

PARISH NEWSLETTER

ST MARY'S CHURCH ARDCATH, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CLONALVY,
ST ANDREW'S CURRAHA

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 25TH JULY 2021

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Baptisms: God's Holy Church welcomes with great joy Órlaith Maria Collins and Leo Jack Johnson who were baptised last weekend. Please contact the Parish office for enquiries for the sacrament of Baptism.

Requiescat in Peace: James McGrath, Ardcah and Austin Whyte Curragha. Let perpetual light shine upon them.

Sun 1 st August	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcah 6.30pm	Geraldine Wall	Maire McKenna & Trisha Fox
Clonalvy 10.00am	Frances Whyte	Breda Murray
Curraha 11.30am	Joan Phelan	Maureen Mooney

Sunday 25th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass Ardcah	6.30pm	A.V. Michael & Molly Kelly
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	M.M. Kathleen Sheehan
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Bridie Gargan
		A.V. John & Catherine Slevin & DFM
		A.V. Christopher, Betty & John Domican & DFM

Mon: Curraha	26 th Jul	7.30pm	A.V. Pat Webster
Tue: Clonalvy	27 th Jul	9.30am	Intention
Thu: Curraha	29 th Jul	9.30am	Intention
Fri: Ardcah	30 th Jul	9.30am	Intention

Sunday 1st August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass Ardcah	6.30pm	A.V. Pat Tallon and Dec Mem Tallon & O'Mahony
		A.V. John & Mary Kavanagh
		A.V. Patrick Bowens
		Kathleen Sheehan
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Catriona McCabe
		A.V. Kevin Morgan & Helen & Owen Brady
		A.V. Christopher, Betty & John Domegan

*Every time I pass a Church I pay a little visit.
So when at last I am carried in. The Lord won't say
"Who is it"*

BREAD OF LIFE DISCOURSE

For the next few Sundays, the Gospel at Mass will follow Chapter 6 of St John's Gospel, known as the "Bread of Life" Discourse, delving deeper into the meaning of the Lord Jesus' words "I am the Bread of Life", and how He shares His life with us in Holy Communion. It is always incumbent upon us to reflect on our attitude towards, our approach to and our reception of the Blessed Sacrament, and how our lives reflect that true belief that in Holy Communion, "the Lord Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity". *Catechism of the Catholic Church #1374*

SAINTS THIS WEEK



Memorial of Saints Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary - July 26th : The grandparents of Jesus are known by tradition rather than biblically sourced, and were celebrated from the early 2nd Century. What a testament Mary is to her parents, who at the moment of consenting to the Incarnation, did so with great trust in the Providence of God because of the upbringing she received from her parents. As patron saints of Grandparents, pray for your own grandparents, whether still with us or now rest in eternal peace. Grandchildren are warmly invited to accompany grandparents to Mass on Monday at 7:30pm to pray for Granny & Granddad.

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus- July 29th: These siblings were friends of the Lord Jesus who often welcomed him to their house in Bethany. In St John's Gospel, we read how Jesus wept bitterly at the death of Lazarus and the grief of the Mary illustrating the love He had for his friends. Offer a prayer for, and indeed with your friends today, and make it an occasion to celebrate your friendship. "Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter: whoever finds one has found a treasure" *Sirach 6:14*. Known also for the behind the scenes work in preparing to receive Jesus, we thank and pray for our sacristans:



JOAN, PATRICIA AND TRISH who work so dedicatedly in our churches!

Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola - July 31st:

St Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus, more popularly known as the Jesuits. After being wounded in battle, his long convalescence saw him occupied with reading. Avoiding many of the spiritual books available, to read those of a more adventurous variety, he eventually gave in and read some of those at hand. Noticing the inner joy and lasting consolation in reading of the Lord and the Saints, and the passing pleasure in other books, the foundations of his Spiritual Exercises began to be formed. Focusing on the contentment and the peace that comes from the presence of God in our lives and recognising the opposite desolation and chaos that comes from being away from Him becomes the means in which the Spiritual Exercises help us to grow in our relationship with God.

