

**WEEKEND MASSES**

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)  
CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)  
CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)  
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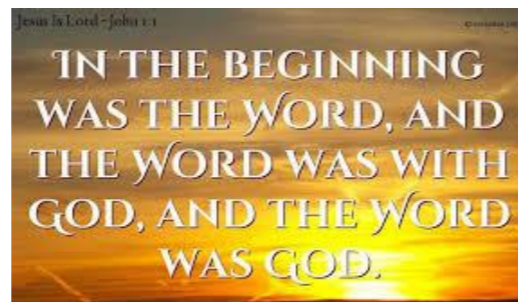
**PARISHES OF ST MARY'S ARDCATH, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CLONALVY, ST ANDREW'S CURRAHA**  
PASTORAL AREA OF ASHBOURNE, ARDCATH/CLONALVY, CURRAGHA, DUNSHAUGHLIN, RATOATH AND SKRYNE

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**Second Sunday after Christmas**

**4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**

Please pray for the soul of Annie Collins Heathtown, and Con Egan Curraha who were laid to rest during the week. May they rest in peace.



Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath 6.30pm	Trisha Fox	Lara McCormack
Clonalvy 10.00am	Patricia Harford	Anne White
Curraha 11.30am	Maureen Mooney	Paula Moran

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of January Second Sunday after Christmas

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Margaret Dunne Ann Dunne Birth Rem
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Dan & John Collins Rem wife Annie A.V. Declan Doyle
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	Guiney Family Dec Members
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan Curraha	7.30pm	Intention
Tues. 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan Clonalvy	9.30am	Sick of the Parish
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan Curraha	9.30am	Sick of the Parish
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan Ardcath	9.30am	Sick of the Parish



**Online Donation and Parish Support.**  
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Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of The Lord

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Kevin Brady DM Brady & McMememy Families
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Joe Keogh (1 <sup>st</sup> ) A.V. Mary Canning (1 <sup>st</sup> ) A.V. John Fleming (1 <sup>st</sup> ) A.V. Siobhán & Patricia Carey

**Parish Collections**

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	€ 130.82	€177.04	€ 395.27
Envelopes	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 105.00
Offerings	€ 10.00	€ 0.00	€ 120.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH**

**Gospel Reflection**

Our Gospel this week is the fourth account of Jesus' birth, given to us at the beginning of John's Gospel. For me, this is probably the most beautiful, the truest, the saddest and the most spiritual piece of writing in the Bible. I often wonder, after reading it, how any human person could come close enough to God to be able to say, with absolute conviction, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." These words witness to a depth of prayer and a relationship with God that is overwhelming.

One of the key moments found in three of the four Gospels comes when Jesus asks his disciples. "Who do people say that I am?" and then turning to Peter he asks a much more personal question. "And you Peter, who do you say that I am?" After the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, and long before any of the Gospels were written, this question became absolutely crucial to everyone who called themselves Christian. Until they answered it for themselves they were floundering and confused, partly Jewish, yet increasingly viewed with suspicion by the Jewish leadership.

Every small, vulnerable, community of believers asked themselves this question when they met each week to celebrate their Eucharist and support one another. "Who was this man..." they asked themselves, "...he lived among us, he was our friend, he told us of a glorious Kingdom of God coming to us.... and then he was gone, crucified as a rebel by Rome. It seemed over...until ... three days later those who knew him best saw him again... alive, eating, drinking, talking, reminding them of old times. He was truly alive - raised from the dead - the same, yet different; he was somehow more powerful, glorified, almost God-like. So... who was he really? What did we miss while he was with us? Were there clues in his stories and miracles that we overlooked?"



**THANK YOU:** With heartfelt gratitude, we thank all volunteers, benefactors, organizers, and participants whose dedication made our Christmas Celebration truly special. Your time, generosity, and joyful spirit brought light and warmth to our community. Every contribution, seen and unseen, was a gift of love. May God reward you abundantly and bless you and your families with peace, joy, and grace this Christmas and always. You are deeply appreciated.

**Spiritual New Year's Resolutions:**

- An extra Mass during the week.
- Make a Weekly Holy Hour
- Read the Gospel of Mark - 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.

**Community Notices**

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