

**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**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomes Finn Callaghan who was baptised in St Mary's Church Ardcath this weekend.



| Sunday   | 25 <sup>th</sup> August | MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | MINISTERS OF THE WORD |
|----------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ardcath  | 6.30pm                  | Maire McKenna              | Lara McCormack        |
| Clonally | 10.00am                 | Patricia Harford           | Anne White            |
| Curraha  | 11.30am                 | Gerard O'Connor            | Maureen Mooney        |

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| Vigil | Ardcath | 6.30pm | M.M. Joan Gough<br>A.V. Jimmy Gough<br>A.V. Michael Dunican<br>A.V. Christopher, Elizabeth & John Domican |
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| Sunday | Clonalvy | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | Curraha  | 11.30am | Moses Buchanan       |

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| Mon.   | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Curraha  | 7.30pm | Landslide Victims India |
| Tues.  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Clonalvy | 9.30am | Intention               |
| Thurs  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Curraha  | 9.30am | Intention               |
| Friday | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Ardcath  | 9.30am | Intention               |

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| Vigil | Ardcath | 6.30pm | A.V. John Enright (3 <sup>rd</sup> )<br>A.V. Richard Tallon<br>A.V. Betty Bolger |
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| Sunday | Clonalvy | 10.00am |   |
| Sunday | Curraha  | 11.30am | A.V. Mary Swan (2 <sup>nd</sup> )<br>A.V. Charlie & Frances Smith & DFM<br>A.V. Michael McNamara (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) |

**Sunday Parish Collections**

|           | Ardcath  | Clonalvy | Curraha  |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Offertory | € 165.78 | € 211.46 | € 405.40 |
| Envelopes | € 30.00  | € 10.00  | € 240.00 |
| Offerings | € 10.00  | € 0.00   | € 85.00  |

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

**Cemetery Devotions Summer 2024**

**Ardcath on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. Mass will be at 1.30pm.** We continue to pray for all on the Parishes Lists of the Dead at Mass on the First Friday of the Month



**"BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THE SORT OF LIVES YOU LEAD"**

For a couple of weeks now, our readings, especially the Gospels, continue to tell us that Jesus is the bread of life. This is simply to remind us of the importance of the Holy Eucharist in our Christian life. Jesus tells us that "those who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in them" (John 6:51). This implies that when we receive the Eucharist, we become more

Christlike in our thinking, values, attitudes, moral vision and apostolic zeal. We draw spiritual energy from the Eucharist, just like the hungry body is re-energized by the food we consume. So, filled with the Holy Spirit, we give thanks to God for inviting us to share in His wisdom, and in the body and blood of Christ. In our First Reading today, God Himself who is wisdom personified invites us to His banquet. Only those who are humble will duly take advantage of this invitation. Let us not be like the Jews in today's gospel text, who in their pride refused to accept Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist as his body and blood. By this singular act, they shut themselves out of the banquet of eternal life.

At times, some of us behave like the Jews in the gospel text (John 6:51-58). We sometimes assume that we can analyse and understand the mystery of the body and blood of Christ with our limited human knowledge and, the wisdom of this world. This is why St. Paul is warning us today to: "Be careful about the sort of lives you live..." less we are led astray by our pride. Remember: Pride goes before the fall.



**St. Helena** was the mother of Constantine the Great, and she was born around 248 AD in Drepanum, which is located in modern day Turkey.

She embraced Christianity following her son's victory over Maxentius, and, according to Eusebius, she "became a devout servant of God," and her influence helped Christianity spread throughout the empire. She had churches built over the sacred spots in Palestine, and at an advanced age, she undertook a journey to Palestine in the year 324 AD, during this journey, she had two special churches constructed, one in Bethlehem, near the Grotto of the

Nativity, and the other on the Mount of the Ascension. She had great concern for the poor, financially assisting both individuals and entire communities. It was during this time that a legend, first recorded by Rufinus, began circulating about how she had "found" the true cross. St. Helena is the patron saint of difficult marriages, divorced people, converts, and archaeologists. Her Feast Day is August 18.

**Ardcath Clonalvy Heritage Society** cordially invites you & your family to our Heritage week talk on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 3pm in True Nature Sudbury School, Clonalvy, A42XD43. The topic for this year's talk is: 'On our local Neolithic Passage Tomb - Fourknocks' by Anthony Murphy from Mythical Ireland. Refreshments will be served following the talk.