

WEEKEND MASSES

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

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PARISHES OF ST MARY'S ARDCATH, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CLONALVY, ST ANDREW'S CURRAHA

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

26TH FEBRUARY 2023



Sunday	5 th March	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath	6.30pm	Eithne O'Sullivan	Lara McCormack
Clonalvy	10.00am	Anne Whyte	Margaret Andrews
Curraha	11.30am	Claire O'Connor	James Nugent

Sunday 26th February First Sunday of Lent

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	M.M. Una Dowling A.V. David Tuite
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Jimmy Lynch & DFM A.V. Bridget & James O'Connor & Daughter Mary Anderson A.V. Hughie Ward

Monday 27 th Curraha	7.30pm	Eddie McLoughlin
Tuesday 28 th Clonalvy	9.30am	Get Well Intention
Thursday 2 nd Curraha	9.30am	Peg Carey
Friday 3 rd Curraha	9.30am	Parish list of the dead

Sunday 5th March Second Sunday of Lent

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Patrick, Mary & John Clinton DFM
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Mark Mooney

Parish Sunday Collection Weekly

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	148.85	255.06	304.20
Envelopes	60.00	30.00	295.00
Offerings	10.00	95.00	175.00

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

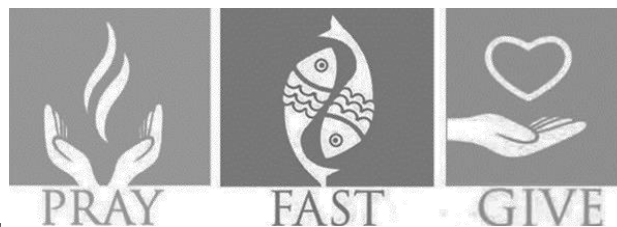
New Parish Envelopes are available for distributors to collect in the vestry.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: We welcome the Most Rev. Thomas Deenihan, Bishop of Meath to Ardcath/Clonalvy Parish this Tuesday to impart the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our young parishioners. We pray for the *Confirmandi* as they are filled with the Holy Spirit, continuing their journey of Christian maturity and stand ready to live the gospel in our parish. Thank you to the children's teachers Mr. Caulfield, Mrs Freil, and Ms Dowling and the SNA's for preparing the children for this sacred day.



The Celebration of First Confession: The children of 2nd Class, attending St Andrew's School will make their First Confession on Thursday, at 7:30pm in St Andrew's Church. We pray God's blessing on the children as they encounter the bountiful mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What love awaits us in the sacrament of Confession, that can restore what has been broken, heal wounds, destroy barriers and give back life to the soul!

Lent 2023



We begin the 1st week of Lent with the Gospel of the Temptations of Jesus in the Desert. It touches on that great dynamic of Lent which is Spiritual Combat, relying on the three spiritual weapons of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving (Works of Charity). Through these practices we acknowledge our need of God's mercy for our lives as we seek to turn our straying hearts back to Him. Some Lenten Suggestions for the next 40 days:

Fasting

No Meat on Wednesdays or Fridays
 Abstain from sweets,
 Abstain from desserts
 Abstain from alcohol or soft drinks
 No snacking between meals
 Log off all Social Media
 Abstain from televised sports
 Abstain from Movies.
 Abstain from TV series and Sitcoms.
 Use phone only for essential or work purposes
 Abstain from Video Games
 No Unnecessary Purchases

Prayer

Attend an extra Mass in the week
 Pray the Rosary daily
 Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Daily visit to the Church
 Pray the Stations of the Cross
 Read the Gospels - particularly the Passion of our Lord
 Take 20 mins of quiet prayer with the Lord at home
 Pray as a family particularly at Meal Times
 Make a pilgrimage, e.g. Knock, Croagh Patrick, Slane.
 Visit all the cemeteries in the parish, praying for those interred

Charity

Support a charity
 Place a Trocaire Box at home
 Spend time together as a couple, as a family.
 Make an effort to visit a relative.
 Surprise someone with good deeds - even better when they don't know who it's from.
 Offer your services to the parish;
 Become a reader.
 Join the choir
 Make a habit of seeing the best in others.
 Compliment others instead of taking their characters away through idle chat and gossip

'Light the Fire' - St Patrick's Day

The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to "Light the Fire" on the Hill of Slane. Starting with Prayer at 5pm on the Hill of Slane with Procession to the Parish Church, where Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty, in St Patrick's Church, followed by Adoration. **All welcome!**

St Mary's Parish Choir, Ardcath: are seeking new members to join the choir, in order that they can sing more regularly at Mass. Anyone interested would be warmly welcome and welcomed warmly to Choir Practice on Thursday, 2nd March at 7:30pm in St Mary's Church.

Ardcath/Clonalvy Senior Citizens Event:

Ardcath ICA are currently in the process of issuing invitations to a Senior Citizens Event which will take place on Sunday, 16th April 2023 in the Glenside Hotel, Drogheda. Any parishioner from Ardcath and Clonalvy who is eligible and would like to attend, please contact Nuala 086/6063323 or Anne 087/0649254