

WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
 CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
 CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)
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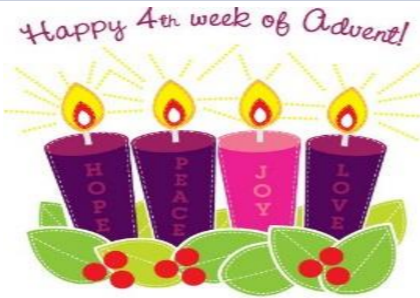
PARISHES OF ST MARY'S ARDCATH, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CLONALVY, ST ANDREW'S CURRAHA

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22ND DECEMBER 2024

Baptism: God's Holy Church welcomes **Zoe Gaffney** who was baptised in St Mary's Church Ardcah last weekend. **Please pray** for the soul of **Kay Murphy** who was laid to rest during the week. May she rest in peace.



Sunday 29 th Dec	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcah 6.30pm	Maire McKenna	Paula Allison
Clonalvy 10.00am	Patricia Harford	Catherine Campbell
Curraha 11.30am	Gerard O'Connor	Annette O'Hanrahan

Sunday 22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Ardcah	6.30pm	Dec Mem Moore Family Rowlandstown A.V. Paddy, Angela & John Brangan
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Thomas & Mary Murphy Martin & Tom Murphy Dolores Kennedy A.V. Johnny & Maggie Caffrey Ann Canning, Marie MccGrath, & Peter Collins A.V. Jimmy & Maura Murphy A.V. James & Margaret Murphy
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Pat Devaney Rem wife Maura A.V. Marie O'Sullivan & Margaret & Tommy Bissett A.V. Alfred Tolan (6th) Rem son Liam & Sister Joan Deceased Members of the Wall Family
Mon. 23rd Curraha	7.30pm	Gerry Duffy, A.V. Christopher Lynch rem wife Ita A.V. Tom Nicky & Noreen King DM King family
Thur 26th Curraha	9.30am	No Mass
Fri 27th Ardcah	9.30am	No Mass



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Curraha	6.00pm	Christmas Card Intentions
Ardcah	8.00pm	Christmas Card Intentions
Clonalvy	10.00am	Christmas Card Intentions
Curraha	11.30am	Christmas Card Intentions



Sunday 29th December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Vigil Ardcah	6.30pm	
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Patsy, Mary & John Clinton
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	Henry Staunton & DM Staunton & O'Brien Families DM of the Guiney Family A.V. Jack & Alice Plunkett



Advent: The traditional Advent candlelight Mass called the **Rorate Mass** will continue through the Mondays of Advent at 7:30pm in St Andrews'. **The Sacrament of Confession** is the best way to prepare for Christmas and to enter more fully into the spirit of Advent.
 Curraha: Monday Evening from 7pm in left Confessional.
 Ardcah: Saturday Evening from 6pm on Saturdays in St Mary's and after 6:30pm Mass and from 9:30am on Sunday in St Johns' (Clonalvy).

A very Happy and Blessed Christmas!

Dear Parish family, I am very happy to wish you all my **Prayerful Greetings** as we enter the Christmas Season. The story of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ is a reminder to us all that God came to live among us, to be close to us, and to save us from our sins. Jesus gave us himself as a gift to us. He is close to us because he lives in our hearts where he continues to be a gift to us. Jesus does not keep us at a distance from Him. Because of His presence in each one of us, we are also present and connected to one another.



My dear brothers and sisters, a very happy and blessed Christmas to you and to your families, especially as we welcome home parishioners for a few days with family. May the Lord enrich you with the blessings of His loving presence.

On behalf of all our parishioners, I want to acknowledge the wonderful generosity of so many who have done so much so we can gather prayerfully, peacefully, and joyfully these days and throughout the year as well:

- The Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees.
 - Lorna, Secretary to the Parishes
 - Our Sacristans, Stewards, and Altar Servers
 - Our Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 - The Parish Choirs, Musicians, Cantors, Organists and Soloists
 - Parish Volunteer Cleaning Crews and the Altar Societies who keep the Churches cleaned and decorated.
 - For all who helped decorate the Church for Christmas, giving so much time and effort to help us celebrate fittingly.
 - To everyone who contributes in so many ways seen only by the Lord
 - For all your generosity and financial support of the Parish throughout the year, it is all very much appreciated.
- And for your kindness, generosity, support and love to me personally, a big thank you. **Happy Christmas, Fr. Steve**



Prayer before our crib at home God, our Father, You sent your only Son as a little child to love and save us. To our lives, he brings joy and peace, Justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look upon his Manger; May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Fill our homes with hospitality, joy, gentleness and thanksgiving and guide our steps in the way of peace. Dear heavenly Father, hear my petition. I pray for..... Amen.

Parishes Sunday Collection

	Ardcah	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	€ 210.69	€ 197.06	€ 469.98
Envelopes	€ 60.00	€ 80.00	€ 195.00
Offerings	€ 40.00	€ 90.00	€ 180.00

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