

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2023



Sunday	7 th Jan	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath	6:30pm	Maire McKenna	Paula Allison
Clonalvy	10.00am	Frances White	Margaret Andrews
Curraha	11.30am	Gerard O'Connor	Frances Duffy

Christmas Eve/Day		<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath	6:00pm	Ann Sheridan	Maire McKenna
Curraha	8.00pm	Joan Phelan/Amy Battersby	Daniel Keohane/Margaret Nugent
Clonalvy	10.00am	Anne White	Cathal Caffrey
Curraha	11.30am	Liz Keogh-Byrne	Dermot Oates/Maureen Mooney

Sunday 24th December 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm DFM of the Moore Family (Rolestown)
60th A.V. of Kate Savidge
A.V. Cissie White
A.V. James & Maura Murphy , James & Margaret & Noel Murphy

Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am No Mass
Sunday Curraha 11.30am A.V. Alfred Tolan Remember son Liam & sister Joan
Ita & Christy Lynch

Tues. 26th Clonalvy 9.30am No Mass
Thurs. 28th Curraha 9.30am Margaret, Nigel & Pat Hanley
Fri. 29th Ardcath 9.30am Intention

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Ardcath 6.00pm Christmas Card Intentions
Curraha 8.00pm Christmas Card Intentions
Clonalvy 10.00am Christmas Card Intentions
Curraha 11.30am Christmas Card Intentions

Sunday 31st December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm
Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am
Sunday Curraha 11.30am A.V. William & Bridget Hennessy
D.M. Guiney Family
Henry Staunton



Parishes Sunday Collection

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	€ 158.18	€ 195.51	€ 279.10
Envelopes	€ 50.00	€ 15.00	€ 260.00
Offerings	€ 20.00	€ 20.00	€ 45.00

Thank you for the generous support
of the work and upkeep of the Parish.

A very Happy and Blessed Christmas

With joy, dear brothers, and sisters, we once again celebrate the birth of our saviour at Christmas, being reminded of the dynamism of God's love for us, who in making Himself so small and vulnerable as a baby laid in a manger, tells us not to be afraid in going to Him. Let us approach the Lord with trust in that love as our world once more begs to hear that message sung in the shepherd fields of Bethlehem; "Peace to people of good will", not least in the war-torn lands of the Lord's birth. May the desire for peace reign in all hearts, homes, and communities.

My dear brothers and sisters, a very happy and blessed Christmas to you and to your families, especially as we welcome home parishioners for a few days with family and miss those who cannot make it home this year. May the Lord enrich you with the blessings of His loving presence that we may rejoice in knowing the love of God, our heavenly Father, revealed in the baby '*wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in the manger*'-the Saviour who was born for us.

On behalf of all our parishioners, I want to acknowledge the wonderful generosity of so many who have done so much so we can gather prayerfully, peacefully, and joyfully these days and throughout the year as well:

- The Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees.
- Lorna, Secretary to the Parishes
- Our Sacristans, Stewards, and Altar Servers
- Our Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- The Parish Choirs, Musicians, Cantors, Organists and Soloists
- Parish Volunteer Cleaning Crews and the Altar Societies who keep the Churches cleaned and decorated.
- For all who helped decorate the Church for Christmas, giving so much time and effort to help us celebrate fittingly.
- To everyone who contributes in so many ways seen only by the Lord
- For all your generosity and financial support of the Parish throughout the year, it is all very much appreciated.
- And for your kindness, generosity, support and love to me personally, a big thank you.



Happy Christmas, Fr. Kevin

A Prayer before your Crib

God, our Father, You sent your only Son as a little child To love and save us. To our lives, he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look upon his manger; May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Fill our homes with hospitality, joy, gentleness and thanksgiving and guide our steps in the way of peace. Dear heavenly Father, hear my petition. I pray for..... Amen.

