

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th June 2026



Sunday	5 th July	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Maire McKenna	Lara McCormack
Clonalvy	10.00am	Ann Whyte	Cathal Caffrey
Curraha	11.30am	Frances Duffy	Margaret Nugent

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Therese Ennis A.V. Dermot Doggett A.V. Michael Wall (1 st)
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Cormac Crooke A.V. Joe Shea
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	D.M. Webster Family
Mon 29 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Oliver McDwyer
Tues 30 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Phil Rogan
Thur 2 nd	Curraha	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri 3 rd	Ardcath	9.30am	Altar List of the Dead



SUNDAY 5TH JULY FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Joan Crooke (1 st) A.V. Ann Dunne Rem husband Richard A.V. John & Mary Noonan
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Annie Madden
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Marina Marmion (1 st) A.V. Margaret McDermott



PARISH COLLECTIONS 9th & 10th May 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Offertory	€ 262.92	€167.20	€455.60	
Envelopes	€ 70.00	€ 0.00	€160.00	
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	

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).

CHAIRMAN: Following the meeting on Monday, 22nd June, Michael Weldon has been appointed Chairman of the Curragha Parish Finance Committee. We wish him every success as he undertakes this important role in service of our parish.

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!



INVITATION: All are warmly invited to the Blessing of Graves in Clonalvy Cemetery today at 1:00pm. The ceremony begins with the Rosary, followed by the blessing of candles and flowers brought in remembrance. Graves will then be blessed, honoring loved ones gone before us. Join us in prayer and gratitude for lives shared and treasured.

PETER'S PENCE APPEAL: Today a special collection will take place during Mass in support of the annual Peter's Pence Appeal. Your generous contribution strengthens the Holy Father's global mission: advancing faith, peace, and humanitarian outreach. Together, we can make a meaningful difference, extending compassion and hope to communities most in need. Thank you sincerely for your support.



CONGRATULATIONS to all pupils completing the school year: an inspiring achievement. Sincere thanks to Principals, teachers, SNAs, and staff for your outstanding commitment to our young people and community. We wish our 6th class every success as they begin their next chapter. Enrolment remains open; visit individual school websites for details. Wishing all families a safe, happy summer.

JESUS STORY: Listen, my friends. I say to you, whoever loves father or mother more than me is not yet ready for the path I offer. Take up your cross and follow me with courage. Welcome those I send, offer even a cup of water in kindness: no act is unseen. In losing for love, you will truly find life, and your reward will never fade.



ABC OF FAITH: „Amen” is a simple yet powerful word of faith. It means “so be it,” a heartfelt yes spoken in trust. When we say Amen, we place our hopes, prayers, and lives into God's hands. It expresses confidence that God hears us, walks with us, and will bring goodness from all things according to His loving will.

THE SWIMMER'S BODY ILLUSION reminds us we admire results, forgetting the unseen discipline beneath. Spiritually, it invites humility: growth is slow, shaped by daily choices, not shortcuts. Like faith, transformation comes through steady practice, not comparison. When we focus on the journey rather than appearance, we discover deeper strength, patience, and a truer sense of purpose within ourselves.



OVERRELIANCE on AI poses spiritual risks when it replaces reflection. It weakens inner authority and self-trust, dulls awareness and mindfulness, and distances us from deeper understanding. Algorithms may shape beliefs, reducing meaning and autonomy. It can diminish human dignity and distort faith or values. True growth requires conscious presence, discernment, and an active, awakened mind, with technology serving rather than guiding.

“THE CATHEDRAL” in far-right thought, describes a perceived network of state institutions, universities, media, and NGOs shaping public ideas and norms. Spiritually, it reflects concerns about external authorities guiding belief. The insight is to cultivate inner discernment: recognizing influence without losing autonomy, grounding perception in awareness, truth-seeking, and personal responsibility rather than passive acceptance of any dominant narrative.



CLONALVY CHURCH: On 24 June, we celebrate Saint John the Baptist, patron of Clonalvy Church, a sacred site with deep Christian roots dating back to early medieval Ireland, long serving as a centre of worship and community life. John's witness calls us to humility and courage. Spiritually, we are invited to renew our hearts, preparing the way for Christ's light among us.

Parish Insurance: Curragha Parish has paid this year's insurance premium of €6074, providing essential cover for the Church, Parochial House, and Parish Centre. Ardcath/Clonalvy Insurance of €4652 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.

The National Grandparents Pilgrimage for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place Sunday, 26 July at Knock Shrine, beginning at 2.30 pm with the Anointing of the Sick. Archbishop Eamon Martin will preside. A grace-filled celebration for all families. All welcome. Resources: catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

ATU St Angela's, Sligo invites applications for the part-time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary Schools, beginning Autumn 2026. Closing date: 14 August. Open to qualified primary teachers, post-primary teachers seeking transfer, and those involved in primary religious education. Contact Mary Kearns, Education Dept. Email: Mary.kearns@atu.ie | atu.ie

Tarmac works at Curragha Graveyard began on Saturday and will continue until Tuesday. The graveyard remains closed for safety during this period. Thank you for your understanding as this essential upgrade is completed.

