

WEEKEND MASSES

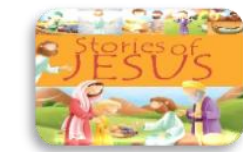
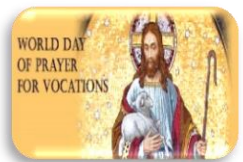
ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
 CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
 CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)
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PARISHES OF ST MARY'S ARDCATH, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CLONALVY, ST ANDREW'S CURRAHA
 PASTORAL AREA OF ASHBOURNE, ARDCATH/CLONALVY, CURRAGHA, DUNSHAUGHLIN, RATOATH AND SKRYNE

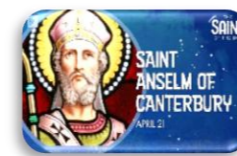


VOCATIONS SUNDAY offers a meaningful opportunity to inspire young people to explore lives of faith-centred service. Through encouragement, mentoring, and positive role models, communities can help youth reflect on deeper purpose, leadership, and commitment. By creating spaces for dialogue and accompaniment, we nurture openness to lifelong service roles, empowering the next generation to respond generously to where they feel called to serve.



PRAYER: Gracious God, source of all calling, quiet our hearts and awaken generous courage in our young people. Plant in them a listening spirit, a love for your people, and a joy for the holy work of priestly service. Surround them with mentors and peace. Guide those whom you invite, strengthen their yes, and bless the Church with faithful shepherds, now and always. Root their path in humility, hope, and compassion. Amen.

JESUS STORY: Two weary wanderers walked a dusty road, trading grief and unanswered hopes. A Stranger joined them, listening more than speaking, turning loss into meaning with gentle words. Evening fell; bread was broken. In that simple sharing, recognition flared truth had walked beside them all along. The Stranger vanished, yet their steps burned with purpose as they ran back to tell others what their hearts had learned through grace, memory, courage, hope.



ST ANSELM lived a life where deep prayer met courageous intellect. A Benedictine monk, scholar, and archbishop, he sought truth through faith and reason, famously describing his path as “faith seeking understanding.” Despite exile and conflict with kings, he remained humble, obedient, and steadfast. His example teaches integrity, patient leadership, and the courage to pursue truth with love and trust in God.

FIRST COMMUNION: Our parish community joyfully looks forward to celebrating First Holy Communion, as our children receive the Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The celebrations will take place at St. Mary's Church, Ardcath, at 11am on Saturday, 16th May 2026, and at St. Andrew's Church, Curraha, at 11am on Saturday, 23rd May 2026. We warmly commend our young parishioners and their families to your continued prayers.



ST GEORGE, whose feast is celebrated on 23 April, is honoured as a courageous Christian martyr of the third century. Tradition remembers him as a Roman soldier who remained faithful to his beliefs despite persecution and death. His enduring legend of defeating the dragon symbolises the triumph of faith over evil. Saint George's life continues to inspire courage, integrity, and steadfast commitment to what is right.

GETTING READY: With First Holy Communion now just over four weeks away, our enrolled children are actively preparing, deepening their understanding of the sacrament and the Holy Eucharist. Father Steve looks forward to welcoming you each week for Mass and rehearsal: on Thursdays in Curraha and Fridays in Ardcath, each morning in the church. We continue this journey of faith together with joy and reverence. *The Body of Christ! Amen.*



ST MARK THE EVANGELIST, celebrated on 25 April, is honoured as the author of one of the four Gospels and a close companion of Saints Peter and Paul. His Gospel proclaims Christ with urgency, clarity, and faith. Tradition holds that he founded the Church in Alexandria and died as a martyr. St Mark's life inspires courageous witness, faithful service, and dedication to proclaiming the Good News.

POPE FRANCIS: One year after his passing, many reflect on a global faith leader whose life was marked by humility, compassion, and tireless advocacy for the poor. His leadership challenged consciences, called for mercy over judgment, and urged care for both people and creation. His example endures in gestures of simplicity, openness to dialogue, and a belief that true authority is found in service, closeness, and hope.



GRATITUDE FOR EASTER OFFERINGS: Thank you to all those who have paid their Easter dues. We are most grateful to all our parishioners who give what they can to support the mission of our parishes. The plate and envelopes collection on Easter Sunday came to €2575. The offerings: €1680. The candle shrines Ardcath/Clonalvy €249.85 On Good Friday €377.20 was collected for Christians in the Holy Places. We thank everyone for their generous contribution. Míle buíochas.

Pro Life Campaign church gate collection 25th & 26th April. The Pro Life Campaign promotes and defends human life at all stages, from conception to natural death. It also campaigns for resources to support and assist pregnant women and those in need of healing after abortion.

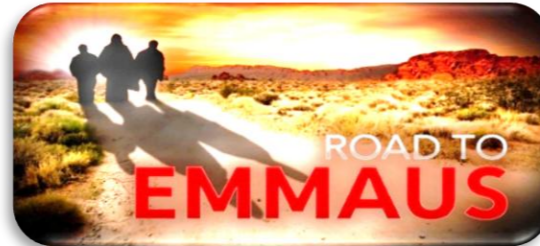
ADORATIONS: Our Thursday and Friday post-Mass adorations bring students together to pray for vocations and reflect on Jesus, the Good Shepherd. In today's world, He invites us to be His hands and feet: serving and carrying His mission forward with courage and compassion.

Catholic Mothers Ireland is hosting an evening for Women on Wednesday 22nd April in St Peter's Parish, Lurgan.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Easter

19TH APRIL 2026



Sunday	26th April	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Trisha Fox	Lara McCormack
Clonalvy	10.00am	Margaret Andrews	Cathal Caffrey
Curraha	11.30am	Liz Keogh	Michael Weldon

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Dominick & Kathleen Gogan & Daughters Rosemary and Alma.
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	Mass for Peace
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Monica Mulvaney & DFM A.V. Jim King A.V. Eamon Woods
Mon 20 th	Curraha	7.30pm	A.V. Joseph & Bridget Cleary & DFM
Tues 21 st	Clonalvy	9.30am	People of the Parish
Thur 22 nd	Curraha	9.30am	A.V. Nora & Michael Gilligan
Fri 23 rd	Ardcath	9.30am	The sick of the Parish



SUNDAY 26TH OF APRIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Mary Caffrey (2 nd) A.V. Sean & Mag Murphy
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Pat Mooney
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	Remembrance Sean, Elaine & Paula Galwey A.V. Anthony & Darragh Bermingham & Christopher & Elizabeth Bermingham A.V. James & Marcella McDermott & Son Louis

PARISH COLLECTIONS 7th & 8th of March 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU
Offertory	€ 126.67	€143.32	€ 457.23	FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
Envelopes	€ 0.00	€ 15.00	€ 90.00	OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 5.00	€ 55.00	OF OUR PARISH

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 Curraha.

Trocaire Boxes (Final Call!): Please return Trocaire Boxes to the Churches or to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your generous response (Only 28 boxes so far).

Blessing Of The Graves 2026: Parishioners are warmly invited to join us for the annual Blessing of the Graves, a cherished time of prayer and remembrance. Ceremonies will take place at Piercetown (27 June), Clonalvy (28 June), Curraha, Crickstown and Kilmoon (5 July), Kilbrew (6 July), and Ardcath (13 September). We remember our loved ones with faith, hope, and gratitude for their lives.