

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

Third Sunday of Lent

8TH MARCH 2026



Sunday	15 th March	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Ann Sheridan	Paula Allison
Clonalvy	10.00am	Margaret Andrews	Breda Murray
Curraha	11.30am	Amy Battersby	Maria Moran

Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	Sick of the Parish
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Brigitte & Vincent Gargan & Sr. Christopher Gargan
			A.V. Barney, Peg, Ann & Thomas Boland
			A.V. Mary Collins
			A.V. Mortimer & Mary Frances O'Sullivan & John & Ellen O'Sullivan

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Mon	9 th March	Curraha	7.30pm	No Mass
Tues.	10 th March	Clonalvy	9.30am	No Mass
Thur	12 th March	Curraha	9.30am	No Mass
Fri	13 th March	Ardcath	9.30am	No Mass

Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. PJ & Nancy Andrews & Daughter in Law Mary Andrews
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	Birthday Rem Margie Caffrey

St Patrick's Day 17th March

Clonalvy	9.30am
Curraha	11.30am

PARISH COLLECTIONS 31 st Jan & 2 nd of Feb 2026				THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	
Offertory	€ 157.21	€202.22	€ 397.30	
Envelopes	€ 80.00	€ 10.00	€ 300.00	
Offerings	€ 50.00	€ 0.00	€ 320.00	

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.

APOPHENIA in spiritual life is the quiet temptation to mistake coincidence for revelation, to read God's voice where there is only echo. The heart, hungry for meaning, can weave patterns that flatter the ego rather than convert it. True discernment requires humility, patience, and obedience: God speaks clearly, but never feeds confusion. Where peace, charity, and truth grow, there is the Spirit; where anxiety multiplies, there is not.



INCLUSION means recognising the God-given dignity in every person. It never demands the abandonment, or the mockery, of anyone's faith. As DOCAT teaches, "Inclusion is rooted in the belief that every human life possesses inherent, equal dignity and is made in God's image". True inclusion creates space for conviction, conscience, and respectful difference. When we refuse contempt and choose honour instead, we build a community where people can belong without having to betray what is most sacred to them.

DIGITAL SOUL in spiritual life is the interior self slowly shaped by screens, rhythms, and constant connection. It risks becoming fragmented, reactive, always-on, forgetting silence, embodiment, and presence. The task is not rejection of technology, but conversion: to use digital tools without letting them use us. Prayer restores depth, discernment restores freedom, and silence heals the soul from being everywhere and nowhere at once. God desires an integrated, attentive heart.



TECHNO-MESSIAH in spiritual life is the illusion that salvation will arrive through innovation, efficiency, or algorithms. It promises mastery without conversion, answers without silence, progress without wisdom. When technology becomes a redeemer, the heart forgets its need for grace. Faith reminds us that no machine can save the soul. Redemption comes not from faster tools, but from slower love, surrender, and a God who enters weakness rather than bypassing it.

DIVERSITY, in the light of the Church's social teaching, is not a threat to unity but its proper condition. Human differences of culture, gifts, and vocation reflect the richness of God's creation. The Church affirms equal dignity, not uniformity. True diversity is ordered toward communion, where differences are welcomed, purified by truth, and placed at the service of the common good, solidarity, and the integral development of every person.



ATOMIC HABITS in spiritual life remind us that holiness is rarely built by heroic gestures, but by small, faithful acts repeated with love. A brief prayer, a daily choice of patience, a moment of silence: these seem insignificant, yet they slowly re-shape the heart. Grace works quietly through consistency. God does not ask for intensity without perseverance, but for fidelity in the ordinary, where transformation truly takes root.

PARETO principle to spiritual life during Lent means focusing on the few practices that bring the greatest inner change. Rather than many resolutions, choose prayer, silence, and acts of mercy that transform the heart. This intentional simplicity helps align daily effort with grace, allowing small, faithful commitments to produce deep renewal, clarity, and lasting conversion throughout the season of Lent, shaping habits of love and disciplined hope.



PAREIDOLIA reminds us that creation speaks symbolically, yet not every sign is a revelation. The human mind, made in God's image, seeks patterns and meaning. Such perceptions may prompt prayer and wonder, but faith calls for discernment, guided by Scripture and the Church, lest imagination replace truth. God truly speaks through grace, not through every passing image. Rooted humility safeguards authentic devotion and spiritual maturity.

STPATRICK'SDAY: Hail, glorious St. Patrick, dear saint of our isle, / On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile; / And now that you're high in your mansions above, / On Erin's green valleys look down with your love. // Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth, / Where the shamrock still blooms as when thou wert on earth, / And our hearts shall yet bum, wherever we roam, / For God and St. Patrick, and our native home. Tuesday 17th March - 2 masses with the blessing of the shamrock: **9:30am Clonalvy & 11:30am Curraha (hymns performed by children from St. Andrew's School).**



10 STEPS FOR A SPIRITUAL SPRING CLEANING: 1. Scan for big problems you might have overlooked. 2. Dust off your irritations. 3. Consider the clutter of your days. 4. Contemplate what's lacking. 5. Clean up what comes out of your mouth. 6. Dust off your thinking. 7. Cleanse your heart. 8. Clean out your Spiritual Closets. 9. Declutter your Digital Life. 10. Get Rid of Physical Clutter.

Community Notices

Bulletin: relevant news items of parish and local interest are always welcome for inclusion in the bulletin!
Curraha I.C.A. will be held on Monday 9th at 12.30 in the Parish Centre. If interested in joining please come along you will be made very welcome.