

## WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)

CLONALVY: 10:00AM (SUNDAY)

CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022



Please pray for the souls of Fintan White Clonalvy and Paul Kiernan formerly of Curraha who were laid to rest during the week. May they rest in peace.

Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath	6.30pm	Mary Moore	Trisha Fox
Clonalvy	10.00am	Anne Whyte	Cathal Caffrey
Curraha	11.30am	Margaret Nugent	Joan Phelan

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent

Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm A.V. Maura Cox A.V. Thomas & Una Bell  
A.V. Paddy Browne & Remembering  
Bill & Eileen & Adams DFM

Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am Special Intention

Sunday Curraha 11.30am 1<sup>st</sup> A.V Eileen Gilsean  
A.V. Frances Smith & Rem Husband Charlie  
& Daughter Gemma

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Curraha 7.30pm Mary Swan, Get Well Intention, AV. Peter O'Hanrahan & Sheila O'Hanrahan

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Clonalvy 9.30am Get Well Intention

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Curraha 9.30am Raymond Coyle

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Ardcath 9.30am Fintan White

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent

Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm A.V. Alice Reynolds A.V. Jimmy & Viola Tuite  
A.V. James, Mary, Eugene, Paddy, Jim, Josie & Martin Kearns  
A.V. Patricia Walsh

Clonalvy 10.00am

Sunday Curraha 11.30am 1<sup>st</sup> A.V. Christy Lynch Remembering wife Ita  
3<sup>rd</sup> A.V. Tom Keogh  
A.V. Kevin & Eilish O'Connor & Rem Son Kevin

### Parish Sunday Collection Weekly

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	204.08	108.70	339.60
Envelopes	80.00	0.00	185.00
Offerings	10.00	0.00	55.00

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



The appearance of St John the Baptist in the Gospel on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent is a key feature of the spirituality of Advent and that great call of his to 'Prepare a way for the Lord'. These precious days of Advent can slip by quite quickly with preparations other than spiritual ones, yet the invitation to examine the place we give to the Lord is at the heart of these days, in order that Christmas may bestow its true and lasting blessing upon us. A visit to the Church during the week, an extra weekday Mass, reading a spiritual book or magazine, praying with the gospel accounts of the Birth of Jesus can be moments of great spiritual benefit this Advent. It is also a great time to approach the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation, as we prepare to welcome Christ, whom the angel announced as "He will save His people from their sins". Confessions will take place after 6:30pm Mass in Ardcath every Saturday between now and Christmas Eve.

### 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 ordered 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*

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** are now available. The 3 cards feature an image of each of the three churches. The intentions of those who receive the Christmas Cards will be included at the Masses of Christmas Night and Christmas Day. They are priced at €2 each or three for €5, and can be purchased from the Sacristies or Parish Office. The proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the parishes.



**8<sup>th</sup> December - The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - Is a Holy Day of Obligation that honours Our Lady being preserved from the first moments of her existence from Original Sin. It was solemnly declared an Article of Faith by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854.

Masses on **Thursday** will be celebrated:

**St Andrew's Church, Curraha**

**9:30am**

**St Mary's Church, Ardcath**

**6:30pm**

### **Bambinelli Sunday - 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Families are invited to bring the figurine of the Baby Jesus from their crib to be blessed at Masses next weekend.



The **YOUTH2000 Christmas Retreat** will be taking place in Newbridge College, Newbridge between 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December.

This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, Prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie).