

WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)

CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)

CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 2024



Please pray for the soul of Robbie Kavanagh

Heathstown who was laid to rest in Clonalvy last weekend. May he rest in peace.

Sunday	14 th Jan	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath	6:30pm	Maire McKenna	Catriona Corry
Clonalvy	10.00am	Margaret Andrews	Catherine Campbell
Curraha	11.30am	Marcella O'Connor	Dermot Oates

Sunday 7th January The Baptism of the Lord

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Kevin Brady & DFM Birthday Rem Ann Dunne Rem Margaret Dunne & Fox & Dunne Families
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Thomas, Mary, Tom & Martin Murphy & Dowd & Kennedy Families A.V. Ann Collins
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Síobhan & Patricia Carey A.V. Colm McManus D.M. of the Wall Family Eoghan Cranley & DM Cranley & Smith Families

Mon.	8 th January	7.30pm	No Mass
Tues.	9 th Clonalvy	9.30am	Intention
Thurs.	11 th Curraha	9.30am	Margie Caffrey
Fri.	12 th Ardcath	9.30am	Special Intention

Sunday 14th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Gareth McKenna
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Nuala Keogh D.M. Ryan Family

Parishes Christmas Collection

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	€ 113.36	€154.05	€ 400.74
Envelopes	€ 20.00	€ 0.00	€ 280.00
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 30.00	€ 120.00

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of the work and upkeep of the Parish.

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Some Guidelines on Baptism

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and it invites us to reflect on our Baptism, as well as seeking ways to celebrate this inaugural sacrament in our parish to highlight its importance; not least that baptism makes us part of the community of faith that is parish life.

Baptism, the gateway to the sacraments and necessary for salvation by actual reception, is validly conferred only by a washing of true water with the proper form of words. Through baptism men and women are freed from sin, are reborn as children of God, and, configured to Christ by an indelible character, are incorporated into the Church

Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks; they are to go to the priest to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it as soon as possible after the birth or even before it.

Parents, sponsors, and the priest are to take care that a name foreign to Christian sensibility is not given.

As a rule those to be baptised are baptised in their parish church unless a just cause suggests otherwise. For an infant to be baptised licitly:

1/ the parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent;
2/ there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such hope is altogether lacking, the baptism is to be delayed according to the prescripts of particular law after the parents have been advised about the reason.

A sponsor (Godparent) also helps the baptised person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

One sponsor (Godparent), male or female is sufficient, but there may be two, one of each sex. They must be not less than 16 years of age, a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed and received the Blessed Eucharist and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.

Readers: The new 2024 Sunday Missals are available in the sacristy for our Parish readers. If anyone would like to become a reader, please contact Fr Kevin.

Online Donations and Parish Support: Many people have asked about

supporting the parish through electronic means, particularly those who use their bank cards regularly. We have set up a new way to support the parish through an online donation portal. Over the coming weeks, we will roll out this as an additional way to make a contribution – either the Sunday Collection or the Monthly Offerings. It is a fast, reliable and secure way to support the parish. It is currently live on the parish website (under 'Donate') and will be made more accessible in the coming weeks. Thank you once again for your generous support. Scan the QR to find out more



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