

WEEKEND MASSES

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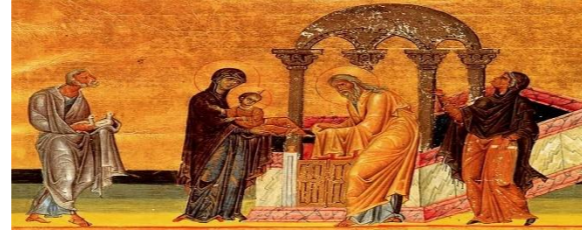
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PARISHES OF ST MARY'S ARDCATH, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CLONALVY, ST ANDREW'S CURRAHA

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2ND FEBRUARY 2025



Sunday	9 th Feb	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Geraldine Wall	Lara McCormack
Clonalvy	10.00am	Patricia Harford	Margaret Andrews
Curraha	11.30am	Amy Battersby	Lorna Battersby

Sunday 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	M.M. Marcella McNally A.V. Vincent & Pearl Collins
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	Sick of the Parish
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Con Keohane Liam Heatherton Birthday Rem

Mon.	3 rd	Curraha	7.30pm	No Mass
Tues.	4 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Intention
Thurs	6 th	Curraha	9.30am	Mary Canning
Friday	7 th	Ardcath	9.30am	Altar List of the dead.

Sunday 9th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	M.M. Mary Tuite A.V. Thomas McConnell & DFM
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Agnes & Tony Keenan & DFM
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Tony Battersby A.V. Bridget & Vincent Gargan & Sr. Christopher Gargan

Parishes Collection

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	Thank you for the generous support of the work and upkeep of our Parish
Offertory	€ 189.85	€ 189.75	€ 469.98	
Envelopes	€ 10.00	€ 60.00	€ 195.00	
Offerings	€ 10.00	€ 0.00	€ 180.00	

The Sacrament of Confirmation: We welcome the Most Rev. Thomas Deenihan, Bishop of Meath, to Ardcath/Clonalvy Parish on **Friday 14th February, 3:00pm** to impart the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our young parishioners. We pray for the *Confirmandi* as they are filled with the Holy Spirit, continuing their journey of Christian maturity and stand ready to live the gospel in our parish. Thank you to the children's teachers (Megan Heaney), Fr. Declan and the SNA's for preparing the children for this sacred day.



Dates for the Celebration of the Sacraments 2025

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

St Andrew's Church, Curraha	7:30pm	Thu 6 th March 2025
St Mary's Church, Ardcath	7:30pm	Fri 7 th March 2025

Our parish will celebrate the children of our Parishes receiving the Lord Jesus Christ in the sacrament of **First Holy Communion**:

St. Mary's Church, Ardcath	11:30am	Sat 17 th May 2025
St Andrew's Church, Curraha	11:30am	Sat 24 th May 2025

We keep all our young parishioners in prayer.



Confirmation is participation! Confirmation is the 'beginning of an active participation' in Church life. The Catholic Church must put more effort into ensuring that the sacrament of confirmation is not the "sacrament of goodbye" for young people, who receive it and then do not come to Church again until they want to get married. The problem is how to ensure that the sacrament of confirmation is not reduced, in practice, to 'last rites,' that is the sacrament of 'departure' from the Church, but is rather the sacrament of the beginning of an active participation in its life. Through the sacrament of confirmation, the Holy Spirit consecrates and strengthens us, making us active participants in the Church's mission.



1st February: St Brigid's Day: We wish all our parishioners a very St Brigid's Day, particularly to all the Brigids, Bridgets, Bríds, Breeges, Biddys and Brigette's in our parish, and to all who work under her patronage: poets; blacksmiths; livestock and dairy farmers, Kildare and Louth! The blessing of crosses will take place on Sunday/Saturday Mass in St Mary's Ardcath at 6:30pm, in St John's Clonalvy at 10:00am and St Andrew's Curraha at 11:30am. All are welcome!



Online Donation and Parish Support.
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Candlemas - 2nd Feb - The Presentation of the Lord

Today's great feast marks the 40th Day after Christmas with the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple in Jerusalem. Hence it became associated with the Blessing of Candles that will be used in the church throughout the year, particularly on the altar for Mass. The Mass begins with the blessing of candles for the church, and for those that can be used at home as well. Please leave candles for the church on the table at the back of the Church and hold the candles to be brought home beside you. The blessing of candles will take place on Sunday/Saturday Mass in St Mary's Ardcath at 6:30pm, in St John's Clonalvy at 10:00am and St Andrew's Curraha at 11:30am. All are welcome!



Altar Candles or Donations towards Altar Candles are very welcome. Donations towards Church Candles to be blessed on the Feast of Candlemas (1st/2nd February) for use throughout the year, can be dropped into Parish Office or Sacristy (Marked Altar Candles).



St Blaise's Day: With the blessed altar candles from Candlemas, the traditional blessing of throats is given through the intercession of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. The blessing of throats will take place on Sunday/Saturday Mass in St Mary's Ardcath at 6:30pm, in St John's Clonalvy at 10:00am and St Andrew's Curraha at 11:30am. All are welcome!

Bulletin: relevant news items of parish and local interest are always welcome for inclusion in the bulletin!
PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR ONE FOR A NEIGHBOUR, RELATIVE or FRIEND.