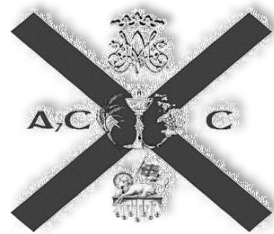


WEEKEND MASSES

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

The Ascension of the Lord

17TH MAY 2026

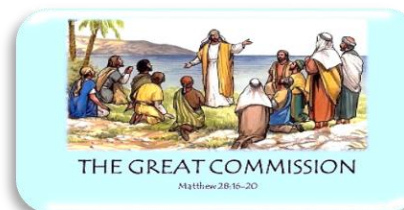


Sunday	24 th May	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Mary Moore	Paula Allison
Clonalvy	10.00am	Ann Whyte	Margaret Andrews
Curraha	11.30am	Joan Phelan	Paul O'Connor

SUNDAY 17TH MAY THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	Sick of the Parish
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	Sick of the Parish
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

Mon 18 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Intention
Tues 19 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Intention
Thur 21 st	Curraha	9.30am	Intention
Fri 22 nd	Ardcath	9.30am	Intention
Sat 23 rd	Curraha	11.00am	First Communion



SUNDAY 24TH MAY PENTECOST SUNDAY

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	M.M. June Cromwell
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Patrick & Sheila Wall A.V. Peter Laycock A.V. Liam Tolan Rem Alfie & Joan A.V. Dec Mem of McDermott Family Ballyhack

PARISH COLLECTIONS 4th & 5th April 2026 Easter

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU
Offertory	€ 155.98	€313.36	€ 646.60	FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
Envelopes	€ 10.00	€260.00	€1190.00	OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP
Offerings	€ 20.00	€530.00	€1130.00	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.

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Next Saturday at 11:00am, Curragha parish will joyfully celebrate the First Holy Communion of 8 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.

PENTECOST, celebrated fifty days after Christ's Resurrection, recalls the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the Apostles praying in the Upper Room. Wind and tongues of fire signaled God's presence, and the Apostles boldly proclaimed the Gospel. Pentecost is the Church's birthday. Next Sunday we welcome our newly confirmed young parishioners, praying they go forth Spirit-filled with faith.



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.

BE A PRIEST! Be filled with the Holy Spirit and listen to God's call to the Priesthood. At Pentecost, tongues of fire gave the Apostles new hearts, courage, and joy. Like them, allow the Spirit to renew you in your vocation. Speak God's language to the world, be inflamed with Christ, and become His priest. Fr Tony Gonoude: 044 9373923 www.meathvocations.com



THANK YOU! To the diocesan organizers, our sincere gratitude for preparing this annual retreat with such care and dedication. Your hard work created a prayerful and welcoming space for all of us. Thank you for your service, attention to detail, and spiritual leadership. It was a profound blessing. May God reward your generosity and strengthen you in your ministry. We are deeply grateful for your gift to the whole diocese.

JESUS STORY: I gathered my friends on the hill. I blessed them and said: Do not fear my going. As I rose to the Father, I promised my Spirit and my peace. Go now, teach all nations, and love as I loved you. Though unseen, I remain with you always, until the end of time, and my hope lifts your hearts heavenward forever.



GRATITUDE: Dear parishioners, thank you for making it possible to attend the annual diocesan retreat. Your support and prayers mean so much to me. Receiving this generous sign of appreciation truly humbles me. I return refreshed in spirit and committed to serve you better. May God bless your kindness and faith. I am grateful to journey with you and look forward to sharing what I have received.

SAINT HELENA, mother of Emperor Constantine, sought God with perseverance and faith. Through humility and determination, she discovered the True Cross, showing how sincere seeking leads to grace. Her life teaches us to search for Christ wholeheartedly, to trust God's timing, and to let faith guide our actions, transforming personal devotion into blessings for the whole Church.



SAINT RITA OF CASCIA lived a life marked by suffering, forgiveness, and unwavering trust in God. As wife, mother, widow, and nun, she embraced God's will in every trial. Her life teaches us patience in hardship, the power of forgiveness, and perseverance in prayer, trusting that God can bring grace and hope even from painful circumstances.

Community Notices

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Sept 2026. Led by Bishop Deenihan, departing 8 Sept 2026. 4- or 5-night options; hotel full board from €849. Booking via Joe Walsh Tours: 01-2410800 • www.joewalshstours.ie

Pray for Life Novena invites people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life from **23–31 May**. Daily intentions, reflections, and actions are available at prayforlife.ie, with updates on Facebook and Instagram. The novena is an initiative of the **Council for Life** of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Lough Derg's Day of Friendship and Prayer takes place **Wednesday 20 May**, promoting Christian unity. Archbishops **Eamon Martin** and **John McDowell** join **Fr La Flynn** for a day of reflection from **10am–3pm** on **Station Island**. **€25** covers boat, refreshments, and lunch. **Booking required.** www.loughderg.org • info@loughderg.org • +353 71 9861518

The Ardcath ICA Annual Breast Cancer Walk will take place in Masterson's Park, Ardcath on Sunday 24th May from 11am - 1pm. For donations please Contact Jean Mongey +353 (86) 838 4257.

Clann Mór Residential & Respite, a Meath-based not-for-profit supporting adults with intellectual disabilities, will hold its **annual church-gate collection** on **16–17 May**. Your support helps sustain vital community services.