#### WEEKEND MASSES

Vigil

Ardcath: 6:30pm (Sat Vigil) Clonalvy:10.00am (Sunday) Curraha: 11:30am (Sunday)

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PARISHES OF ST MARY'S ARDCATH, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CLONALVY, ST ANDREW'S CURRAHA

#### PARISH NEWSLETTER

### TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2024

**Baptisim:** God's Holy Church welcomes Sam & Seán Og Prediville who were baptised in St Andrew's Church Curraha last week.



MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Trisha Fox
Anne White
Patricia Smith

Sunday 30th June MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Ardcath 6.30pm Geraldine Wall
Clonalvy 10.00am Tom Bowler
Curraha 11.30am Marcella O'Connor

Sunday 23rd July Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ardcath 6.30pm A.V. Angela, Paddy & John Brangan

& DFM

Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am All Deceased interred in Clonalvy

Sunday Curraha 11.30am A.V. Mary & Pat Regan

Maria Gleeson Rita & John Nolan

Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Clonalvy 7.30pm Martin Duffy
Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Curraha 9.30am 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mass
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Curraha 9.30am No Mass

Curraha 11.00am Graduation Mass St Andrew's N.S.

Friday 28th Ardcath 9.30am Special Intention

Sunday 30th June Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Ardcath 6.30pm 1st A.V. Therese Ennis Sunday Clonalvy 10.00am A.V. Cormac Crooke

A.V. James & Josephine Harford & DFM

Catherine & Philip Clarke & daughter Kathleen

A.V. Kathleen & Joe Sheehan Sheehan & Dunne Families

Sunday Curraha 11.30am All interred in Parish Cemetries.

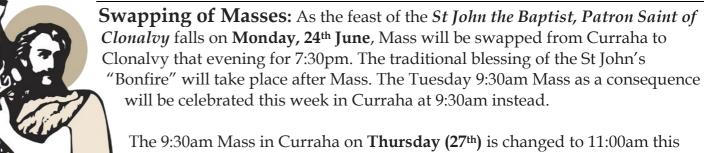


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instructions.

	Sunday Parish Collections		
	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	€ 221.60	€ 102.49	€ 482.57
Envelopes	€ 20.00	€ 18.00	€ 370.00
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 70.00

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



The 9:30am Mass in Curraha on **Thursday (27**th) is changed to 11:00am this week for the Mass of Thanksgiving in honour of the Graduation of the present 6th Class from St Andrew's School.

**St John's Bonfire**: The Vigil of St. John the Baptist (June 23) takes place shortly after the longest day in the northern hemisphere. Appropriately, it

captures a sense of light supplanting darkness throughout its liturgy and traditions. In fact, the earliest of references of the Baptist in Scriptures brings this to bear with the Canticle of Zachary: "And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt ... enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death..." (Luke 1:76-79). St. John's humility notwithstanding, his preaching announced that hope, light, and redemption was at hand, like a beacon of light shining into the murkiness of the Old Testament world. For this reason, our Catholic ancestors (who already had a tradition of summer solstice bonfires from pagan days) lit fires on the Vigil of the Baptist's birth. During this night, it was a common tradition to light bonfires in honor of St. John, keeping watch through the short night In keeping with this ancient tradition, we encourage parishioners to light a fire in honor of the *Forerunner of Our Lord* in order to reflect on the good fortune that our own births occurred after the Redemption that St. John prepared the people for, and to enjoy a moment with family centered around Catholic tradition, as well as esecpially for the parishioners of Clonavy, under the patronage of St John the Baptist. While Fr Kevin may not be fast enough to bless each bonfire that parishioners wish to burn on the evening of the 23rd, the head of the household could certainly recite the hymn *Ut queant laxis*, bringing a reminder of the reason for the fire . . . and preferably before our young parishioners drop their fourth molten marshmallow into the flames. Happy St John the Baptist's Day!

## **Cemetery Devotions Summer 2024**

In preparation for the annual Cemetery Prayers, it is requested that graves and their surrounds be tidied. If there are neighbouring plots being maintained by elderly relatives, they may require some extra neighbourly help and assistance to be cleaned. Please come early to the cemetery; leaving room for other vehicles and passing traffic while parking. Walking or cycling is encouraged. Thank you to the different cemetery committees for their work in preparation for these important days, and the welcome that is afforded especially to all who have been bereaved this past year.

Piercetown	Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Following 6:30pm Mass in St Mary's. Ardcath
Clonalvy:	Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	1:30pm
Curraha:	Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> June	After 11.30am Mass, followed by Crickstown Cemetery
Kilmoon:	Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> June	3pm
Kilbrew:	Monday	1st July	7.30pm.



Congratulations to the Pupils of our parish schools as they finish up the academic year. A special word of thanks to the Principals, Teachers, Special Needs Assistants and Staff of our schools who work so dedicatedly on behalf of our young parishioners. We wish the students of 6th class every blessing as they prepare to begin their second level studies in September. Enrollment is still possible for next year, please see School websites for details.