

WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)

CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)

CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8TH JANUARY 2023



Sunday	15 th Jan	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath	6.30pm	Maire McKenna	Patricia Fox
Clonalvy	10.00am	Patricia Harford	Anne White
Curraha	11.30am	Marcella O'Connor	Mary Carey

Sunday 8th January The Baptism of the Lord

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	Kevin Brady & DM of Brady McMenemy Families
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	Special Intention
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Siobhan & Patricia Carey DM Wall Family A.V. William & Bridget Hennessy

Monday	9 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Niamh Bolger
Tuesday	10 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Thomas, Mary, Tom, & Martin Murphy, Delores Kennedy
Thursday	12 th	Curraha	9.30am	Peter Rav
Friday	13 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Irene Byrne

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 DM Ryan Family

Parish Sunday Collection Weekly (Christmas Week)

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	755.30	295.80	1147.65
Envelopes	585.00	40.00	2445.00
Offerings	1555.00	680.00	2435.00

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

"The Church welcomes you with great joy"

Some Guidelines on Baptism

Baptism, the gateway to the sacraments and necessary for salvation by actual reception, is validly conferred only by a washing of true water with the proper form of words. Through baptism men and women are freed from sin, are reborn as children of God, and, configured to Christ by an indelible character, are incorporated into the Church

Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks; they are to go to the priest to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it as soon as possible after the birth or even before it.

Parents, sponsors, and the priest are to take care that a name foreign to Christian sensibility is not given.

As a rule those to be baptized are baptized in their parish church unless a just cause suggests otherwise.

For an infant to be baptized licitly:

1/ the parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent;
2/ there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such hope is altogether lacking, the baptism is to be delayed according to the prescripts of particular law after the parents have been advised about the reason.

A sponsor (Godparent) also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

One sponsor (Godparent), male or female is sufficient, but there may be two one of each sex. They must be not less than 16 years of age, a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed and received the Blessed Eucharist and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.

Elements of the Rite of Baptism:

- The **welcome** at the entrance of the Church marks the desire of the parents of the one to baptise to become part of the family of God, the Church, accepting the great duty to raise their child up in the Catholic Faith.
- The **Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens** strengthens the person's heart to reject evil and love God above all.
- The **Profession of Faith** is a joining with the faith of Christians who believe in God, in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, the Church and all that she holds and teaches.
- The **pouring of Holy Water**, the central element of the Sacrament of Baptism, accompanied by the words of the Rite of Baptism confers the grace of the Sacrament and marks the person forever as a Child of God, by invoking the baptism in the name of the Most Holy Trinity.
- The **Anointing with the Oil of Chrism** confers the dignity of Christ upon the person; He who was anointed a Priest, Prophet and King and shares those offices with the Baptised.
- The **clothing in White** calls to mind the noble company of Saints in heaven who are imaged in the Book of Revelation (Rev. 7:9) arrayed in spotless white robes before the Lord God in heaven
- The **lighting of the Baptismal Candle** from the Paschal Candle signifies that the Baptised person has been enlightened by Christ who is the Light of the World (John 8:12), and allows that light of faith to illumine their lives.

The **praying of the Our Father** is a sign that the newly baptised is part of the Christian Community who approaches God, in filial trust and love as His Children.

