

WEEKEND MASSES

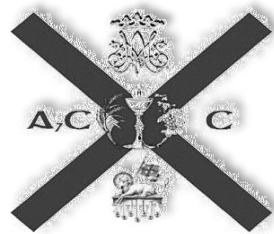
ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)

CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)

CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

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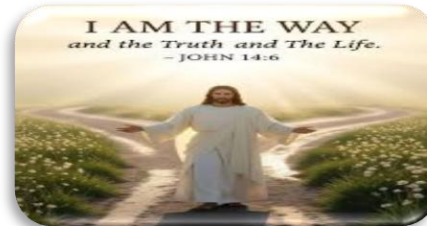
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PARISHES OF ST MARY'S ARDCATH, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CLONALVY, ST ANDREW'S CURRAHA
PASTORAL AREA OF ASHBOURNE, ARDCATH/CLONALVY, CURRAGHA, DUNSHAUGHLIN, RATOATH AND SKRYNE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Easter

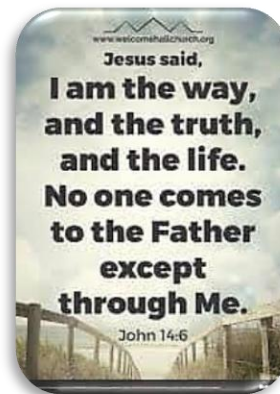
3RD MAY 2026



Sunday	10 th May	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Imelda Andrews	Trisha Fox
Clonalvy	10.00am	Leta Harford	Breda Murray
Curraha	11.30am	Gerard O'Connor	Dearbhla O'Connor

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. Special Intention
Mon 4 th	Curraha	7.30pm	No Mass
Tues 5 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Special intention
Thur 7 th	Curraha	9.30am	Special intention
Fri 8 th	Ardcath	9.30am	Special Intention



SUNDAY 10TH MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am

PARISH COLLECTIONS 21st & 22nd of March 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Offertory	€ 175.38	€217.50	€ 318.43	
Envelopes	€ 0.00	€ 10.00	€ 45.00	
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 20.00	

“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.

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.

Blessing of the graves 2026: Piercetown – 27/06/2026; Clonalvy – 28/06/2026; Curragher, Crickstown, Kilmoon – 05/07/2026; Kilbrew – 06/07/2026; Ardcath – 13/09/2026.

FIRST COMMUNION: Our parish family looks forward with joy to First Holy Communion, when our children receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Celebrations are in St. Mary's Church, Ardcath, 11am Saturday, 16th May 2026, and St. Andrew's Church, Curraha, 11am Saturday, 23rd May 2026. Please keep our young parishioners and their families in your prayers.



GETTING READY: With First Holy Communion just over two weeks away, our children are preparing, deepening their understanding of the sacrament and the Holy Eucharist. Father Steve looks forward to welcoming you weekly for Mass and rehearsal: 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.*

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.



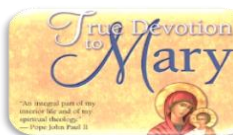
FINANCIAL HANGOVER: Easter joy fades; receipts remain. Chocolate, trips, and clothes drain accounts, leaving a money hangover. Resurrection promises abundance, yet overspending breeds guilt and anxiety. Renewal isn't bought. When generosity replaces impulse and gratitude replaces regret, hearts and wallets heal. Lent taught restraint: Easter teaches stewardship. Let resurrection reshape spending and soul, turning emptiness into trust.

JESUS STORY: “I’ll tell you a story,” said Jesus with a grin. “I am the Way, because I walk ahead of you; the Truth, because I never deceive you; the Life, because I breathe love into your dust. Follow me and you will not be lost. Trust me and you will not be confused. Live in me and you will never die, but truly live. This is the road home for every heart.”



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.

ZERO-SUM sneaks into spiritual and parish life. We assume grace is scarce, so prayer competes: “Hear me, not him.” In parish rivalry: “If he chants, I lose my place.” The truth is the opposite. Grace multiplies when shared. Lifting others lifts you. Another's holiness never shrinks yours. God's mercy is not a pie. It is infinite. There is enough love for everyone, always, without limit.



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.

OVERWHELMING MAJORITY: When the majority grows loud, conviction dissolves into noise. Crowds magnify confidence, but faith matures in quiet. Consensus comforts yet weakens discernment, replacing prayer with borrowed views. Belief becomes performance, measured by applause not peace. Staying rooted means stepping back, listening for stillness, choosing truth over trends.



POPE LEO: One year with Pope Leo XIV marks a gentle, missionary beginning. Elected as the 267th successor of Peter, Chicago-born Robert Francis Prevost brings Augustinian humility from years in Peru. A cardinal since 2023, fluent in five languages, he now shepherds 1.4 billion Catholics. We thank God for his service and pray for wisdom, courage, and unity for the Church today.

INSTALLATION of the new Bishop of Killala took place on Sunday, 26 April 2026. Archbishop Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam, was formally installed, marking a new chapter for the diocese. Echoing the Gospel, “I came that you may have life” (John 10:10), the celebration affirmed mission, hope, and pastoral leadership, entrusting the people of Killala to renewed service, faith, and shared responsibility within the Church.



A CENTURY OF FAITH AND LEARNING: The Kerry woman, now 100, has spent more than 80 years in religious life. From Ballylongford, she joined a religious order at just 18. Known as Sister Brendan, born Eileen Dee, she became the last surviving sibling and a pioneering educator, dedicating a lifetime to faith, teaching, and service through the Poor Servants of the Mother of God.

IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS have raised serious concerns about the International Protection Act 2026, warning it prioritises firmness over fairness. While enacted this week, the Bishops' Council regrets provisions allowing child detention, limiting appeals, restricting movement, and tightening family reunification. They fear due process and protections for vulnerable asylum seekers are weakened and urge adequate legal safeguards and resources as EU asylum rules begin in June 2026.

