

WEEKEND MASSES

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

23RD JUNE 2024

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



	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Sunday 30th June		
Ardcath 6.30pm	Geraldine Wall	Trisha Fox
Clonalvy 10.00am	Tom Bowler	Anne White
Curraha 11.30am	Marcella O'Connor	Patricia Smith

Sunday 23rd July Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 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. 24th Clonalvy 7.30pm Martin Duffy

Tues. 25th Curraha 9.30am 90th Birthday Mass

Thurs 27th 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 Croke
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 Cemeteries.

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.



Swapping of Masses: As the feast of the *St John the Baptist, Patron Saint of Clonalvy* falls on **Monday, 24th June**, Mass will be swapped from Curraha to Clonalvy that evening for 7:30pm. The traditional blessing of the St John's "Bonfire" will take place after Mass. The Tuesday 9:30am Mass as a consequence will be celebrated this week in Curraha at 9:30am instead.

The 9:30am Mass in Curraha on **Thursday (27th)** 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 especially for the parishioners of Clonalvy, 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 nd June	Following 6:30pm Mass in St Mary's. Ardcath
Clonalvy:	Sunday	23 rd June	1:30pm
Curraha:	Sunday	30 th June	After 11.30am Mass, followed by Crickstown Cemetery
Kilmoon:	Sunday	30 th June	3pm
Kilbrew:	Monday	1 st 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.