

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



Sunday of the Word of God: Pope Francis asked that the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time be dedicated as Word of God Sunday to appreciate afresh the place of Sacred Scripture in our lives as Christians; whether reading the Bible privately, hearing it proclaimed at Mass or letting the Sacred Scriptures nurture our prayer life.

"The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (Pope Francis).

#seek2025: "What do you seek?" (John 1:38) SEEK is an invitation to explore life's bigger questions: who we are, where we're going and what we seek along the journey. As FOCUS' conference, SEEK encourages everyone to come explore what they truly seek: to learn about the faith, to share in friendship, to be encouraged in their unique vocation – and to experience the love, hope and very real presence of Jesus Christ through His Church.



Bible in One Year: Read the entire Bible in one year (365 days). Set aside a specific time each day, set a schedule, and then stick to it. Read the Bible to learn, not just to accomplish the next reading. Say a short prayer before you begin, asking the Holy Spirit to give you understanding and wisdom, and be refreshed by the word of God. (Google Play: Catholic Bible Offline Daily)



Christian Unity Week (18-25 January 2025): The theme this year is "Do you believe this?" reflecting the confession of Martha to Jesus in the Gospel of John, chapter 11. This year also marks the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in 325 which formulated the Nicene Creed we use to profess our faith each Sunday. Today, all Christians are called to renew our belief in God and to encounter God in Jesus, who is our hope, through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.



Catholic Schools Week 2025: Sunday, 19 January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2025. During this week we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to their communities. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ. We pray for and support our local Catholic schools so that, together with us, the parish community, they will be alive with the joy and hope that is Christ.



Community Notices:

The Schools of the Parish are enrolling pupils for school year 2025-2026. See school websites for enrolment forms.

St Andrew's Curraha: www.standrewscurragha.com. Closing Date 31.01.25

St. Patrick's, Ardcath www.ardcathns.ie Closing Date 07.02.25



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19TH JANUARY 2025**



Please pray for the souls of Jo Keogh Curraha and Mary Tuite Ardcath who were laid to rest during the week. May they rest in peace.

Sunday 26th Jan	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath 6.30pm	Eithne O'Sullivan	Maire McKenna
Clonalvy 10.00am	Tom Bowler	Catherine Campbell
Curraha 11.30am	Margaret Nugent	Paul O'Connor

Sunday 19th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	Intention
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Nicholas Murray A.V. Mona Barnwall
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. James Nugent (1st) A.V. Colm McManus
Mon. 20th Curraha	7.30pm	Intention
Tues. 21st Clonalvy	9.30am	Intention
Thurs 23rd Curraha	9.30am	Intention
Friday 24th Ardcath	9.30am	Intention



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Sunday 26th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Desmond Caffrey (1st) A.V. Gareth McKenna A.V. Dermot & Una Dowling
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. James & Josephine McGuinness
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	M.M. Stephen McKenna A.V. Nuala Keogh A.V. Mona Sherry Rem husband Roger DM of the Sherry & Wherity Families A.V. Christopher & Mary Devaney &DFM

Parishes Collection

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	Thank you for the generous support of the work and upkeep of our Parish
Offertory	€ 115.76	€ 154.62	€ 558.02	
Envelopes	€ 10.00	€ 10.00	€ 70.00	
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 30.00	

Dates for the Celebration of the Sacraments 2025

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated in **St Mary's Church, Ardcath** on Sat, 14th Feb 2025.

The celebration of God's mercy in the sacrament of **First Confession** will take place:

St Andrew's Church Curraha	7.30pm	6th March 2025
St Mary's Church Ardcath	7.30pm	7th March 2025