

## WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)

CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)

CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

### SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024



Pray for the soul of **Austin Murray**, Dublin and late of The Vicarage, Clonalvy who passed away last week.

<u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath 6:30pm	Geraldine Wall	Paula Allison
Clonalvy 10.00am	Leta Harford	Kevin Geoghegan
Curraha 11.30am	Frances Duffy	Lorna Battersby

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Lent

Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm A.V. Peggy, Alice & Bartle Lee, Will & Alice Lee

Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am A.V. Agnes & Tony Keenan & DFM Alisha Dowling

Sunday Curraha 11.30am A.V. James & Bridget O'Connor Mary Anderson & DFM

Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> Curraha 7.30pm Margie Caffrey

Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> Clonalvy 9.30am Sheila McDermott

Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup> Curraha 9.30am James Nugent

Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> Ardcath 9.30am Parish list of the dead



### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Third Sunday of Lent

Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm M.M. Des Caffrey

Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am Joe Whyte

Sunday Curraha 11.30am A.V. Mark Mooney

### Online Donation and Parish Support.

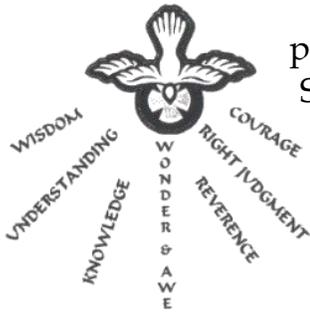
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### Parishes Collection

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	€ 228.79	€ 95.83	€ 428.07
Envelopes	€ 70.00	€ 10.00	€ 40.00
Offerings	€ 30.00	€ 50.00	€ 70.00

Thank you for the generous support of the work and upkeep

*“Lent is a call to renew a commitment grown dull, perhaps, by a life more marked by routine than reflection!”*



**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** Congratulations to our young parishioners attending St Andrew's Primary School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Most Rev. T Deenihan, Bishop of Meath on Friday in a beautiful ceremony. A big **"Thank You"** to the children's teacher Ms. Ronan 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:** will take place this week for our junior parishioners who are preparing for First Holy Communion later this year. We continue to pray for them and their families as they celebrate this important moment of their Christian lives, coming to know the very personal love God has for each one of us, and the mercy that awaits those who trust in that love.



**Ardcath/Clonalvy:** St Mary's Church, 7:30pm, Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Curraha:** St Andrew's Church, 7:30pm, Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> Feb.



## Lent 2024

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:

### **Confession times for Lent:**

**Following the 6:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays in St Mary's, Ardcath,  
Following the 7:30pm Monday Mass in St Andrew's, Curraha**

**Walk With Me 2024 Lenten Prayer Booklet:** A few copies still available in the Sacristy

### **Other Encouraged 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