

WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)

CLONALVY: 10:00AM (SUNDAY)

CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15TH JANUARY, 2023



Sunday	22 nd Jan	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath	6.30pm	Maire McKenna	Eilish Behan & Ann McNally
Clonalvy	10.00am	Anne Whyte	Cathal Caffrey
Curraha	11.30am	Joan Phelan	Paul O'Connor

Sunday 15th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Gareth McKenna Ann Dunne Birthday Rem A.V. Margaret Dunne & DM of Dunne & Fox Families
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Nicholas Murray
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	1 st A.V. Mary Staunton 2 nd A.V. Charlie Coyle A.V. Nuala Keogh DM Ryan Family

Monday	16 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Brigid Butterly
Tuesday	17 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Fintan White, McNally Family
Thursday	19 th	Curraha	9.30am	Brendan Prendiville
Friday	20 th	Curraha	9.30am	Intention

Sunday 22nd January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Vincent & Pearl Collins
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	Intention
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	1 st A.V. Deirdre Gaynor

Parish Sunday Collection Weekly

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	251.38	61.00	304.64
Envelopes	80.00	50.00	145.00
Offerings	30.00	0.00	400.00

Thank you for your generous support with the running costs of our parish.

“Jesus returned to Nazareth and grew in favour with God and people”

Luke 2:52

Reflection: Since many of us were baptized soon after our birth, we do not remember the event. Yet, no matter at what age you were baptized, it still carries the same effect: cleansing of Original Sin and all sins, imparting of grace (participation in Divine Life), bestowal of the Holy Spirit, adoption as a child of God, immersion into the life of the Blessed Trinity, and incorporation into the Church. Take time this week to thank God for the gift of Baptism and reflect in prayer on the importance of being baptized, both its' graces and its' duties. Baptism begins our covenant relationship with God. Like all covenantal relationships (e.g. being married in the Church), this relationship takes work and effort so that its' graces may come to fulness in our lives. Make an extra effort this week to invest time and energy into your relationship with God, asking Him in prayer to guide you in doing this, so that you can grow closer to Him each and every day.



Confirmation Sponsors

Our young Confirmation Candidates, who will celebrate this important sacrament on the 28th February in St Mary's Church Ardcath, welcome their sponsors to Mass this weekend. These are the people the candidates have chosen to stand beside them as they receive the Sacrament. At a minimal, a sponsor must fulfill the requirements of being a practicing Catholic, over 16 years of age, who has received Confirmation themselves and live a life of faith that befits the role undertaken. However, it is a role that has taken on greater importance

in the challenges that young people face today, and so must be undertaken with the sense that they are there to encourage and assist the candidate in their Christian faith, particularly in the practice of the faith; to be able to guide them in the understanding of the Christian Faith by sharing from their own knowledge and experience; to pray daily for the candidate, to guide and encouraging them in the living out of a moral and virtuous life and finally helping them to recognise and develop their God-given talents for the benefit of others. It is a demanding responsibility, just as it is a privilege and an honour to be asked to be a sponsor. May God who calls us for this task, assist us with His grace to carry it out to the best of our abilities.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January: *For Educators* We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition, helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

St. Andrew's Primary School, Curraha is currently enrolling pupils for the school year 2023-2024. Enrolment Forms can be downloaded from the school website www.standrewscurragha.com. The closing date for Application is 18.02.2022. If you require further information, please email: office@standrewscurragha.com

St. Patrick's Primary School, Ardcath is currently enrolling pupils for the school year 2023-2024. Enrolment Forms can be downloaded from www.ardcathns.ie. Closing date for Application is 18.02.2022. Admission Policy and Annual Admission Notice are available online. If you require further information, please mail info@ardcathns.ie



Curragha I.C.A Meeting

Looking forward to seeing all our members, and to welcoming New Members to a meeting at **12:30pm on Monday, 16th January** in the **Parish Centre**, behind the Church in Curraha.