

**Weekend Masses Parish Office**

Ardcath: 6:30pm (Sat Vigil) Tues & Fri: 1.00pm -3.00pm

Clonalvy:10.00am (Sunday) Telephone: **(01) 835 0136**

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**Parishes of St Mary’s Ardcath, St John the Baptist Clonalvy, St Andrew’s Curraha**

**Parish Newsletter**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**5th May 2024**

**Baptisms:** God’s Holy Church welcomes with great joy **Amber Curtin** who was baptised in St John the Baptist’s Church, Clonalvy last week.

**Eternal Rest**: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Josie Tyrnell (Nee Mcnally), Blessington,** sister of Marcella McNallywho was called from this life during the week. May she rest in peace.

**Sunday 12th May Ministers of the Eucharist Ministers of the Word**

**Ardcath 6.30pm Lara McCormack**   **Trisha Fox**

**Clonalvy 10.00am Margaret Andrews Cathal Caffrey**

**Curraha 11.30am Maureen Mooney Dermot Oates**

**Sunday 5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**** **Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm A.V. John & Maureen Corry**

 **Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am Anthony Reilly**

 **Sunday Curraha 11.30am Special Intention**

 **Mon. 6th Curraha 7.30pm No Mass – Bank Holiday**

 **Tues. 7th Clonalvy 9.30am Brenda Begg**

 **Thurs 9th Curraha 9.30am Michael Ward**

 **Friday 10th Ardcath 9.30am Annette Leonard**

**Sunday 12th May Ascension of the Lord**

**Online Donation and Parish Support**.

 Please scan code and follow instructions.

 **Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm M.M. Paul Noonan**

 **A.V. Jimmy Kearns**

 **Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am A.V. Philomena & Paddy Reilly**

 **D.M. Andrews & Reilly Families**

 **Sunday Curraha 11.30am A.V. McDermott Family**

 **Sunday Parish Collections**

 **Ardcath Clonalvy Curraha**

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

**Offertory** € 256.05 €160.35 € 512.19

**Envelopes** € 120.00 €110.00 € 165.00

**Offerings** € 50.00 €150.00 € 130.00

**Trocaire Lenten Collection** +€40.73

**Cemetery Devotions 2024**

**Piercetown** Saturday 22nd June Following 6:30pm Mass in St Mary’s. Ardcath

**Clonalvy**: Sunday 23rd June 1:30pm

**Curraha**: Sunday 30th June After 11.30am Mass, followed by Crickstown Cemetery

**Kilmoon**: Sunday 30th June 3pm

**Kilbrew**: Monday 1st July 7.30pm.

**Ardcath**: Sunday 8th Sept. 1:30pm.

**Viatores Christi Appeal:** Sally, Pat and Emma who visited our parish last week, with permission from Bishop Deenihan, to make an appeal in support of the work of Viatores Christi contacted the parish afterwards to offer thanks for the welcome and the very generous response to the appeal. A total of €1, 023.16 was raised between the three churches and goes towards supporting the work of ViatoresChristi. More information on the organisation can be found online.

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**Pro-Life - March for Life 2024:** Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May. Beginning from St Stephen’s Green at 2pm and walking to Leinster House. Advocating For Change, Unity, and Empowerment for Mothers and their Babies. Be part of something bigger – Let’s Make A Difference Together. More info can be found on ***marchforlife.ie***

**Ardcath Altar Society:** The AGM of the Altar Society will take place after Mass on the 18th May in St Mary’s Church. New members always welcome. The altar society serve the Lord by keeping His church clean and tidy, providing flowers during the year and preparing for the different liturgical seasons. We thank the members for this generous service to the House of God.

**Diocese of Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024.** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10th and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. The diocesan choir will accompany the pilgrimage. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4-, 5- and 6-night options with fares starting at €769 with various hotels available. Further information and booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours, joewalshtours.ie, Tel: 01-2410800

**The month of May** is traditionally a time to honour Mary as the Mother of God and her own maternal love for all God’s children. **Tips to celebrate May as the month of Mary**

Pray the Rosary, Put up an image of Mary at home, work, in the car, mobile screensaver, and make a May Altar at home with flowers from the garden (or lidl!), Read the scripture passages about Mary, reflect on the seven sorrows of Mary, pray the consecration to Mary, Receive the Sacraments, Learn a hymn or prayer to Mary, share a Marian gift/image with someone, Go on pilgrimage to Knock either personal or with family. Share the joy of Mary that she sang so beautifully, in her great hymn the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) “The Almighty has done great things for me, Holy his name”.

***Bring Flow’rs of the Rarest!***

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***Refrain:***

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!

Queen of the Angels, and Queen of the May.

Bring blossoms the fairest,

From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;

Our full hearts are swelling,

Our glad voices telling

The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

**Curragha I.C.A**: Meeting on ***Tuesday*** 7th May at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please note the change of date. New members would be very welcome to join us .