

WEEKEND MASSES

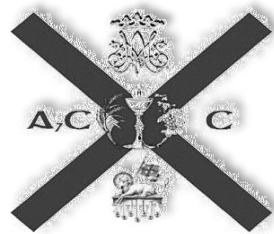
ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)

CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)

CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

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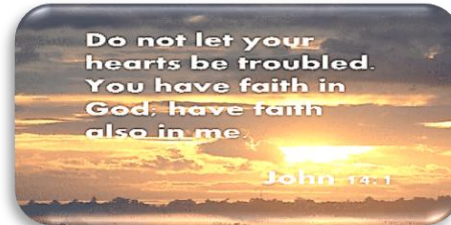
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PARISHES OF ST MARY'S ARDCATH, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CLONALVY, ST ANDREW'S CURRAHA
PASTORAL AREA OF ASHBOURNE, ARDCATH/CLONALVY, CURRAGHA, DUNSHAUGHLIN, RATOATH AND SKRYNE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Easter

26TH APRIL 2026

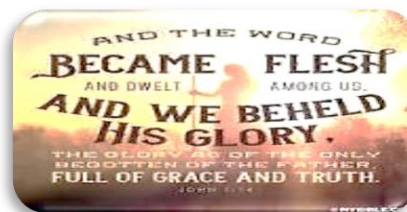


Sunday	3 rd May	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Trisha Fox	Maire McKenna
Clonalvy	10.00am	Tom Bowler	Catherine Campbell
Curraha	11.30am	Frances Duffy	Lorna Battersby

SUNDAY 26TH OF APRIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Mon 27 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Special intention
Tues 28 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Special intention
Thur 30 th	Curraha	9.30am	Special intention
Fri 1 st	Ardcath	9.30am	Altar List of the Dead



SUNDAY 3RD OF MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. John & Maureen Corry & DFM
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Billy, Ita, Brendan & Johnny Byrne A.V. Patricia Meagher (Nee Collins) A.V. Philomena & Paddy Reilly & D.M. Andrews & Reilly Families A.V. James & Rose McCabe & Tom, May, Pat & Paddy
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Maura Devaney Rem Husband Pat.

PARISH COLLECTIONS 14th & 15th of March 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Offertory	€ 199.46	€181.05	€ 379.00	
Envelopes	€ 20.00	€ 30.00	€ 48.45	
Offerings	€ 20.00	€ 0.00	€ 40.00	

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.

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.

“Be Strong In The Lord” - Co. Meath! HLI Ireland 32 County Mission Event with relics of St Thérèse & The Holy Face. Thursday 7th May, The Newgrange Hotel, Navan, 7pm.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY (SPECIAL COLLECTION) 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.



JESUS STORY: “I’ll tell you a story,” said Jesus with a grin. “I am a shepherd, and my sheep know my voice: even the silly ones. When one lamb wandered off chasing a butterfly, I found it tangled in tickly grass, giggling! I put it on my shoulders, and it wiggled all the way home. Follow me, little ones. With me, even getting lost can end in laughter and love.”



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA (29th April) was a young woman who loved God deeply and lived with courage. Though not a nun, she prayed, cared for the sick and poor, and spoke boldly for truth and peace. God used her wisdom to guide leaders and restore unity in the Church. Her life teaches us that holiness means loving God, serving others, and speaking with courage, even when we feel small.

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 SOPHIA (30th April) was a Christian mother in Rome who lived with deep wisdom and faith. She raised her daughters (Faith, Hope, and Love) to trust Christ above all things. When persecuted, she encouraged them to remain courageous, even unto death. Sophia herself died in prayer after their martyrdom. Her life teaches us that true wisdom means forming hearts in faith, hope, and love, and remaining strong in trials.

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER (1st May) was a humble carpenter who supported the Holy Family through honest labour. His life shows that work is not merely survival, but a sharing in God’s creative love. In Joseph we see the non-negotiable dignity of every worker and the untouchable right to a just wage. He teaches us that faith, work, and justice belong together and that no labourer should ever be treated as disposable.



MONTH OF MARY: May is traditionally the month of Mary, the month of flowers and gentle devotion. As nature blooms, we bring to Mary the rosary, a bouquet of beautiful and perfumed prayers offered with love. Each «Hail Mary» is like a rose placed in her hands. In this month, we turn to Mary, Queen of Peace, asking her to fill our homes and hearts with harmony, hope, and calm faith.

GRATITUDE FOR TROCAIRE OFFERINGS: Thank you for your extraordinary generosity to the Trócaire Appeal 2026. Your gifts are far more than donations; they are lifelines of hope, dignity, and resilience for families facing poverty and injustice. Through your compassion, faith becomes action and solidarity becomes real change. Together, you show that generous hearts can transform lives and build a more just and peaceful world. Míle buíochas.



VOCATIONS SUNDAY invites you to listen boldly to Christ’s call. The Church needs committed priests who will bring people to God with joy and purpose. If you feel drawn to serve, open your heart and respond. Contact Fr Tony Gonoude at 0449373923 or visit www.meathvocations.com and @dioceseofmeathvocations.

JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD knows each of us. We are his sheep and he is our way to follow. He asks some to follow him in a closer way. To know him more intensely and to bring him to others. They are to be a way to God. This is the calling of the Priesthood. To know the Lord is to love and to bring love. To serve Him and to serve others. This is a beautiful ministry. To be a voice for Christ. To be a guide to Him. To be a shepherd for the Shepherd. To lead others to God. Priesthood is this call. However, to not serve, to not love is to be a false shepherd. Let us pray for good shepherds who will be the heart of Christ for others and will carry his sheep on the shoulders of their love.



ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny: Friday 5 June, 6.00–10.30pm, and Saturday 6 June, 9.00am–10.30pm. Experience God’s presence through Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing ministry, and fellowship. Be renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit while learning from the Saints. Speakers: Patrick Reis and Fr. Patrick Gonyeau. Book at <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegalor> email donegal@encounterschool.org.

