

## 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023



Please pray for the soul of Thomas Battersby formerly of Garristown who passed away last week in England. May he rest in peace.

**Baptisms:** God's Holy Church welcomes with great joy, **Charlie Field** and **Charlie Quinn** who were baptised in St Mary's Church Ardcath last weekend.

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath 6.30pm	Imelda Andrews	Ann McNally
Clonalvy 10.00am	Frances Whyte	Cathal Caffrey
Curraha 11.30am	Amy Battersby	Margaret Nugent

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March Second Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Curraha	7.30pm	Lilly Mulvaney
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Clonalvy	9.30am	James & Annie Moran & DFM
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Curraha	9.30am	Special Intention
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Curraha	9.30am	Gerard Fleming

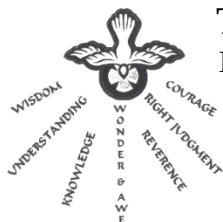
### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March Third Sunday of Lent

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Joe Whyte
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	

### Parish Sunday Collection Weekly

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	161.00	163.96	305.49
Envelopes	90.00	20.00	365.00
Offerings	220.00	90.00	830.00

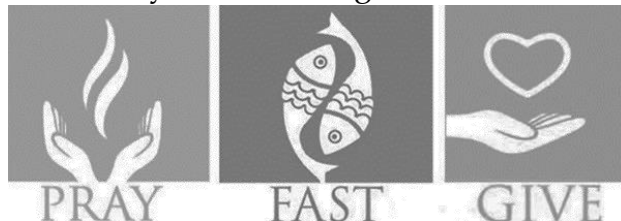
*New Parish Envelopes are available for distributors to collect in the sacristy.*



**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** Congratulations to our young parishioners attending St Patrick's Primary School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Most Rev. T Deenihan, Bishop of Meath on Tuesday in a beautiful ceremony. A big Thank You to the children's teachers Mr. Caulfield, Mrs Friel, and Ms Dowling and all the staff of the school for preparing for the day, as well as the children in the choir who lifted the hearts of all with their singing.

**The Celebration of First Confession:** We congratulate the children of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, attending St Andrew's School who made their First Confession on Thursday, and a special word of gratitude to the children's teachers, Ms Horgan and Ms. Gilligan. On Tuesday, we will celebrate First Confession for the children attending St Patrick's School at 7:30pm. 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



The 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent invites us to hike up the Mountain of the Transfiguration – Mt Tabor. It reminds us of the extra efforts that are required of us in Lent in our Prayers, Fasting and Almsgiving (Works of Charity), yet with the goal of ascending to closeness with Jesus, in order that we may face our daily lives with His light to guide us. Some Lenten Suggestions for the next 33 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!**



**Congratulations to Bishop Michael Smith, DCL**, who celebrates his Diamond Jubilee of Ordination as Priest this Thursday. Bishop Michael was ordained a priest in the Lateran Basilica on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1963 by H.E. Cardinal Taglia. We thank God for Bishop Smith's unwavering and dedicated service to the flocks entrusted to his pastoral care since then and pray God's continued blessings of good health in his retirement. **Ad Multos Annos!**

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm-8pm, led by Fr Tony Gonoude, Vocations Director.-** All invited and welcome to pray for vocations to Priesthood and Holy Orders .

**Table Quiz :** St Andrew's N.S. Parent's Association are holding a table quiz in Swans Lounge on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March at 8.30pm table costs €40 and 4 per table. Proceeds are for the school and donation to the Turkey/Syrian relief fund.