

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

CURATE: FR. ROY GEORGE VATTAKATTU CC  
FR. YOHANNA IACOB

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



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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME**

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

Please pray for the soul of Pauline Cromwell

Drogheda who was laid to rest in Ardcath during the week. May she rest in peace.



| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August | MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | MINISTERS OF THE WORD |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ardcath 6.30pm                 | Mary Moore                 | Trisha Fox            |
| Clonally 10.00am               | Tom Bowler                 | Cathal Caffrey        |
| Curraha 11.30am                | Liz Keogh Byrne            | Joan Phelan           |

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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|-----------------|---------|--|
| Vigil Ardcath   | 6.30pm  | A.V. Paddy Bowens (6 <sup>th</sup> )         |
| Sunday Clonalvy | 10.00am | Catriona McCabe                              |
| Sunday Curraha  | 11.30am | A.V. Kevin Morgan<br>A.V. Helen & Owen Brady |

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|------------------------|----------|--------|----------------------|
| Mon. 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Curraha  | 7.30pm | No Mass              |
| Tues. 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Clonalvy | 9.30am | Intention            |
| Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Curraha  | 9.30am | People of the Parish |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> | Ardcath  | 9.30am | People of the Parish |

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| Vigil Ardcath   | 6.30pm  |  |
| Sunday Clonalvy | 10.00am |  |
| Sunday Curraha  | 11.30am | A.V. Gerry Oates<br>A.V. Jerry O'Sullivan<br>A.V. Fehan Boland |



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**Sunday Parish Collections**

|           | Ardcath  | Clonalvy | Curraha  |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Offertory | € 321.31 | € 236.87 | € 713.88 |
| Envelopes | € 31.00  | € 10.00  | € 435.00 |
| Offerings | € 10.00  | € 150.00 | € 220.00 |

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

Every time I pass a Church I pay a little visit.  
So when at last I am carried in. The Lord won't say  
"Who is it"

**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.



**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS NOT YOUR WOES**

We all have cravings. While we often think of Food and drink, our deepest craving is spiritual. Sometimes, we try to satisfy this spiritual hunger in ways that do not truly fulfill our cravings. Our readings today reminds us that God is a great provider, who is able to make a way where there seem to be none.

The central idea that links the first reading and the gospel text is the food that God provides for his people. In the desert the Israelites received manna, a food which could give strength to their perishable bodies. Jesus, in the gospel teaches about the bread of life which is - Jesus Christ

himself. The second reading shows the kind of transformation this bread can work. The miracle of the multiplication of bread and fish to feed more than 5,000 people was a sign pointing to the deeper reality of God's plan for humanity. It was meant to prepare the people for Jesus's teachings on the EUCHARIST. However, his followers got carried away by the material benefits of the miracle and made it the primary reason why they are going to Jesus. So, rather than first accepting Christ and his preaching, they allowed physical hunger to overshadow their spiritual hunger.

When we pay too much of attention to material things, they will distract us from seeing the goodness of God in our lives. When we pay too much attention in the past, we may find ourselves complaining rather than being appreciative of what God has done and is still doing in our lives. So, rather than counting our blessings we might end up counting our woes, and blaming God for our misfortunes.



St Clare of Assisi

St. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Tradition says her father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family and her mother was a very devout woman belonging to the noble family of Fiumi.

As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. At 18-years-old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut

off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown. Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. When her father found her and attempted to force her back into his home, she refused and professed that she would have no other husband than Jesus Christ. In order to give her the greater solitude she desired, Francis sent Clare to Sant' Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery.