

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1ST FEBRUARY 2026



Sunday	8th Feb	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Mary Moore	Paula Allison
Clonalvy	10.00am	Tom Bowler	Breda Murray
Curraha	11.30am	Amy Battersby	Patricia Smith

SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Nicholas & Carol Walsh & Finnoula Tuite & DFM
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Mary Doyle & Marie Hobbs
Mon	2 nd Feb	Curraha	7.30pm
			Mary Canning Birthday Rem Peter Galligan, Liam Hetheron
Tues.	3 rd Feb	Clonalvy	9.30am
			Intention
Thur	5 th Feb	Curraha	9.30am
			Sick of the Parish
Fri	6 th Feb	Ardcath	9.30am
			Altar list of the Dead

Online Donation and Parish Support.
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Sunday 8th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Thomas McConnell & DFM
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	

PARISH COLLECTIONS 27th/28th DECEMBER 2025

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Offertory	€ 165.88	€137.97	€ 277.35	
Envelopes	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 75.00	
Offerings	€ 20.00	€ 0.00	€ 150.00	

St Andrew's Church in Curraha are looking for new Ministers of the word. If you would like to become a Minister of the word please contact Lorna in the office on 018350136.

Day for Religious in Diocese: On Sunday, February 8th, the Religious of the Diocese will gather with the Bishop for a Celebration of Sung Vespers at 4pm in the Cathedral. This is a way of acknowledging the contribution of Religious to our Diocese. All parishioners are welcome to this celebration.

Bulletin: relevant news items of parish and local interest are always welcome for inclusion in the bulletin!

PLEASE TAKE A BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU FOR A NEIGHBOUR, RELATIVE or FRIEND

2026 SACRAMENTAL DATES: We joyfully announce the 2026 sacramental dates

- CONFIRMATION on Friday 13th February (Curraha), !3pm!
- 1st CONFESSION, after mass on Saturday 28th February (Ardcath) and Sunday 1st March (Curraha)
- FIRST COMMUNION mass at 11am on Saturday 16th May (Ardcath) and at 11am on Saturday 23rd May (Curraha). A sacred journey awaits our young parishioners.



WELCOME: We are honoured to welcome Most Rev. Thomas Deenihan, Bishop of Meath, to Curraha Parish on Friday, February 13th at 3:00pm for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for our Confirmandi as they embrace the Holy Spirit and deepen their Christian journey. Heartfelt thanks to teachers and school staff for guiding the children toward this sacred milestone. Join us in celebrating faith, growth, and community.

JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (January 10, 2026 – January 10, 2027) invites all faithful to embrace mercy, peace, and holiness. Plenary indulgence is granted to those who confess, receive Communion, and visit Franciscan churches in prayer. All Christians, including the sick through spiritual union, are included. Priests are called to offer Reconciliation, honouring Saint Francis' enduring legacy of humility, charity, and unity for a world seeking hope.



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD invites us to offer our lives fully to God, as Mary and Joseph did in the temple. Simeon's joy reminds us that faith waits patiently for God's promises. In life's uncertainties, trust that Christ is our light and salvation. Each day, present your heart to God with gratitude, embrace His will, and let His presence guide your steps toward peace and purpose.

SPECTATOR THEORY, as explored by Georges Duhamel, reminds us that passively watching life is not the same as living it. In spiritual life, we are not called to be mere observers of truth, but active participants in grace. Just as a film shapes its viewer, so too does the soul absorb what it beholds. Choose wisely what you watch: because what you witness, you become. Faith demands engagement, not entertainment!



SAINT AGATHA'S life teaches us courage rooted in unwavering faith. Amid suffering, she clung to Christ, choosing purity and truth over compromise. Her witness reminds us that holiness often demands sacrifice yet brings eternal joy. In trials, trust God's strength within you. Let Agatha's example inspires resilience, fidelity, and love that conquers fear. Offer your life daily as a testimony to God's goodness and mercy.

"MAN, VS BABY" is not merely a humorous take on fatherhood: it is a sacred text in disguise. Through the chaos of sleepless nights and diaper disasters, the soul is invited into a deeper surrender. Each moment of frustration becomes a mirror, reflecting our attachments, our ego, and our longing for control. In the vulnerability of new parenthood, grace emerges. This series is a modern parable of transformation, where love becomes the ultimate spiritual practice.



BLESSED ESPERANZA OF JESUS radiated trust in God's merciful love. Her life teaches that holiness blossoms through humility and service. In trials, she embraced suffering as a path to deeper union with Christ, never losing hope. Her example calls us to surrender fears, love generously, and believe that God's mercy transforms every wound. Live each day anchored in faith, offering yourself as an instrument of His compassion.

DACIA'S triumph in the Dakar Rally 2026 reminds us that greatness isn't always tied to the highest price. True performance often springs from simplicity and resilience. In spiritual life, the same truth applies: a humble heart can overturn the weightiest pride, just as a small log can tip a big carriage. Strength lies not in extravagance, but in purpose and perseverance: qualities that lead to lasting victory.



HEAVEN BY PLANE? Several recent news stories report families attempting to board planes with deceased loved ones in wheelchairs: yes, really. While the intention to "get them to heaven" is touching, let's remember airlines don't offer direct flights to the afterlife. Next time, let's leave the celestial travel to the angels. A kind reminder: heaven-bound souls deserve dignity... and a proper send-off, not a boarding pass and a seat in row 12.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Enrolment 2026/2027: St. Andrew's Primary School, Curraha is now enrolling for 2026/2027 school year. Enrolment forms are available at www.standrewscurraha.com. For assistance or queries, email office@standrewscurraha.com. Join a warm, vibrant learning community where every child is encouraged to thrive. Early applications are strongly encouraged

St. Patrick's N.S. Ardcath will commence enrolling pupils for the school year 2026-27 from 12th January 2026. Enrolment Forms can be downloaded from the downloads page on www.ardcathns.ie

Closing date for Application is 06 February 2026. Admission Policy and Annual Admission Notice are available on our website www.ardcathns.ie. If you require further information, please email info@ardcathns.ie.