

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

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – CHRISTMAS 2021

Please pray for the soul of Christy Lynch Knavinstown, Kilbrew.
 May he rest in peace.



Sun 2 nd January	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath 6.30pm	Lara McCormack	Liz Gough & Trisha Fox
Clonalvy 10.00am	Patricia Harford	Catherine Campbell
Curraha 11.30am	Claire O'Connor	Tim O'Connor

24th Dec - Christmas Eve

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

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
 Alfie, Liam & Joan Tolan
 King Family DFM

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

2nd January 2022 Second Sunday of Christmas

Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm
 Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am A.V. Frank & Brigid Kelly
 A.V. Dan Collins
 Sunday Curraha 11.30am M.M. Kathleen Farrell
 A.V. Colm McManus
 DFM Guiney Family

Weekday Masses will resume on 3rd January

New Year's Day Mass: Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12 Noon on Saturday, 1st January in St Andrew's Church, Curraha asking God's Blessings on the New Year of 2022 and in celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.



O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore Him,
(x3) Christ the Lord.

God of God, light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the
Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not
created:
O come, let us adore Him,
(x3) Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of
Heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the
highest:
O come, let us adore Him,
(x3) Christ the Lord.

Public Health Guidelines for our Churches. Christmas is always a time of year when we see many people coming home for Christmas that, thankfully 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, Hands to be sanitised and Social Distance maintained during movement within the Church, *e.g. enter and leaving, coming forward for reception of Holy Communion.*

Blessing of the Horses -Dec 26th. after 11:30am Mass on Sunday. (*St Stephen's Day*)

A very Happy and Blessed Christmas

My dear brothers and sisters, a very happy and blessed Christmas to you and to your families, as we welcome home parishioners for a few days with family, and miss those who cannot make it home this year. May the Lord enrich you with the blessings of His loving presence that we may rejoice in knowing the love of God, our heavenly Father, revealed in the baby ' wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in the manger"-the Saviour who was born for us.

On behalf of all our parishioners, I want to acknowledge the wonderful generosity of so many who have enabled us to gather safely, prayerfully, peacefully, and easily these days and throughout the year as well:

- The Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees.
- Lorna, Secretary to the Parishes
- Our Sacristans, Stewards and Altar Servers
- Our Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- The Parish Choirs, Musicians, Cantors, Organists and Soloists
- Parish Volunteer Cleaning Crews and the Altar Societies who keep the Churches cleaned and decorated.
- For all who helped decorate the Church for Christmas, giving so much time and effort to help us celebrate fittingly.
- To all who contribute in so many ways seen only by the Lord
- For all your generosity and financial support of the Parish throughout the year, it is all very much appreciated.

**Happy Christmas,
Fr. Kevin**

