

WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)

CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)

CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023



| Sunday | 10 th Dec | <u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u> | <u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u> |
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| Ardcath | 6:30pm | Ann Sheridan | Lara McCormack |
| Clonalvy | 10.00am | Leta Harford | Catherine Campbell |
| Curraha | 11.30am | Margaret Nugent | Joan Phelan |

Sunday 3rd December First Sunday of Advent

Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm M.M. Nancy Howard
Av. Jimmy, Vida & David Tuite A.V. Paddy Browne

Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am Special Intention

Sunday Curraha 11.30am M.M. Sr. Baptist Egan & DM Egan & Porter Families
Av. Kathleen Farrell Rem Husband Tommy
& Margery Farrell.
Deceased members of the Gilsenan Family
Av. Kevin. Eilish & son Kevin O'Connor
Av. Gerry & Mary Duffy & Pat & Cecilia Duffy

Mon 4th Curraha 7.30pm A.V. Peter O'Hanrahan & Sheila O'Hanrahan
Special Intention, Mr Jarvi

Tues. 5th Clonalvy 9.30am Tina Finnegan

Thurs. 7th Curraha 9.30am Brian Russell

Fri. 8th Ardcath 9.30am Gaye Noonan

Curraha 7.30pm Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday 10th December Second Sunday of Advent

Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm A.V. Alice Reynolds
A.V. Patricia Walsh & DFM

Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am

Sunday Curraha 11.30am M.M. Maura Keogh A.V. Thomas Keogh
Deceased members of Oats Family & relatives

Parishes Sunday Collection

| | Ardcath | Clonalvy | Curraha |
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| Offertory | € 131.44 | € 163.04 | € 323.31 |
| Envelopes | € 0.00 | € 30.00 | € 185.00 |
| Offerings | € 20.00 | € 20.00 | € 140.00 |

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

Advent

The beautiful season of Advent captures the essence of our hope arising from the Article of the Creed that states "He (Christ) will come again to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end."

Advent invites us to see the threefold coming of Christ in history, in our lives today and finally at the end of time. He came to us as a baby in Bethlehem, comes to us in our day through the sacraments and we look forward to the day, when He comes again in the Final Judgement. With this

in mind, we see these weeks of advent as a time of purifying hope, by looking forward to the coming of Christ our King in glory at the end of time, by recalling the yearning expectation of His first coming as a baby in Bethlehem, and seeing Him where is present now. There are many ways to live this season: Family Advent Wreath, An extra Mass during the week, learning some of the great Advent Hymns, the Sacrament of Confession, etc.

The traditional Advent candlelight Mass called the **Rorate Mass** will continue through the Mondays of Advent at 7:30pm in St Andrews'. The Sacrament of Confession will be available beforehand from 7pm.

The Sacrament of Confession will be available from 6pm on Saturdays in St Mary's throughout Advent.



Parish Christmas Cards are now available. The 3 cards feature an image of each of the three churches of the parishes. The intentions of those who receive the Christmas Cards will be included at the Masses of Christmas Night and Christmas Day. They are priced at €2 each or three for €5, and can be purchased from the Sacristies or Parish Office. The proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the parishes.

Clonalvy Church Christmas Cleanup: Altar Society and Interested Parishioners are invited for the church cleanup on Sat, 9th Dec at 10am. Many hands make light work!



8th December - The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - is a Holy Day of Obligation that honours Our Lady being preserved from the first moments of her existence from Original Sin. It was solemnly declared an Article of Faith by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854.

Masses on **Friday** will be celebrated:

St Mary's Church, Ardcath 9:30am

St Andrew's Church, Curraha 7:30pm

6th December: Feast of St Nicholas, Patron Saint of Children. St Nicholas (d. 343) was an early Christian bishop who was known for his theological insights, his pastoral charity and for miracles. His secret and generous gift-giving to the poor gave rise to many of the traditions we celebrate later this month, including the stories of this saint placing a coin in shoes and stockings that were left drying near the fire. It is still a tradition for children to search their shoes on St Nicholas' Day to see if this saint left something for them!

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat: Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare 8th -10th Dec., for ages 16-35. Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only. Find out more and register now on www.youth2000.ie