

## WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)

CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)

CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

CURATE: FR. KEVIN HEERY CC



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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

**Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomes with great joy: **Cillian Cassidy** who was baptised in St Andrew's Church Curraha last weekend.



Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath	6:30pm	Eithne O'Sullivan	Ann McNally
Clonalvy	10.00am	Margaret Andrews	Anne White
Curraha	11.30am	Amy Battersby	Frances Duffy

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm A.V. Thomas McConnell & DFM

Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am A.V. Jim Curran

Sunday Curraha 11.30am A.V. Tony Battersby  
A.V. Hugh Ward parents Hugh & Margaret Ward & DFM  
A.V. Vincent & Bridget Gargan, & Sr. Christopher Gargan

Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> Curraha 7.30pm James Nugent, Marcella Hennessy  
3<sup>rd</sup> A.V. Fr. Ultan Murphy

Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> Clonalvy 9.30am Margie Caffrey

Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> Ardcath 9:30am Ash Wednesday  
Curraha 7:30pm Thomas & Catherine Caffrey

Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> Curraha 9.30am Pat Lynch

Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> Ardcath 9.30am Richard Grealley

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February First Sunday of Lent

Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm Fr. Seamus Dunican

Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am

Sunday Curraha 11.30am A.V. Tom Prendiville



**Online Donation  
and Parish Support.**  
Please scan code and  
follow instructions.

### Parishes Collection

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	€ 165.60	€136.90	€ 408.56
Envelopes	€ 0.00	€100.00	€ 485.00
Offerings	€ 70.00	€180.00	€ 305.00

**Candlemas Donations:** Ardcath: €95.00 Curraha : €90.00 St Bridget's Cross Clonalvy €105.00

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

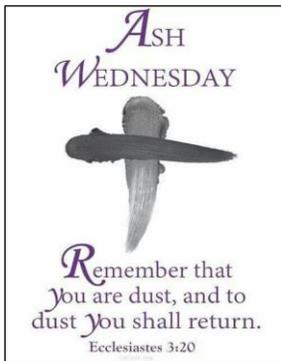
**Curraha Parish Council:** Meeting after 7:30pm Mass on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February in Parish Centre.

**Annual Parish Box of Envelopes:** The parish office team are preparing for the new boxes of envelopes for upcoming distribution. Some household details have changed since last year and we are updating those important contact details. Please contact the Parish Office if there is a need to update details or if you are a new household in the parish and wish to be included. The parish envelopes are an important source of support for the upkeep and maintenance of our parish each year.



## Lent 2024

The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues up until the Sacred Easter Triduum. It is a penitential season, marked by the cornerstones of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Through these practices we acknowledge our need of God's mercy for our lives as we seek to turn our straying hearts back to Him.



### **Ash Wednesday: Holy Mass and the Distribution of Ashes**

St Mary's Church, Ardcaith 9:30am  
St Andrew's Church, Curraha 7:30pm

### **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence,**

which means on those days:

- > We go Meat Free in our diet
- > We eat less, usually given as "One full meal and two smaller meals (collations) that together do not equal the size of a full meal" (ages 18 to 59)

Ashes are blessed and imparted on the forehead (or crown) of a person's head, as a sign of Repentance, Mortality and Lamenting over one's sins. This ancient biblical action is a serious sign to God of our desire to turn away from sin's hold on us so that we may live the call of the Gospel to follow the Lord Jesus in all that we do, say and are. Suggestion practices for Lent:

#### **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  
Go to Confession  
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  
Spend extra and quality 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;  
Make an extra effort to help where there is a lack in the parish: music, reading, welcoming, encouraging others to come back to Mass  
Make a habit of seeing the best in others.  
Compliment others instead of taking their characters away through idle chat and gossip

### **Community Notice**

**Curragha I.C.A** meeting 12 February at 12.30. Our guest speaker Rosemary Conway from Conway's Chemist will give advice on staying healthy. New members would be very welcome to join us.