

WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
 CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
 CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)
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PARISH NEWSLETTER
Palm Sunday of the
Lord's Passion
29TH MARCH 2026



Sunday	5 th April	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Lara McCormack	Trisha Fox
Clonalvy	10.00am	Patricia Harford	Breda Murray
Curraha	11.30am	Margaret Nugent	Joan Phelan

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	Special Intention
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Agnes & Tony Keenan & DFM A.V. Noel Collins & DFM
Sunday	Curragha	11.30am	A.V. Paddy McDermott A.V. Christina Hamilton A.V. Kathleen & Tommy Stanners
Mon	30 th Curraha	7.30pm	A.V. Thomas & Elizabeth Keogh & DFM Pat Murphy
Tues	31 st Clonalvy	9.30am	Special Intention
Thurs	2 nd Ardcath	6.30am	Holy Thursday – Special Intention
Fri	3 rd Clonalvy	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross.
	3 rd Curraha	6.00pm	Good Friday

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SUNDAY 5TH APRIL EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Vigil	Curraha	6.00pm	Easter Saturday – Special Intention
	Ardcath	8.00pm	A.V. Tom Adams A.V. Agnes & Patrick Wall Birthday Rem Michael Wall
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Olivia Sheridan
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Bartle Bermingham

PARISH COLLECTIONS 21st & 22nd February 2026				THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	
Offertory	€ 98.30	€166.78	€ 366.90	
Envelopes	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 205.00	
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 10.00	€ 125.00	

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

The Parish Development and Offerings boxes are being distributed over the next couple of weeks in the parishes. There is a letter with the boxes explaining new changes regarding the diocese, leading to Pastoral areas which are now in place. Also a set of accounts for the past five years is displayed in the notice board at the back of the church in Curragha.

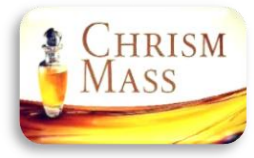
HOLY WEEK 2026

PALM SUNDAY: Clonalvy – 10am; Curraha - 11:30am; Ardcath (Vigil mass): 6:30pm.
HOLY THURSDAY: Ardcath – 6:30pm.
GOOD FRIDAY: Clonalvy (Stations) – 3pm; Curraha 6pm.
EASTER VIGIL: Curraha - 6pm; Ardcath - 8pm.
EASTER SUNDAY: Clonalvy - 10am; Curraha - 11:30am. **Easter Monday:** Kilbrew Nursing Home – 11:30am.



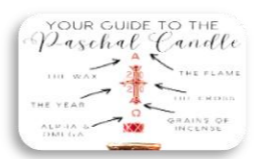
SPECIAL COLLECTION: On Good Friday, we are invited to support Christians in the Holy Land who continue to suffer the effects of violence and destruction. Recent months have brought hunger, poverty, and deep hardship, tearing families and communities apart. This collection is a powerful act of solidarity, compassion, and hope, helping sustain faith, dignity, and life where it is most fragile. Your generosity truly makes a difference for them all.

CHRISM MASS: You are warmly invited to the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral at 7.00 pm, a beautiful celebration of unity in our diocese. During this Mass, the bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism, used in Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, and Anointing. These holy oils remind us that Christ heals, strengthens, and sends us on mission as Easter approaches.



EASTER CONFESSIONS: You are warmly invited to prepare your hearts for Easter through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Easter Confessions will be celebrated in Curragha on Monday before the 7.30 pm Mass, in Clonalvy after the Tuesday 9.30 am Mass, and in Ardcath on Thursday after the 6.30 pm Mass. All are encouraged to take this grace-filled opportunity to pause, reflect, and renew their relationship with God as we journey together toward the joy of Easter.

ABSTINENCE&FASTING: Good Friday is a Solemn Day of Fasting and Abstinence, inviting us to prayer, reflection, and solidarity with Christ's Passion. Abstinence from meat is observed by all aged 14 and over. Fasting, meaning one main meal and two smaller meals, is required of adults aged 18 to 60. These practices help us simplify our lives, open our hearts, and prepare spiritually for the joy of Easter.



PASCHAL CANDLE is lit at the Easter Vigil as a powerful sign of the Risen Christ, the Light of the world. Marked with the cross, the current year, Alpha and Omega, and five grains of incense, it proclaims that Christ is present yesterday, today, and forever. From this flame, new light is shared in Baptism and hope is proclaimed even in death, reminding us that darkness never has the final word.

ADORATION OF THE CROSS on Good Friday invites us to pause before the mystery of Christ's love. We venerate the Cross not as an object of sorrow, but as the sign of salvation, hope, and victory through sacrifice. In silence and reverence, we acknowledge that from the Cross comes forgiveness, healing, and new life. It is a powerful moment of gratitude, humility, and faith at the heart of Holy Week.



ADORATION ON HOLY THURSDAY, the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament invites us to remain with Jesus in prayer, remembering His love at the Last Supper. As Christ offers Himself in the Eucharist, we are called to watch, listen, and stay close. This quiet time expresses gratitude, trust, and companionship with the Lord, who gives us His Body and Blood and asks only that we remain with Him in love.

GREETINGS: Our upcoming Holy Week, Easter Triduum, and Easter Season will be enriched by the generous spirit of so many parishioners. We look forward with gratitude to all who will serve our liturgy and prepare our churches and grounds in the days ahead. Every quiet act of service strengthens our parish community. May this sacred season bring God's love, closeness, and peace to every home as we celebrate the joy of the Risen Lord. (Fr. Steve)



NO FUNERALS: On Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Day, no Funeral Masses are celebrated, as the Church gives full focus to the central mysteries of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. These sacred days invite the whole community to pray, reflect, and rejoice together. This pause allows us to honour the unique character of the Triduum and Easter, holding all the faithful departed in prayer while celebrating the heart of our Christian faith.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Big Lenten Clean-up: Church Cleaning in preparation for Holy Week/Easter in all churches: Curraha & Ardcath – Monday 30th March 12am; Clonalvy – Tuesday 31st March 10am. All hands-on deck!

Trocaire Boxes: Please return Trocaire Boxes to the Churches or the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you for your generous response.

St. Andrew's N.S. have successfully been collecting plastic bottles and aluminum cans as part of the Deposit Return Scheme for the past year. If you would like to donate any of your bottles/cans, please drop them to the school on Thursdays to the orange bin located at the front of the school. Thank you