

Parishes of Ardcath/Clonalvy & Curraha

15th March 2020 Third Sunday of Lent

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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 in Curraha on Thursday 26th March at 8pm and then on April 30th 2020.

Please pray for Dodo Kennedy sister in law of Bridget Murphy and Anna Daly Ardcath who were laid to rest during the week. May they rest in peace.

If any elderly or vulnerable in our parishes require help over the coming weeks please don't hesitate to contact the parish 087-2204788 and assistance will be organised. If you know of fellow parishioners, neighbours living alone please check on them preferably by phone.

From Bishop Deenihan

Re Mass Suspension

I have consulted widely on the celebration of Mass in the Diocese in the context of today's announcement from the Government and the ban on gatherings of more than 100 people. We must be mindful of public health and I am particularly concerned at the inability to maintain a congregation below 100. In that context, I am suspending all public Masses in the Diocese with immediate effect.

Weddings and funerals may continue provided the government guidelines are adhered to. Please see recommendations from the HSE and the National Funeral Directors Association.

Obviously priests will continue to offer Mass and I would ask you to join me in offering Mass for those who are sick and worried at this time. It may be possible that some Masses will broadcast on webcam. *Please see note below regarding Local Web Cam Masses.*

While Masses are suspended, the voice of prayer should not be silent. I know that many will want to go to our churches and pray privately. *Please see note below regarding our Churches.*

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Web Cam Daily Mass during Covid-19

Mass is available each morning at 10.00am from St Mary's Church Drogheda. To access this webcam please follow these steps.

1. Open Internet.
2. In Google search type in the following " **St Mary's church Drogheda webcam**"
3. This will bring up a list of options click on **St Mary's Parish Drogheda** .
4. Then click on " **Live Stream**" This is only operational at Mass time each day.

Our Churches

Our three Churches in our Parishes will remain open each day and we encourage people to take time to pray or light a candle for all those involved in the Covid-19 virus especially the health care workers and all who are affected by it. Please see below a prayer that can be said during this time.

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I arise,

Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Christ in every eye that sees me,

In our neighbouring Ashbourne Parish there is exposition from 10am to 5pm in the main body of the church each day. Another opportunity for us to pray.

Mass intentions: The intentions booked in for the next two weeks will be offered privately in Fr. Brendan's daily Mass and people are also very welcome to rebook their Mass Intentions when the present suspension is lifted.

Prayer to St Patrick

St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland.

Keep the light of the true faith burning forever brightly in the hearts of all your people.

You taught at all times the love of Christ.

Help me to forgive my enemies and work to bring God into their lives.

You loved to make people happy by telling wonderful stories about Jesus and Mary.

Guide my steps so that they may lead directly to God and use your influence to keep me in God's goodness and mercy forever more. Amen.



Vocations Information Day: April 5th: St Mary's Church, Navan

The Diocese will hold a vocations information day on Palm Sunday in St. Mary's Church, Navan. If you have been considering the priesthood this is an opportunity for you to find out more about what priesthood entails, about seminary studies; and a chance to explore God's call to priesthood in a deeper way. The event begins at 1pm with the Mass form Palm Sunday in the Parish Church. For more information please contact Fr Shane Crombie frshane@gmail.com

St Patrick, Pray For Us