

**WEEKEND MASSES**  
ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)  
CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)  
CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)  
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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**  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**



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| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b> | <b>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</b> |
| <b>Ardcath</b>  | <b>6.30pm</b>               | <b>Eithne O’Sullivan</b>          | <b>Paula Allison</b>         |
| <b>Clonalvy</b> | <b>10.00am</b>              | <b>Patricia Harford</b>           | <b>Margaret Andrews</b>      |
| <b>Curraha</b>  | <b>11.30am</b>              | <b>Liz Keogh</b>                  | <b>Paula Moran</b>           |

| SUNDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> JUNE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |                  |          |                                                                                                                        |                              |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Vigil                                                        | Ardcath          | 6.30pm   | A.V. John, Angela & Paddy Brangan & DFM                                                                                |                              |  |
| Sunday                                                       | Clonalvy         | 10.00am  | A.V. Joe & Kathleen Sheehan, Sr. Helen Dunne<br>DM Sheehan & Dunne Families                                            |                              |  |
| Sunday                                                       | Curraha          | 11.30am  | A.V. Mary & Pat Regan<br>A.V. Catherine Hanvey<br>A.V. John & Flo King<br>A.V. Leo Martin Rem his wife Winnifred & DFM |                              |  |
| Mon                                                          | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Curraha  | 7.30pm                                                                                                                 | No mass                      |  |
| Tues                                                         | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Clonalvy | 9.30am                                                                                                                 | Special intention            |  |
| Thur                                                         | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Curraha  | 11.00am                                                                                                                | Graduation Mass Curraha N.S. |  |
| Fri                                                          | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Ardcath  | 9.30am                                                                                                                 | Special intention            |  |

| SUNDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE THISTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |          |         |                                                                                   |  |  |
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| Vigil                                                           | Ardcath  | 6.30pm  | A.V. Therese Ennis<br>A.V. Dermot Doggett<br>A.V. Michael Wall (1 <sup>st</sup> ) |  |  |
| Sunday                                                          | Clonalvy | 10.00am | A.V. Cormac Crooke<br>A.V. Joe Shea                                               |  |  |
| Sunday                                                          | Curraha  | 11.30am | D.M. Webster Family                                                               |  |  |

| PARISH COLLECTIONS 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 |                 |                 |                |                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                | <b>Ardcath</b>  | <b>Clonalvy</b> | <b>Curraha</b> | <b>THANK YOU</b>                 |
| <b>Offertory</b>                                               | <b>€ 213.07</b> | <b>€154.46</b>  | <b>€278.54</b> | <b>FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT</b> |
| <b>Envelopes</b>                                               | <b>€ 10.00</b>  | <b>€ 45.00</b>  | <b>€150.00</b> | <b>OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP</b>    |
| <b>Offerings</b>                                               | <b>€ 0.00</b>   | <b>€ 0.00</b>   | <b>€ 40.00</b> | <b>OF OUR PARISH</b>             |

**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).

**BEST OF LUCK** to Eoin Carey in athletics and Karl Bourke and Conor Keaveney in soccer as they represent Leinster at the Special Olympics Ireland Games. We’re proud of you all. Enjoy every moment in Santry and Abbotstown. No entry fee: come support our parish lads in action!

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!** You have arrived in a rural Catholic community living the Gospel through Eucharist, prayer, and charity. Rooted in faith and Irish heritage. Journeying together in Christ: spreading faith, nurturing communion, sharing God’s blessings. May you feel as good as possible among us and benefit from this experience!



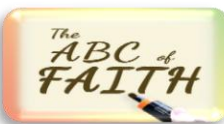
**HAPPY FATHER’S DAY** to all fathers in our parish. God, our loving Father, bless them with strength, faith, and love. May they shine as examples in joy and remain courageous in trials. Help us, their children, honor them always with respect and gratitude. Inspired by Saint Joseph, may they live their calling with devotion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the students of Ardcath and Curragha as they mark the end of their primary school journey. We warmly invite families and parishioners to the Graduation and End of School Mass: Curragha on 25 June at 11:00am. May God bless and guide our young people in all their future paths ahead.



**2026 WORLD CUP** will gather nations with passion, discipline, and hope for victory. It reminds us that life, like sport, needs training, teamwork, and sacrifice. Spiritually, it invites us to perseverance, unity, and humility. The true prize is not a trophy that fades, but a life lived faithfully, striving daily toward lasting and eternal glory.

**JESUS STORY:** Listen, my friends. I tell you: do not be afraid. What is hidden will be revealed, and what is whispered will be proclaimed in the light. Speak boldly: nothing is lost in my Father’s sight. Even the smallest sparrow is known, and you are worth far more. Stand with me, and I will stand with you before my Father in heaven.



**ABC OF FAITH:** Apostles are those chosen and sent by Jesus to share His message with the world. The word means “one who is sent.” In the ABC of faith, apostles remind us that faith is not meant to stay private: each believer is called to witness, serve, and bring Christ’s love to others in daily life through words and actions.

**SURVIVORSHIP BIAS** is the tendency to focus only on those who succeed while ignoring the many who fail, creating a distorted picture of reality. Spiritually, it reminds us to value hidden struggles, not just visible success. God sees the unseen (the quiet perseverance, the silent faith) teaching us humility, compassion, and trust beyond appearances.



**PETER’S PENCE APPEAL – NEXT SUNDAY:** A special collection for the Peter’s Pence Appeal will be held at Mass. Your generosity supports the Holy Father’s mission of faith, peace, and global aid. Together we extend compassion and hope to those most in need. Thank you sincerely for your support.

**ACCELERATIONISM** imagines speeding technological and social change to trigger transformation or collapse. Spiritually, it reflects inner urgency: rapid shifts can deepen awareness or create disconnection. The key is conscious alignment, ensuring fast-moving change leads to awakening and purpose rather than fragmentation or loss of meaning.



**AI MONARCHY:** A future guided by advanced intelligence prompts reflection on authority and inner wisdom. While technology can support decision-making, true balance requires conscious, ethical, compassionate human judgment. We must ensure that any external power serves deeper universal truths, preserving human responsibility and spiritual integrity.

**Patron Sunday (Clonalvy)** is coming up and our Blessing of the Graves will shine even brighter with your help. We’re calling for volunteers this Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm to give the church a good clean ahead of the day. Every pair of hands makes a difference. Your time and care mean so much!

**New Keyboard:** We are delighted to announce the purchase of a new keyboard and audio system for Clonalvy Church. Sincere thanks to Dan Heery for his generous support. Music is central to our liturgy, uplifting prayer and enriching our worship. This upgrade strengthens the beauty of our Mass.

**Parish Insurance:** Curragha Parish has paid this year’s insurance premium of €6,074, providing essential cover for the Church, Parochial House, and Parish Centre. and Ardcath/Clonalvy of €4652.74 covers the two churches. This investment safeguards our community facilities and ministry. Thank you for your continued support, which enables responsible stewardship and the protection of our parish resources.