Parishes of Ardcath/Clonalvy & Curraha

29th December The Holy Family

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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 the souls and families of Mark Ward Curraha/Ashbourne and Kathleen Galway mother of Annette O'Hanrahan. May they rest in peace.

| Jan 4 th /5 th | Ministers of the Eucharistic | Ministers of the Word |
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| Ardcath 6.30pm | Imelda Andrews | Paula Allison & Catrion Corry |
| Clonalvy 10.00am | Patricia Harford | Brenda Fanning |
| Curraha 11.30am | Maureen Mooney | Tim O'Connor |

People of the Parish

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Ardcath Vigil

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| Sunday Clonalvy | | 10.00am | A.V. Tom & Mary Murphy |
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| Sunday Curraha | | 11.30am | A.V. Alfie Tolan |
| Monday | Curraha | 9.30am | No Mass |
| Tuesday | Clonalvy | 9.30pm | Sick of the Parish |
| Thursday | Curraha | 9.30am | Tom Keogh A.V. Lilly Fullam Birthday Rem |
| Friday | Ardcath | 9.30am | People of the Parish |
| - | Curraha | | No evening Mass |

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Sunday 5th January Second Sunday of Christmas

| Ardcath Vigil | 6.30pm | |
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| Sunday Clonalvy | 10.00am | A.V. Dan Collins |
| Sunday Curraha | 11.30am | M.M. Tom Keogh |
| - | | A.V. Colm McManus |
| | | A.V. Síobhan & Patricia Cleary |
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The Holy Family

Here we find the hearth within which Jesus lived his hidden years. Here we find the first domestic Church, a loving family devoted to God and to each other. Here we find the family as a school: a school of prayer, a school of service, a school of discipline, a school of formation, but most of all a school of love.

Family

Does the "typical" family really exist?
Families come in so many shapes and sizes, and there is nothing "typical" about them.
Our family of origin, our family of association, the family



of our church, the family of humanity and the family of creation are all different types of families. Even our work and school associations are often referred to as "families." They vary in expression and style as much as human beings vary one to the other. May God continue to bless each of our "families."

A thought for 2020

Today the morning dawn broke on another year. We look out on each new- year unsure of what the future holds but hopeful of God's grace and blessing. For sure, the passage of time is relentless, unstoppable and an ever-present reality. The young urge it to speed up, impatient to get on with their lives; the old want to slow it down, bewildered by where the years have gone. Time is a mystery. What we know for certain is that the Word became flesh and lived among us in time itself. Now time is charged with the presence of God.

Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.

May God bless you and yours and may 2020 be a year of blessing for us all