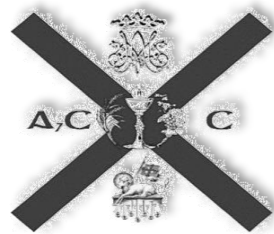


**WEEKEND MASSES**

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)  
 CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)  
 CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)  
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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**



Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Ann Sheridan	Laura McCormack
Clonalvy	10.00am	Tom Bowler	Margaret Andrews
Curraha	11.30am	Frances Duffy	Frances Gargan

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Thomas & Grace Cashen & DFM A.V. Nicky Hamilton
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. PJ & Nancy Andrews & Daughter in Law Mary Andrews
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	Birthday Rem Margie Caffrey
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup> March	Ardcath 6.30pm	Vigil Mass St Patrick's Day
		Curraha 7.30pm	John Wilson, Mary Cassidy
Tues.	17 <sup>th</sup> March	Clonalvy 9.30am	St Patrick's Day
		Curraha 11.30am	St Patrick's Day
Thur	19 <sup>th</sup> March	Curraha 9.30am	Peter Galligan
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Ardcath 9.30am	Intention
	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Curraha 7.00pm	Ann Traynor, nee Corry, late of Ardcath, passed away on 30 <sup>th</sup> October A.V. Tommy O'Connor

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. James & Bridget Maloney & Sons Thomas, Sen & James A.V. Noelie Savidge
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Joe Whyte
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Liam Hetherton

**PARISH COLLECTIONS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Offertory	€ 153.06	€141.60	€ 288.75	
Envelopes	€ 0.00	€ 10.00	€ 100.00	
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 180.00	

**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.

**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.

**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.



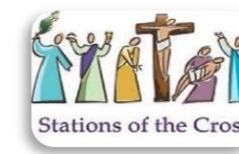
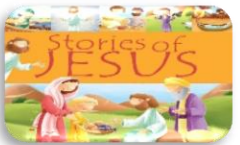
**MOTHER'S DAY:** A very happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of our parish. Today we celebrate your love, sacrifice, and quiet strength, which bless our families and our community each day. We hold in prayer those becoming mothers for the first time this year, and we lovingly remember mothers who have gone before us, now resting in God's tender and eternal care. May gratitude and hope fill your hearts today and always.

**ST. PATRICK:** On 17 March, we honour Saint Patrick, whose faith shaped not only souls but a people's identity. His prayerful courage gave rise to Ireland's rich Christian traditions (storytelling, symbols, hospitality, and song) where faith is woven into daily life. Patrick shows us that belief is strongest when lived openly, remembered joyfully, and handed on through culture, community, and a steadfast trust in God's guiding presence.



**ST. JOSEPH:** On 19 March, the Church contemplates Saint Joseph, a man of quiet obedience and steadfast faith. He teaches us that holiness is often hidden, shaped in silence, work, and fidelity to daily duty. Joseph listens more than he speaks, trusts when the path is unclear, and acts without seeking recognition. His life invites us to let God work through humility, perseverance, and faithful service in ordinary things.

**JESUS STORY:** At Jacob's well, Jesus meets a woman burdened by thirst deeper than water. He speaks gently, crossing boundaries of fear and shame, and listens before teaching. Seen and known, she discovers a truth that frees her. Leaving her jar behind, she runs to her people, carrying not water but joy. From a quiet encounter, faith is born, and a wounded heart becomes a witness of living grace.



**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** offer a meaningful way to live Lent more deeply. Born from a time when war prevented pilgrims from reaching Jerusalem, these sacred images allowed the faithful to walk spiritually with Christ through His final hours. This Lent, you are warmly encouraged to pray the Stations, entering Jesus' journey with reflection, compassion, and renewed faith, allowing His suffering to shape hearts, strengthen hope, and deepen our shared walk toward Easter.

**FASTING** during Lent invites a purposeful simplicity of life. Parishioners are encouraged to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, limit indulgences such as sweets, alcohol and snacking, and step back from digital distractions, entertainment and unnecessary spending. These intentional sacrifices create space for prayer, self-discipline and generosity, helping hearts refocus on what truly matters and strengthening commitment to live the Gospel with clarity, freedom and deeper spiritual attentiveness throughout the Lenten season.



**PRAYING** during Lent invites a deeper, more intentional relationship with God. The faithful are encouraged to enrich their spiritual lives through daily prayer, participation to Mass, Scripture reading and the Sacraments. Practices such as the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, quiet reflection, family prayer and pilgrimage create sacred space amid busy lives, helping believers and communities grow in faith, reconciliation and hope as they journey together toward Easter.

**GIVING** during Lent calls believers to live love in practical, generous ways. Acts of kindness begin at home through quality time with family and loved ones, and extend outward through service, encouragement and quiet good deeds. Supporting parish life, reaching out to others and choosing words that uplift rather than harm help build stronger communities, deepen relationships and reflect the compassion of Christ in everyday actions, witness and service throughout the Lenten journey.



**LENTEN JOURNEY:** „Living with Wounds - Healing Wounds”. We are pleased to share a new six-week reflection booklet, *Living with Wounds - Healing Wounds*. Rooted in Scripture and monastic wisdom, it offers gentle guidance for prayer, healing, and renewal as we journey toward Easter. All parishioners are warmly invited to use it at home or in groups as a source of hope and spiritual strength this season

**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.