea calm.

But when out at sea a storm suddenly blew up,
and the boat began to pitch violently,
the terrified passengers came to the captain
and asked him to join them in prayer.

But he replied:

'I say my prayers when it's calm.
When it's rough, I attend to my ship'.

There is a lesson here for us.
If we cannot or will not seek God
in the quiet moments of our lives,
we are not likely to find Him when trouble strikes.
We are more likely to panic.

But if we have learned to seek Him
and to trust Him in the quiet moments,
then most certainly we will find Him
when the going gets rough.

*There are two kinds of silence.
There is the silence of the graveyard.
Here silence speaks of one thing ---- death.
This silence tends to frighten and repel.*

*Then there is the silence of a spring evening.
Not a leaf stirs,
Not a sound is heard except the music of the birds.
yet all things are awake,
all things are growing .
This silence is mysterious and enchanting.*

*So there are two kinds of peace.
There is the peace of the swamp:
Things look normal on the surface,
But its depths are full of rotten things.
Peace that is based on injustice is like that.
It is a false peace and Christ came to disrupt it.*

*But then there is true peace -----
A peace in which all of God's children
have their basic rights respected,
and are able to live in freedom and dignity.
This is the peace Christ came to bring.
But peace like this doesn't happen.
It has to be made.*

*Sometimes the makers of it will be branded as troublemakers.
But Christ had another name for them.
He called them 'children of God'*

Teach Me, Lord

Teach me, Lord,
What I don't know.
Show me which way
and where to go.
Alone I stumble,
alone I fall,
but your gentle voice
leads through it all.
Take my hand,
Light my way,
Be my beacon
Night and day.

I am weak
And sometimes so low,
But you give me strength
And make me whole.
Teach me, Lord and Father.
Your child has become like new.
Empty me of myself
So I can live for you.



ANYWAY

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered

Love them anyway

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives

Do good anyway

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies

Succeed anyway

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow

Do good anyway

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable

Be honest and frank anyway

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight

Build anyway

People really need help but may attack you if you help them

Help people anyway

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth

Give the world the best you've got anyway

Life

If life is a play

Play your role.

If life is a treasure

Get your share.

If life is a puzzle

Act in the living present.

If life is a dream

Hold fast to your dream.

If life is a battle

Fight with all your might

If life is a journey

Travel till the end.

Life is But a mystery

Live it as it comes.

Faith is a Beacon of Hope
As your problems come to light
Faith is a beacon of hope.
To let you always solve them
So you don't have to cope.

If you make sure you believe
And you follow the right path.
Jesus Christ will always reward you
Sparing you from the entire wrath.

So it's always when you guide
All the actions that you use.
That you will gain the hope
About faith that you will choose.

And when Jesus Christ does see
The beacon of hope you guide.
He'll know it's the right choice
Bringing faith to you with pride

No Time to Pray

So many times
I hear people say
"We are so busy,
And have no time to pray."

Yet there we are sitting

In front of the screen,
Texting or playing,

- You know what I mean.

Why is it so hard
To set aside time,
To find solitude
And pray for a sign?

Why do we struggle
With boredom each day?
Yet, not bother taking
Ten minutes to pray?

So many hours
Are wasted each week,
When we could be praying
For the answers we seek.

So let's make a plan
At the start of each day,
To make time for God
And in that time -Pray.

Placing ourselves in the presence of God.

The first thing we have to do is to be still physically.
 next we have to halt the mind,
 something which is far more difficult to do.
We have to empty it of our cares, anxieties and plans.
 Then we make a surprising discovery -----
 The world turns without us.
This means that neither we nor our schemes,
which may appear to us to be of the utmost
 importance,
and which are devouring all our energies,
 are as important as we imagine.
Then our projects lose their power over us.
 A healing process begins.
 Far from the strain and turmoil of life,
 our fragmented self is reassembled.
 We slowly become whole again.
We rest quietly in the presence of God
like a little boat which has been tossed by the sea,
 and buffeted by the wind,
 rests secure in a sheltered harbour.
In his presence we experience our true worth,
which consists, not in doing, but in being.
 We surrender ourselves into his hands.
 We are at peace.
Even our dreams have been put to sleep.



The Journey of Life

Like a fruit tree we all know our seasons.
In spring the tree is full of buds and blossoms.
 So at times our lives are full
 of hope and promise.
 In summer the tree is full of leaves.
 Our lives at times are like that.
 They are full of joy and contentment.
In autumn the tree becomes a feast of colour
and is full of ripe fruit.
at times our lives are like that

full of meaning and achievement.

But in winter the tree is stripped bare.

So winter can hit our lives.

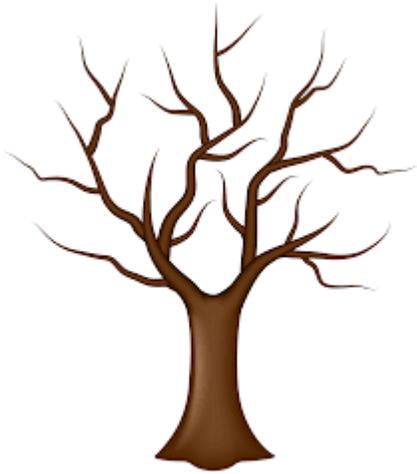
We are in the grip of a pain and depression
that robs us of everything,
even of the will to live.

It is on that day we need the visit
of an angel

However, if in the height of my summer

I failed to see my neighbour's winter,
what right have I to expect such an angel?

The marvellous thing about this was that
in the midst of his own winter
he created spring for another person.



**We know Lord, that there can be no peace without justice. Bless
the world with justice.**

We Know Lord, that peace is a gift that you alone can give.

**We know Lord, that justice and peace in the world seem at times a
long way off.**

Bless the world with enduring hope. Amen.

The Spirit

Goodness

The Spirit Moves

Gentleness

The Spirit Acts

Peace

The Spirit Rests

Patience

The Spirit Waits

Self-Control

The Spirit Smiles

Love

The Spirit Lives

Joy

The Spirit Dances

Faithfulness

The Spirit Dwells

Kindness

The Spirit Gives

A Question people often ask: When is best to book Masses, Baptisms, Weddings etc. The best way is to see Fr. Brendan after Mass. (Text messaging is not reliable or recommended.) Or to phone the Parish office on 01-8350136 or email accparish@gmail.com. The Parish office times are 1pm to 3pm Tuesday's and Friday's.

The Diocese of Meath has a Safeguarding Children Policy; you may access this on www.meathsafeguarding.ie or the parish websites. If you have any child protection concerns, please contact the HSE (phone 046 9030616/9030608 and Gardaí directly 01-8010600 or you may contact the Meath Diocesan Designated Liaison Person Fr Séan Henry at 086-1574774 or the parish representatives We have a Parish Safeguarding Children Policy which you may view on our website. The names and contact details of our parish safeguarding representatives are available on notice board at back of our churches or from parish office 01-8350136.