

Parishes of Ardcath/Clonalvy & Curraha

Sunday 22nd December Third Sunday of Advent

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Curraha – St Andrew’s Church - currahaparish.ie

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 9th of January 2020 at 8.00pm and the 20th February 2019 8pm.

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

Please pray for Adam Hopkins Painstown, Mary McCrohen Browne USA, Gay Kelly Navan burial Curragha cemetery Monday morning after 11am mass in Skryne. May they rest in peace.

Dec 28th/29th

Ardcath 6.30pm

Clonalvy 10.00am

Curraha 11.30am

Ministers of the Eucharistic

Geraldine Wall

Leta Harford

Ann Keogh

Ministers of the Word

Patricia Fox & Liz Gough

Cathal Caffrey

Lorna Battersby

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Ardcath Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am

Sunday Curraha 11.30am

A.V. James & Margaret Murphy - Mary McCrohen Browne

A.V. Paddy, Angela & John Brangan &DFM

A.V. Sean Whyte

A.V. Pat Devaney his wife Maura DFM

A.V. Nancy Roche A.V. Eileen O’Farrell

A.V. Seamus, Maureen & Paul Muldowney

& Dec Mem Gough & Muldowney Families

23rd Rose Smith

24th Christmas Mass Bouquets Birthday Rem

24th Christmas Mass Bouquets Dec Mem Moore Fam

A.V. Cissie White Betty Bolger

Christmas Mass Bouquets

Christmas Mass Bouquets, A.V. Patrick Cullen

Dec Mem King Family, Maureen Blount

No Mass Friday Ardcath 9.30am No Mass

Monday Curraha 9.30am

Tuesday Curraha 5.00pm

Ardcath 7.00pm

Wednesday Clonalvy 10.00am

Curraha 11.30am

Thursday Curraha 9.30am

Sunday 29th December The Holy Family

Ardcath Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am

Sunday Curraha 11.30am

People of the Parish

A.V. Tom & Mary Murphy

Martin & Tom Murphy

A.V. Alfie Tolan

Masses for the 25th December, Christmas Day

Tuesday: Christmas Eve, Family Mass Curraha 5.00pm - Ardcath

7.00pm Wednesday: Christmas Day, Clonalvy 10.00am - Curraha 11.30am



Dear Parishioners.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all who help out in Ardcath, Clonalvy & Curraha Churches during the year. The sacristans, the church cleaners, the altar societies, the altar servers, Minister of Word, Ministers of Eucharistic, Collectors, Children's Liturgy Groups, Cleaning teams in the Church, Baptismal Team and all their coordinators, also those who cleaned up the Church grounds car-park, decoration of the churches inside and out. This is a huge team of people who work tirelessly, many in the back-ground, but all so important in making our celebration of the Sacraments and our Parishes so special.



In Curraha Parish we had the historical installation of not one but two new statues of St Andrew. One in front of our school, and one in our Church. So appropriate as both are dedicated to St Andrew. Our grateful appreciation to our generous benefactor, may St Andrew protect and bless us all.

I would also like to thank the parish choirs and the, also the choir directors, organists, and musicians. The music ministry of so many enriches our celebration of our weekly masses. St Augustine said, "*The person who sings prays twice.*" Thank you all for enriching our faith.

I thank those who advise and assist in the management and the administration of the parish, especially the Parish Pastoral Councils and the Finance Committee's, Liturgy Committee's, and Graveyard Committee's. At our Masses over the Christmas season we will remember in a special way all our parishioners who lost a loved one in the past year and we pray for all our deceased parishioners, family and friends.

We send our best wishes and congratulations to all the couples who were married during the year. To the boys and girls who were confirmed in February, to the children who received their First Holy Communion and all who were baptized during 2019. May the Lord continue to bless you all.

We also ask you to continue praying for the boys and girls and their parents and teachers, preparing to receive their First Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2020.

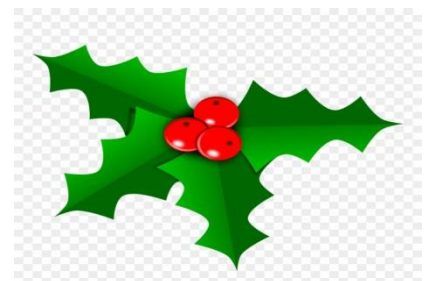
I wish to thank all involved in our parish schools, the Principals and all the staff, the Boards of Management and Parent Associations and we hope Santa has gotten the pupils the presents they have asked for.

A warm welcome to those who are home from abroad and we think too of all our parishioners who are away from home this Christmas and we remember them all in our prayers.

Please remember in your prayers the sick the hospitalized and all who are working this Christmas.

A very sincere thanks to our parishioners who help out with the Christmas preparation including those who put up the cribs, Advent wreaths and Christmas trees as well as the cleaning and decorating of our churches for Christmas and indeed the whole year round. A special thanks also to the Parishioners who maintain the church grounds during the year.

Finally to all of you, the parishioners, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your kindness, generosity and support and on my own behalf I wish you a very,



*Happy and Blessed Christmas and every good wish for
the New Year Fr Brendan*