

WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
 CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
 CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

WEEKDAY MASSES

MON: 7:30PM (CURRAHA)
 TUES: 9:30AM (CLONALVY)
 THURS: 9:30AM (CURRAHA)



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY (BAMBINELLI) OF ADVENT 19TH DEC 2021

Christmas Mass Bouquets available in all churches and Parish Office.
 These Masses will be offered at all Masses on Christmas Day.



Sun 25 th December	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath 6.30pm	Ann Sheridan	Lara McCormack & Maire McKenna
Clonalvy 10.00am	Leta Harford	Kevin Geoghegan
Curraha 11.30am	Margaret Nugent	Sarah McDonnell

19th December Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	Una & Thomas Bell Paddy & Angela Brangan & DFM
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Sean Whyte
	11.30am	A.V. Pat Devaney Rem wife Maura A.V. Seamus, Maureen & Paul Muldowney DFM Gough & Muldowney Families A.V. Marie O'Sullivan A.V. Nancy Roche Margaret & Tommy Bissett Dec Mem Wall Family

Mon: Curraha	20th Dec	7.30pm	Dec members Connolly Family
Tue: Clonalvy	21st Dec	9.30am	Get well Mass
Thu: Curraha	23rd Dec	9.30am	King Family

Christmas Schedule



24th Dec - Christmas Eve

St Andrew's Church, Curraha	5.00pm - (<i>Vigil Mass for families with young children</i>)
St Mary's Church, Ardcath	6:30pm DFM of Moore Family Rolestown
St Andrew's Church, Curraha	8:30pm - (<i>Christmas Mass of Midnight</i>)

25th Dec - The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas Day

St John the Baptist Church, Clonalvy	10:00am	Christmas Mass Bouquets
St Andrew's Church, Curraha	11:30am	Christmas Mass Bouquets

26th December (Sunday) - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Patsy, Mary & John Clinton & DFM
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Pat Hanley & Margaret Nugent Paul & Hilary Flynn & DFM A.V. Connolly Family

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, now Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel*



Sacrament of Confession:

Ardcath: Sat, 18th December 5pm-6pm and 7:30pm- 8pm
Curraha: Sun, 19th December 12:30pm-2:30pm

Confessions also available in

Duleek Parish: Sunday 19th December 10:30-11:30am
Ashbourne Parish: Tuesday, Dec 21st, 7pm-8pm.

The sacrament of Confession is an integral part of the celebration of Christmas; as the Angel Gabriel spoke "You must name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins".
Confessions times are above.



Public Health Guidelines for our Churches. Christmas is always a time of year when we see many people coming home for Christmas that, thankfully this means extra people at Masses. Please be mindful and understanding to stewards that as we strive to ensure the safety of all, public health restrictions will only allow for those who can be seated comfortably in the churches. Facemasks are requested to be worn, and social distance maintained during movement within the Church, e.g. enter and leaving, coming forward for reception of Holy Communion.



This recent tradition of the Church, invites families to bring the figurine of the Baby Jesus from the family crib to Mass to be blessed. After the blessing the children are invited to wrap up their baby Jesus and to place him under their

Christmas Tree. On Christmas morning the Bambinelli is the first Christmas gift to be unwrapped and placed in the family crib. "...*Open our hearts, so that we may be able to receive Jesus in joy, always do what he asks and see him in all those who are in need of our love. Amen*": extract from the prayer of blessing.

Blessing of the Horses -Dec 26th. A European custom that sees a procession of horses to the church on St Stephen's Day, where they are blessed with Holy Water and sometimes a little salt for the horse to taste. The tradition, given the patronage of St Stephen, (and in some places St Martin of Tours) has its origins in an era when horses were among the most valuable possessions a household could own, and the fortune of a farm depended on the health of the horse. It is still today a way of asking God's blessing on horses and reminding us of our calling to be stewards of God's creation. Contact parish office for blessing after 11:30am Mass on Sunday. (*St Stephen's Day*)