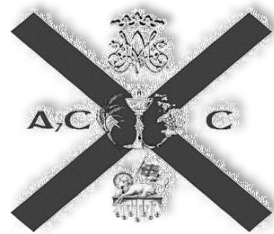


WEEKEND MASSES

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

Pentecost Sunday

24TH MAY 2026



Sunday	31 st May	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Mary Moore	Lara McCormack
Clonalvy	10.00am	Frances Whyte	Cathal Caffrey
Curraha	11.30am	Maureen Mooney	Maureen Mooney

SUNDAY 24TH MAY PENTECOST SUNDAY

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	M.M. June Cromwell
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	People of the Parish
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 A.V. Kathleen Langan & DFM A.V. Robert Nolan & DFM

Mon 25 th	Curraha	7.30pm	No Mass
Tues 26 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	No Mass
Thur 28 th	Curraha	9.30am	No Mass
Fri 29 th	Ardcath	9.30am	No Mass

SUNDAY 31ST OF MAY THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. John Marmion (1 st) A.V. Aidan Cleary rem his aunt Lily who passed away recently

PARISH COLLECTIONS 11th & 12th April 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Offertory	€ 210.23	€197.77	€287.57	
Envelopes	€ 110.00	€ 0.00	€ 65.00	
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 50.00	€170.00	

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES 2026:

PIERCETOWN – 27/06/2026 (after vigil mass); **CLONALVY** – 28/06/2026 (1pm); In case of very wet weather prayers will begin in the church! Please remember it is not Mass but a Prayer Service and Blessing so those attending should have already attended Mass earlier in the day.

CURRAGHA – 05/07/2026 (after Sunday mass), **CRICKSTOWN** (2pm), **KILMOON** (3pm);
KILBREW – 06/07/2026 (Mass in the cemetery 7.30pm);

ARDCATH – 13/09/2026 (Mass in the cemetery 1pm). Volunteers needed from our Readers etc. to lead the prayers and rosary. A good time to attend to your family plot, or a grave with no one to look after it; to kindly clean up the surrounding area, if needed, and to place all soil, rubbish, plastic, glass, waste etc. in the skips provided.

RATOATH - Sunday 24th May. Begins in the cemetery at 3pm In case of very wet weather prayers will begin in the church!

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. This Sunday we welcome our newly confirmed young parishioners, praying they go forth Spirit-filled with faith.



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

JESUS STORY: After I returned to the Father, my friends waited together in hope. Then my Spirit came upon them like wind and fire, filling their hearts with courage. I spoke through them in many tongues, so all could hear my message. No longer afraid, they went forth, sharing my love, bringing unity, faith, and peace to the world.



WARM CONGRATULATIONS to the boys and girls of Ardcath and Curragha who celebrated their First Holy Communion, receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. As they now join the Sunday mass, may they grow more like Christ. Sincere thanks to parents, teachers, and staff of St Andrew's and St Patrick's Primary Schools for their dedication and support on this special and joyful faith milestone.

TRINITY SUNDAY: we celebrate one God in three Divine Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This central mystery of Christian faith reveals God's inner life and illuminates all beliefs. Though beyond full human understanding, it is made known through Jesus and the Spirit. God's presence in creation and revelation invites us into communion with the Holy Trinity always.



EXAMS: We continue to hold our young parishioners in prayer as they prepare for and sit their exams. May they be blessed with calm, focus, and success. Prayer is a powerful support: consider lighting a candle and remembering them in your intentions. Our community's prayerful encouragement will remain with them throughout these important weeks of effort and hope.

MEETINGS: Last week we had Monday, PPC in Curragha; Tuesday, Safeguarding representatives gathering in Curragha; Wednesday, Pastoral Area meeting in Ratoath; and Thursday, Faith Formation in Navan. These important gatherings support the life, care, and development of our parish community, strengthening collaboration, safeguarding practices, and ongoing faith growth across all areas of ministry locally.



SAINT MARY OF MAGDALA teaches us powerful lessons of faith, courage, and transformation. Once lost, she found new life in Christ and remained faithful even at the cross. Chosen to witness the Resurrection, she shows us hope after sorrow and trust beyond fear. Her life invites us to remain close to Jesus and boldly share His love.

SAINT PHILIP NERI teaches joy, humility, and warmth in the Christian life. Known for his cheerful spirit and deep prayer, he drew people to God through kindness and humor. He reminds us to serve others simply, trust in God's mercy, and grow in holiness with a joyful heart each day of our lives through community and sincere friendship, and hope.



SAINT JOAN OF ARC teaches courage, faith, and trust in God's calling. As a young woman, she followed God's voice with bravery, even in the face of fear and opposition. Her life shows the power of conviction, sacrifice, and perseverance. Joan inspires us to stand for truth, remain faithful in trials, and serve with unwavering courage and hope.

The National Synodal Pathway is at a key stage as working groups deepen their exploration of the Church's seven priorities. Learn more at the link below. To explore further: **Synodal update** <https://theway.ie/julieann-moran-shares-update-as-national-synodal-pathway-reaches-important-phase/>
Encounter Weekend Donegal, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. **Fri 5 June:** 6pm–10:30pm **Sat 6 June:** 9am–10:30pm, Experience Sacraments, worship, talks, healing, and fellowship. Be renewed in the Holy Spirit and inspired by the Saints. Speakers: Patrick Reis (Encounter Ministries USA) & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau (Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Ohio). Bookings: <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal> (encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com in Bing) Info: donegal@encounterschool.org

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Irish Church Music Association (ICMA) is holding its annual Summer School in Maynooth from **30th June - 2nd July**. Further information and online/postal booking are available on our website at: icmamusic.ie/icma-summer-school-2026/.

