

Parishes of Ardcaith/Clonalvy & Curraha

25th December Nativity of the Lord

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Curraha – St Andrew’s Church - currahaparish.ie

Ardcaith– St Mary’s Church & Clonalvy St John the Baptist Church -ardcaith.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. **Ardcaith:** Friday 10am – 11am. **Curraha** Thursday 10am– 12noon, Newcomers always very welcome.



Dec 28th/29th

Ardcaith 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

Monday

Curraha 9.30am

23rd Rose Smith

Tuesday

Curraha 5.00pm

24th Christmas Mass Bouquets Birthday Rem

Ardcaith 7.00pm

24th Christmas Mass Bouquets Dec Mem Moore Fam

A.V. Cissie White Betty Bolger

Wednesday

Clonalvy 10.00am

Christmas Mass Bouquets

Curraha 11.30am

Christmas Mass Bouquets, A.V. Patrick Cullen

Dec Mem King Family, Maureen Blount

Thursday

Curraha 9.30am

No Mass Friday Ardcaith 9.30am No Mass

Sunday 29th December The Holy Family

Ardcaith Vigil 6.30pm

People of the Parish

Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am

A.V. Tom & Mary Murphy

Martin & Tom Murphy

Sunday Curraha 11.30am

A.V. Alfie Tolan

The Nativity of the Lord

All births are special and a cause of great rejoicing. New parents speak of ‘walking on air’ with happiness and joy. Jesus’ birth is the most special of all. The baby in the manger embraced our fallen humanity but it did not diminish his divinity nor did his divinity overwhelm his humanity.

He was like us in all things except sin. Today we can marvel at the birth of God made man contemplating his glory, and his beauty, striving to imitate his humility. We also celebrate our own rebirth, for all who receive him, by believing in him, are reborn. We are a new creation, born not of human decision of human will but born of God.



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*