

WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)

CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)

CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

19TH MARCH 2023



Sunday 26th March	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath 6.30pm	Mary Moore	Catriona Corry
Clonalvy 10.00am	Tom Bowler	Breda Murray
Curraha 11.30am	Gerard O'Connor	Frances Gargan

Sunday 19th March Fourth Sunday of Lent

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Noelie Savidge
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. P.J. & Nancy Andrews, and Mary Andrews
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Christine Hamilton A.V. Patrick, Elizabeth & Margaret Plunkett

Monday 20th Curraha	7.30pm	Gerard Fleming
Tuesday 21st Clonalvy	9.30am	Ellen Reilly
Thursday 23rd Curraha	9.30am	Una Dowling
Friday 24th Ardcath	9.30am	Laurence Kilmartin

Sunday 26th March Fifth Sunday of Lent

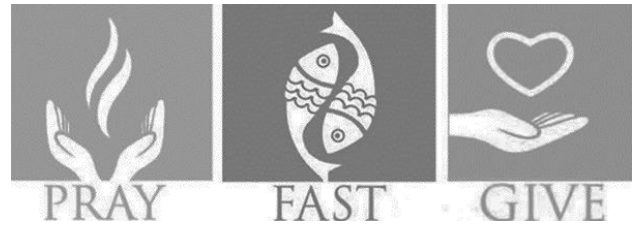
Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. James & Bridge Maloney A.V. Peggy, Bartle & Alice Lee A.V. William & Alice Lee A.V. Charles Moore A.V. John, Hilda & Michael Adams
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Paddy McDermott

Parish Sunday Collection Weekly

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	184.91	74.15	332.94
Envelopes	50.00	30.00	105.00
Offerings	30.00	10.00	265.00

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

Lent 2023



This 4th week of Lent - Laetare Sunday- invites us to open our eyes to see the Lord, to stand in the bright light of His presence, to recognise Him as our Lord and Saviour and so respond to Him with greater faith in Him! This Sunday offers a small reprieve from the austerity of Lent, allowing us to take a deep breath before the plunge into the season of Passiontide next Sunday. This Sunday has overtones of rejoicing, as flowers are allowed on the altar again and the rose colour lifts the deep penitential purple of Lent. It was tradition that on this Sunday, many Christians would return to their home parish, where they were baptised and there renew their Baptismal Promises (Reciting the Apostles Creed). The church in which one was baptised was known as one's Mother Church, for it was there in the font, one was reborn through faith and baptism. While in one's mother church, one had also the opportunity to return to give thanks to one's natural mother and so the seeds of Mother's Day were sown.

Today make a pilgrimage to the baptismal font and there renew your faith in the Lord Jesus; recite the creed and bless your yourself with Holy Water, like the man in the gospel, may we say too: "Lord, I believe", and remember your mother in prayer too.

The Loveliest
masterpiece of
the heart of God
is the Love
of a mother.
-ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

A very happy Mother's Day to all our dear Mams!!!!

May God bless you in His love and care.

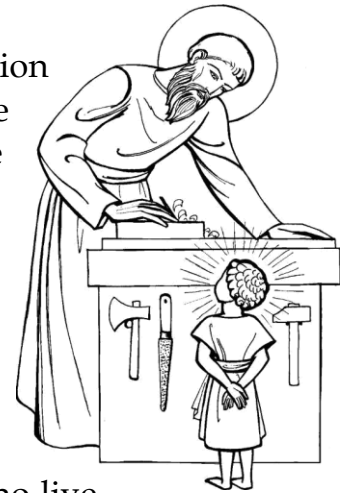
We pray for all who will celebrate Mother's Day for the first time this year, as well as remembering and praying for all mothers who have passed beyond life's care.

St Joseph's Day: The wonderful celebration of St Joseph, Husband of the B.V.M will be celebrated on Monday, 20th March, because

the Fourth Sunday of Lent takes precedence this year. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm in St Andrew's, Curraha. *"Saint Joseph did not do extraordinary things, but rather by the constant practice of the ordinary and common virtues, he attained that sanctity which elevates him above all other saints."* – St. Joseph Marello

Prayer to St Joseph

O God, Who in your ineffable Providence chose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that he whom we venerate as our protector on earth may be our intercessor in Heaven, you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen



Vocations Notice:

"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into His harvest"

Vocations Holy Hour: St Andrew's Church, Curraha, Co Meath, Friday 24th March, 7pm-8pm, led by Fr Tony Gonoude, Vocations Director.- All parishioners are invited and welcome to pray for vocations to Priesthood and Holy Orders.