

WEEKEND MASSES

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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

**TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
13TH OCTOBER 2024**

Please pray for the soul of Emma Holmes daughter of Mick Kelly Curraha who was laid to rest during the week. May she rest in peace.

Baptism: God's Holy Church welcomes Miles Pender who was baptised in St Mary's Church Ardcath last weekend.

Sunday	20 th Oct	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath	6.30pm	Geraldine Wall	Catrina Corry
Clonally	10.00am	Frances Whyte	Anne White
Curraha	11.30am	Frances Duffy	Patricia Smith

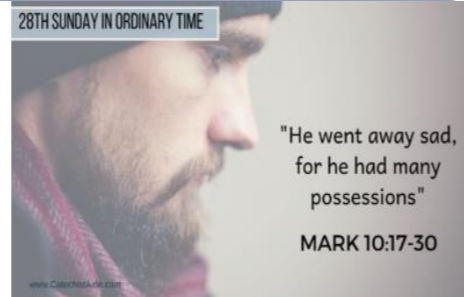
Sunday 13th October Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Ritchie & Marie Barry A.V. James & Minnie Moore A.V. Danny Baxter
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	Sick of the Parish
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	Special Intention

Mon.	14 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Intention
Tues.	15 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Intention
Thurs	17 th	Curraha	9.30am	Intention
Friday	18 th	Ardcath	9.30am	Intention

Sunday 20th October Mission Sunday

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	M.M. May Adams A.V. Gerry Cromwell
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Patrick & Nano Whyte A.V. Dick Barnwell Rem wife Mona DFM
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Percy & Patricia McGuinness D.M. McGuinness & Fitzpatrick Families



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	<u>Sunday Parish Collections</u>		
	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	€ 171.70	€ 73.55	€ 426.43
Envelopes	€ 50.00	€ 70.00	€ 235.00
Offerings	€ 10.00	€ 0.00	€ 190.00

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

SPECIAL THANKS: On September 10, €8000 was approved for the purchase of a car for the parish. A 2015 Hyundai I10 is here for the community's needs. We thank the parishes for their solidarity and generosity. We thank those involved in making this happen: Lorna, Tadg Riordan, Fr. Michael. May God reward everyone for all the good done!

Enrolment for Confirmation and First Communion (Ardcath)

We will welcome the children in 2nd & 6th Class and their families for Mass (06.30 pm) next Saturday (19.10.2024), where in the candidates will be enrolled in their preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation (14th February 2025), First Confession (7th March 2025) and First Holy Communion (17th May 2025). These are among the most important moments in the life of a catholic and are carefully approached through prayer, study and support.

ANNUAL MASSES FOR THE BEREAVED

Families of Parishioners who have passed away since last November are invited to the Annual Masses for the Bereaved which will take place over the weekend of the 2nd /3rd November.

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DEAD

As the month of the Holy Souls approaches, parishioners are asked to prepare their family List of the Dead for prayers throughout November, and the First Friday of the Month. The List of the Dead envelope can be found in the Parish Offertory Envelope Box.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT? (2/4)

All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This Fund supports missionary activities in over 1,150 young dioceses: mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God.

A CAMEL THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE?



Some theorize that the needle Jesus was speaking of was the Needle Gate, supposedly a low and narrow after-hours entrance found in the wall surrounding Jerusalem. It was purposely small for security reasons, and a camel could only go through it by stripping off any saddles or packs and crawling through on its knees. The problem with this theory is there is no evidence such a gate ever existed. Beyond that, what sane camel driver would go through such contortions when larger gates were easily accessible? Others claim that the word translated "camel" (Greek: kamelos) should be "cable" (Greek: kamilos). Then the verse would read that it is easier for a cable (or rope) to go through the eye of a needle. To believe this, however,

brings up more problems than it solves, namely casting doubt on the inerrancy and inspiration of Scripture. The most likely explanation is that Jesus was using hyperbole, a figure of speech that exaggerates for emphasis. Jesus used this technique at other times, referring to a "plank" in one's eye and swallowing a camel. Jesus' message is clear – it is impossible for anyone to be saved on his own merits. Since wealth was seen as proof of God's approval, it was commonly taught by the rabbis that rich people were blessed by God and were, therefore, the most likely candidates for heaven. Jesus destroyed that notion, and along with it, the idea that anyone can earn eternal life.

TOWARDS PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY

On 09.10.2024, the regular meeting of the PPC was held in the Ardcath Church. On this occasion very productive discussions were held about the life of the community with its challenges and the process of setting up the Parish Pastoral Assembly was started. We thank the participants for their availability and involvement.

Curragha ICA: The October meeting of Curragha I.C.A is on Monday 14th at 12.30pm. If not already a member why not consider joining a great group of women for a social get together you will be made very welcome.

BULLETIN: Relevant news items of parish and local interest are always welcome for inclusion in the bulletin, subject to space available and editorial discretion and deadlines!