

**WEEKEND MASSES**

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)  
CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)  
CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2024**



Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> July	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Ann Sheridan	Catriona Corry
Clonally	10.00am	Frances Whyte	Anne White
Curraha	11.30am	Clare O'Connor	Frances Gargan

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> A.V. James Mcrath & DFM
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	25 <sup>th</sup> A.V. Jeanette Bourke & Rem Son Lee 16 <sup>th</sup> A.V. A.V. John & Kitty Slavin & DFM A.V. Gemma Smith A.V. Paddy Mooney Birthday Rem C.Smith & Eoghan Crawley

Mon.	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Curraha	7.30pm	Intention
Tues.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Clonalvy	9.30am	Intention
Thurs	25 <sup>th</sup>	Curraha	9.30am	Martin Duffy
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Ardcath	9.30am	Rachel Toher

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> A.V. Paddy Gavin A.V. Bridie Gargan A.V. Pat Duffy A.V. Sonny & Nora Canning James & Martha Canning

**Sunday Parish Collections**

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	€ 179.33	€ 133.10	€ 410.79
Envelopes	€ 10.00	€ 0.00	€ 95.00
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 80.00	€ 60.00

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

**Cemetery Devotions Summer 2024**

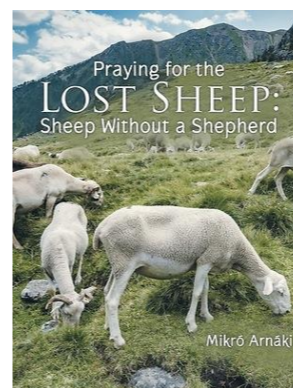
**Ardcath on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September.** We continue to pray for all on the Parishes Lists of the Dead at Mass on the First Friday of the Month.

**Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock**, will take place on Sunday 11th August 2024. The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Tom Deenihan and will also be accompanied by the Meath Diocesan Choir. The Fr. Willie Doyle SJ Pilgrimage will also take place on Sunday 11th August.

**Message to the parishioners of Curragha and Ardcath/Clonalvy.**

I'm very grateful for the welcome extended to me and to my colleagues in the parish bulletin. At a time of change in the diocese we find ourselves adapting to new circumstances under which we try to deploy the available clergy and the best way possible to meet the pastoral and sacramental needs of the faithful. In addition to the duties of PP of Ratoath, as Administrator of the parishes of Curragha and Ardcath/Clonalvey I look forward to supporting the pastoral ministry of Fr Roy and Fr Johanna and in due course to meeting and working with the Pastoral Assemblies, Finance Committees and other volunteers and collaborators in the life of faith in both parishes.

**LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.**



Jesus is the Messiah who came into the world to give his life as a ransom for many. He did not come to be served but to serve giving his life daily for the welfare of humanity. Hence, scripture teaches that Jesus is the good shepherd who gives his life for his sheep.

In the first Reading, the prophet Jeremiah proclaims doom upon the shepherds of Israel that fail to care for the sheep entrusted to them, allowing them to be scattered and destroyed. This is contrary to the action of Jesus Christ and his disciples in the gospel of today. They could not take the so much needed rest because they wanted to reach out to the people who were like sheep without a shepherd.

By this act, Jesus has shown that the major characteristics of a shepherd include availability and commitment to the flock. It is one thing to accept the position of leadership and another thing to be ready to make the necessary sacrifices that goes with the privileges of being a leader. The question is: Are you a caring and compassionate leader in your capacity as parents, teachers, administrators, politicians, etc? May God grant us the graces to emulate Christ the Good Shepherd in our roles as leaders in our families, communities and the world.

**Curraha Tidy Towns:** Calling everyone to come out on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month to clean up your area. Bags can be provided if required ring Deirdre on 0868868917 or Marcella on 0876744691. Let's be proud of our village.



**Note for your Diary:** Skryne / Rathfeigh celebrating 150 years as a parish with mass and a function afterwards on Saturday 12th October next in the GAA Community Centre. Further details will be available on Skrynerathfeighparish.ie.