

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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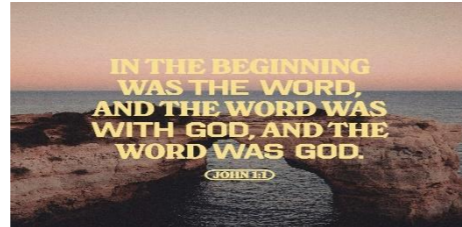
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PARISHES OF ST MARY'S ARDCATH, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CLONALVY, ST ANDREW'S CURRAHA

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**



	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Lara McCormack	Jill Tuite
Clonalvy	10.00am	Frances Whyte	Anne White
Curraha	11.30am	Joan Phelan	Maureen Mooney

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January Second Sunday after Christmas.**

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Margaret Dunne & Birthday Rem Ann Dunne
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Dan Collins
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Síobhan & Patricia Carey
Mon.	6 <sup>th</sup> Curraha	7.30pm	A.V. Brendan Prendiville The Epiphany of our Lord
Tues.	7 <sup>th</sup> Clonalvy	9.30am	Kay Murphy
Thurs	9 <sup>th</sup> Curraha	9.30am	Intention
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> Ardcath	9.30am	List of the Dead



**Online Donation and Parish Support.**  
Please scan code and follow instructions.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of The Lord**

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	M.M. Kay Murphy A.V. Kevin Brady & DM of McMenemy & Brady Families
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	M.M. John Coyle DM Ryan Family

**Parishes Collection Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	Thank you for the generous support of the work and upkeep of our Parish
Offertory	€ 505.16	€ 533.75	€1442.17	
Envelopes	€ 110.00	€ 30.00	€ 385.00	
Offerings	€ 660.00	€ 455.00	€1320.00	

*Pope Francis' message for World Day of Peace, 1 January 2025:  
Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace  
Listen to the plea of an endangered humanity*

At the dawn of this New Year given to us by our heavenly Father, a year of Jubilee in the spirit of hope, I offer heartfelt good wishes of peace to every man and woman. I think especially of those who feel downtrodden, burdened by their past mistakes, oppressed by the judgment of others and incapable of perceiving even a glimmer of hope for their own lives. Upon everyone I invoke hope and peace, for this is a Year of Grace born of the Heart of the Redeemer!

Happy New Year!

**Spiritual New Year's Resolutions:** • An extra Mass during the week.

- Make a Weekly Holy Hour.
- Read the Gospel of Luke – it will be the gospel of most of the Sunday's of this coming year.
- Become a Reader, ExtraOrdinary Minister of Holy Communion, join the choir, altar society, help with stewarding or collecting or parish hospitality committee.
- Take time to read some of the great spiritual classics.
- Host a prayer evening.
- Commit to listening to some of Catholic Podcasts on your phone.
- Pray the Rosary daily for the intentions of the parish.



**Epiphany of the Lord (6<sup>th</sup> January):** The celebration of the Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the Magi to Bethlehem representing all the nations of the world coming to meet our Lord. Traditionally given as 3 in number because of their gifts, and depicted in art as three ages of humanity (Youth, Middle Aged and Elderly), and in skin tone the three known continents of the ancient world (Europe, Africa and Asia). The gifts also



have symbolic meaning:

**Gold:** pointing to royalty and indicating that Jesus is King;

**Frank-Incense:** offered by the priest in worship; it tells that Jesus our Lord is God;

**Myrrh:** A strong smelling ointment, used to anoint the body in death, foreshadowing the sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday. This beautiful feast helps us to realise that all people of every age and of every place are invited to know the love of God revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour.



**Priest's Christmas Gift:** My gift for you is... a Heart Shaped Ear. So it is a gift of listening, a listening from heart to heart. In order to truly walk together, we ask you to complete the following questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/TCMiTMYiUXQnuFCz5>. Each answer is valuable and will help the parish fulfill its mission with renewed responsibility. It is a good opportunity to make your own voice heard and, at the same time, to reflect on your own life of faith. Please complete it by January 10, 2025. The time required to

complete the questionnaire is approximately 5 minutes. Thank you for your availability!

**Readers:** The new 2025 Sunday Missals are available in the sacristy for our Parish readers.

