

WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
 CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
 CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)
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 PASTORAL AREA OF ASHBOURNE, ARDCATH/CLONALVY, CURRAGHA, DUNSHAUGHLIN, RATOATH AND SKRYNE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Lent

1ST MARCH 2026



Sunday	8th March	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Eithne O'Sullivan	Jill Tuite
Clonalvy	10.00am	Frances Whyte	Catherine Campbell
Curraha	11.30am	Clare O'Connor	Margaret Nugent

SUNDAY 1ST OF MARCH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	Ad Intentionem Dantis
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	Ad Intentionem Dantis
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Mike Daughton A.V. Hughie Ward and parents Hugh & Margaret Ward
Mon	2 nd March	Curraha 7.30pm	No Mass
Tues.	3 rd March	Clonalvy 9.30am	No Mass
Thur	5 th March	Curraha 9.30am	No Mass
Fri	6 th March	Ardcath 9.30am	No Mass

Sunday 8th MARCH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Brigitte & Vincent Gargan & Sr. Christopher Gargan A.V. Barney, Peg, Ann & Thomas Boland

PARISH COLLECTIONS 24th & 25th January 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU
Offertory	€ 175.66	€326.50	€ 333.40	FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
Envelopes	€ 10.00	€ 0.00	€ 170.00	OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 60.00	€ 105.00	OF OUR PARISH

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.

Blessing of the graves 2026: Piercetown – 27/06/2026; Clonalvy – 28/06/2026; Curraghera, Crickstown, Kilmoon – 05/07/2026; Kilbrew – 06/07/2026; Ardcath – 13/09/2026.

Confessions: Before&after mass –Monday (Curraha); -Tuesday (Clonalvy); -Friday (Ardcath).

Adoration: Every Friday after mass (Ardcath) – no adoration in Lent&Advent.

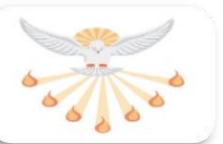
Stations of the Cross: Tuesday – Clonalvy; Thursday – Curraghera; Friday – Ardcath.

St. Vincent de Paul church gate collection - before mass Saturday 7th. March (Ardcath) & Sunday 8th. March (Clonalvy).

Easter 2026: Palm Sunday – Ardcath 6:30pm (Vigil), Clonalvy 10am, Curraghera 11:30am; Holy Thursday – Ardcath 6:30pm; Good Friday – Clonalvy 3pm (Stations), Curraghera 6pm; Easter Vigil – Curraghera 6pm, Ardcath 8pm; Easter Sunday – Clonalvy 10am, Curraghera 11:30am; Easter Monday – Kilbrew Nursing Home 11:30am.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to our young parishioners attending St Andrew's Primary School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Most Rev. T Deenihan, Bishop of Meath on Friday in a beautiful ceremony. A big **Thank You** to the children's teachers and all the staff of the school for preparing for the day, as well as the children in the choir who lifted the hearts of all with their singing.



"After Confirmation, I plan on growing in the Faith by making it my responsibility. I see college students fall short in their faith after high school, and I know that is NOT what I plan to do. God is literally my all. Every day I try to be better than the day before. I have been working on the virtues of Patience and Humility, and God is working on that with me as well. Now that this is my year to be confirmed, I feel a deeper connection with my faith as a Roman Catholic. I plan on doing God's will – His will and not mine." (Arianna)



"I feel that confirmation is a chance to go out and teach the Word of God in a sense that you teach people about your experience in the Church and how it has helped you. When I am confirmed, I want to do just that. I want to be more involved in my faith, and hopefully, my faith will grow." (Grace)



"After my Confirmation, my plan is to defend any negative thing spoken about my faith. I will preach and reach other hearts to understand the love and divinity of God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit." (Emily)



"SOLDIERS" OF JESUS: Baptism makes us "new creations." Confirmation strengthens our bond with Christ and the Church through the Holy Spirit's gifts. Without Confirmation, Christian initiation is incomplete. It also empowers us to witness our faith with courage. Traditionally, the bishop's gentle slap during Confirmation symbolized being sent as "soldiers" of Jesus, ready to "fight" for the faith and share Christian values in the world.



RECEIVING CONFIRMATION is like getting your spiritual driver's license: but imagine hitting the road without knowing the signs or rules. Without understanding who the Holy Spirit is, what Confirmation truly means, and the gifts it brings, we risk navigating faith blindly. Preparation isn't optional; it's essential. Let's ensure every Confirmed soul is equipped not just with a license, but with the wisdom to journey faithfully and fearlessly.



TRÓCAIRE has launched its 2026 Trócaire Box, highlighting Uwamahoro, a young mother in rural Rwanda caring for three generations of her family. Her story invites parishioners to reflect on strength, dignity and hope amid climate injustice. This Lent, Trócaire calls on communities to turn compassion into action by supporting the Trócaire Box and donating generously to help families like Uwamahoro's build a more just and sustainable future.



LETTER: Lent has begun, and with the sign of ashes we heard the call: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." This Lent, we invite you to take a simple but powerful step of faith. Please take a moment to personalise the letter by the door adding the name of the invitee and your own name as inviter. One heartfelt letter can become a gentle invitation home, a quiet yes to God, and a sign of hope this Lent.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Choral Workshop: free choral workshop for choir members, musicians, singers, and anyone interested in church music on **Thursday 12th March at 7 p.m.** in **Kingscourt Parish Centre**, led by **Ciaran Coll** (Irish Church Music Association) and **Derek Eakins**. All are welcome.

Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood will take place in St Colmcille's Church, Kells Co Meath, on Friday 6th March 7pm-8pm. If you feel called to be a Priest of Jesus Christ please come along to this special event. Here we will reflect on Christ as Son, Servant and Priest. **Vocations Director:** Fr Tony Gonoude 0449373923 www.meathvocations.com. Facebook Page: [DioceseOfMeathVocations](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfMeathVocations) Instagram Account: [dioceseofmeathvocations](https://www.instagram.com/dioceseofmeathvocations) Email: vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie