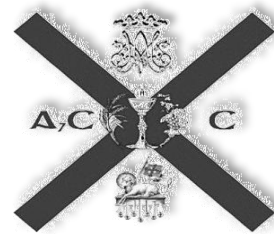


WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10TH MAY 2026



Sunday	17 th May	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Imelda Andrews	Jill Tuite
Clonalvy	10.00am	Patricia Harford	Ann White
Curraha	11.30am	Marcella O'Connor	Mary Carey

SUNDAY 10TH MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	People of the Parish

Mon 11 th	Curraha	7.30pm	No Mass
Tues 12 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	No Mass
Thur 14 th	Curraha	9.30am	No Mass
Fri 15 th	Ardcath	9.30am	World day of Families
Sat 16 th	Ardcath	11.00am	First Communion



SUNDAY 17TH MAY THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Gretta Kelly Rem husband Ted A.V. Henry & Mary Staunton & DM Staunton & McCormack Families A.V. Eileen & Peter Blake A.V. Mary-Jane & Jack Bissett

PARISH COLLECTIONS 28th & 29th of March 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU
Offertory	€ 147.75	€219.80	€ 245.25	FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
Envelopes	€ 0.00	€100.00	€ 245.00	OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 230.00	OF OUR PARISH

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Next Saturday at 11:00am, Ardcath parish will joyfully celebrate the First Holy Communion of 13 young parishioners. Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is always profound, but the first reception of Jesus in Holy Communion is one of life's most sacred moments. Let us pray for the children, their families, and all who prepared them that this day may deepen our reverence, faith, and love for Christ present in the Eucharist.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA: On 13 May 1917, three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, witnessed the first apparition of Our Lady in nearby fields. More apparitions followed, culminating in the Miracle of the Sun. Mary's message was simple: prayer and repentance, especially devotion to the Rosary for peace in the world. May invites this practice: in families, friendships, or quiet moments. Fatima, near Lisbon, remains a beautiful place of pilgrimage and prayer.



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.



COGNITIVE SOVEREIGNTY in spiritual life means taking full responsibility for one's inner life. It is discerning thoughts, resisting fear, noise, and imposed beliefs, and choosing what forms the soul. Without it, prayer becomes routine and faith is borrowed. With it, one filters influences, cultivates stillness, and aligns perception with truth. Spiritual freedom begins when attention and meaning are claimed back, grounded in conscience and God, not systems.

TIPS to celebrate May, the month of Mary, with simple, loving practices: Pray the Rosary. Place an image of Mary at home, work, in the car, or as a screensaver. Create a May altar with garden flowers. Read Scripture about Mary, reflect on her Seven Sorrows, and pray Marian consecration. Receive the Sacraments, share a Marian gift, pilgrimage to Knock, and rejoice with Mary's Magnificat of praise.



THE AGENTIC STATE describes surrendering personal responsibility to authority, valuing obedience over conscience. One acts as an instrument, not a moral source, suspending judgment and consequence. While this can foster trust and devotion, it becomes dangerous when authority is corrupt. True spiritual maturity balances surrender with discernment, obeying wisely while safeguarding conscience and moral agency.

CHARACTERISTICS of True devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary: is interior, flowing from mind and heart. It is tender, marked by childlike trust. It is holy, leading us away from sin and toward imitation of her virtues. It is constant and persevering. Finally, it is disinterested, seeking not self, but God alone, through Mary, His holy Mother.



JESUS STORY: I told my friends, "Do not be sad." I lifted my eyes to heaven and promised "I am always with you." As I rose, I blessed them. "Go and help others," I said. "Teach them love." I did not leave them alone; I sent my Spirit. From heaven I watch, guide, and cheer you. Follow me, and we will meet again in joy forever there.

THE THIRD SECRET OF FATIMA refers to a prophetic message from the 1917 apparitions in Portugal. Written in 1944 by Sister Lucia at her bishop's request, it was officially published by the Vatican in 2000. The vision describes, in symbolic form, suffering, persecution, and martyrdom within the Church, alongside a call to faith, repentance, and hope, whose deepest meaning continues to invite prayerful reflection today.



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: The Ascension reminds us that Jesus returns to the Father yet never leaves us alone. He raises our eyes to heaven while grounding our feet on earth. Christ entrusts us with His mission: to live with hope, responsibility, and courage. Ascension teaches us to let go, trust God's promises, and carry Christ's love into daily life, knowing our true home is heaven and our task is love here and now.

Community Notices

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

The Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes seeks volunteers to support assisted pilgrims from 8–12/13 September. Helpers assist medical teams, accompany pilgrims to key events, provide daily practical support, and receive full training and Garda vetting. Contact Mark Whearty at 086 8761849 to express interest.

Curragha I.C.A. Meeting Monday 11th May at 12.30pm: The monthly meeting of Curragha I.C.A. Will be held on Monday 11th May at 12.30. If you would like to join a great group of women please come along and you will be made very welcome.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Sept 2026. The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Deenihan, is scheduled to depart on 8th September 2026. Pilgrims have the option of selecting a 4-night or 5-night stay. All participants will be accommodated in hotels, with fares starting at €849 for full board. Booking forms can be obtained through Joe Walsh Tours. For further inquiries, please contact them at Tel: 01-2410800 or visit their website at www.joewalshstours.ie.