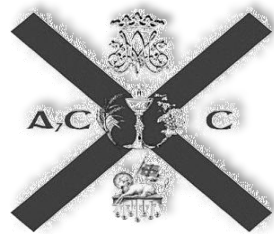


WEEKEND MASSES

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12TH JULY 2026



Sunday	19 th July	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Ann Sheridan	Paula Allison
Clonalvy	10.00am	Margaret Andrews	Breda Murray
Curraha	11.30am	Marcella O'Connor	Dearbhla O'Connor

SUNDAY 12TH JULY FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	AV Paul & Kathleen Gogan
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	DM of Altar Society
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	AV Florence Galvin, Margret Salmon

Mon	13 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Clare Grendon	AV Ann Egan
Tues	14 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Michael Gough	
Thur	16 th	Curraha	9.30am	Special intention	
Fri	17 th	Ardcath	9.30am	Special intention	

SUNDAY 19TH JULY SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	AV Joan Gough AV Molly & Mick Kelly AV James Mc Grath DFM A.V. Ettie Gogan & DFM
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	AV Jeannette & Lee Bourke AV Emma Kelly-Holmes A.V. Gemma Smith Rem parents Charlie & Frances and siblings Ann & Tommy

PARISH COLLECTIONS 30th & 31st May 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Offertory	€ 132.90	€173.95	€476.10	
Envelopes	€ 20.00	€ 0.00	€320.00	
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€155.00	

A sincere thank-you to Emerald Park management for their outstanding support in organizing the Kilbrew Cemetery Blessing of the Graves. Your professionalism, generosity, and community commitment ensured everything ran smoothly. Your partnership strengthened this important parish tradition and is deeply appreciated by all who attended.

A warm thank-you to the families who organized the Kilmoon Blessing of the Graves picnic. Your generosity, preparation, and community spirit created a joyful gathering for all. Your kindness strengthens our parish and brings people together in friendship and faith.

Ardcath/Clonalvy Parish extends warm thanks and appreciation to **Martin Cody** for his many years of dedicated financial stewardship supporting our mission. As he steps down, we invite a few new members with experience in **finance, property** or **construction** to join the committee and collaborate periodically with clergy and parish councils.

Revised Mass Schedule for summer holidays: Ardcath and Clonalvy will hold a shared Vigil Mass on Saturday 25th July at 6.30pm in Ardcath church and a shared Sunday Mass on Sunday 2nd August in Clonalvy church. Curraghera will celebrate Sunday Mass on 26th July at 11.30am.

Please note: No Clonalvy Sunday Mass on 26th July and No Ardcath Vigil Mass on 1st August. Thank you for your understanding.

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!



CEMETERY DEVOTIONS SUMMER 2026: We sincerely thank all who supported our recent cemetery devotions and those who faithfully care for these sacred grounds year-round. Your dedication preserves places of peace and hope for all. We invite you to join us at Ardcath Cemetery on Sunday, 13th September, and each First Friday as we remember our Faithful Departed in prayer.

JESUS STORY: A sower went out to sow seed, and it fell on different kinds of ground. Some seed was lost, some grew only for a short time, and some was choked by thorns. But the seed planted in good soil flourished and produced an abundant harvest. Open your hearts to God's word, receive it faithfully, and bear lasting fruit.



ABC OF FAITH: „The Apostles' Creed” is a simple and enduring profession of Christian faith. It proclaims belief in God the Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and the Holy Spirit. It recalls Christ's death and resurrection, the Church, forgiveness, and eternal life. By praying it, Christians place Christ at the center of their lives and renew their trust in God's saving love.

SOCIAL PROOF is the tendency to follow the crowd, assuming that many people must be right. Spiritually, this bias reminds us that truth is not always found in popularity. Jesus often called people to take a different path from the majority. Genuine faith requires discernment, courage, and a willingness to follow God's voice rather than public opinion alone.



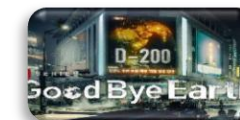
NO SWITCH OFF FOR THE SOUL: Summer offers a break from routine, but not from meaning or faith. As we rest and explore, let's remember what truly sustains us. The soul never takes a holiday. Church is not a duty but a place to renew hope and purpose. Come as you are, bring others, and let faith refresh you: because real rest begins within.

CONFIRMATION 2027 (ARDCATH) is scheduled for Friday, 12 February 2027 at 3pm. Schools have been formally notified so the date can be included in annual calendars, ensuring timely communication to parents and guardians. This advance notice supports smooth preparation for this important parish celebration.



IRELAND'S EU PRESIDENCY offers a moment to highlight Catholic social and moral teachings, inspiring renewed commitment to human dignity, solidarity, and the common good. This leadership role invites deeper spiritual reflection on Europe's direction, encouraging policies shaped by compassion, justice, and ethical responsibility, strengthening Ireland's voice in promoting a more humane and hopeful European future.

TRUE SPIRIT explores identity, authenticity, and inner strength through moments of challenge and discovery. Spiritually, it reminds us that our true self is found not in external approval but in truth, courage, and faith. It invites us to listen deeply, grow through trials, and trust that the journey within leads us closer to God and purpose.



GOODBYE EARTH invites us to reflect on life's fragility and deeper meaning. It reminds us that beyond achievements and worries, what truly matters is love, presence, and faith. Spiritually, it calls us to live with purpose, cherish relationships, and seek God in everyday moments, trusting that every ending can open the way to a greater hope.

+1K AURA SUMMER HOLIDAY: This summer, seek more than sunshine: renew your spirit. Enjoy every adventure, but make room for gratitude, prayer, and quiet reflection. Let kindness accompany you wherever you go, bringing light to others and peace to your heart. Attend Mass during your travels and keep faith close. Live fully, love generously, and discover the lasting joy that makes your inner aura truly shine.



MARY OF CARMEL (July 16th): A Call to Meaningful Living - Mary of Carmel invites us to slow down and listen to God's gentle voice. In a busy world, choose prayer, faith, and loving service. Like the Carmelite saints, live with humility, courage, and trust. Let every challenge deepen your faith and every day reflect God's grace. Rooted in hope, become a light for others and walk confidently with Christ.

SAINT BONAVENTURE (July 15th): The Flame of Humility and Wonder - Saint Bonaventure teaches that holiness grows through humility, wonder, and love of truth. Inspired by God's wisdom, he placed faith above personal achievement. His life encourages us to listen deeply, remain teachable, and rejoice in the gifts of others. Let pride give way to gratitude, silence, and prayer. In humility, hearts open to God, and true wisdom begins to shine.



SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS (July 14th): From Wounded Wanderer to Servant of the Sick - Saint Camillus de Lellis transformed a troubled past into a life of extraordinary compassion. Seeing Christ in the sick and forgotten, he served with humility and love. His example reminds us that God's grace can renew any heart. Let mercy guide your actions, serve without seeking reward, and discover how love can transform wounds into blessings.

Pioneer Pilgrimage Mass, Knock Shrine: 3pm, Sunday 19 July 2026. Families of those in addiction treatment and all in recovery are warmly welcomed. Emblems and certificates available from 1pm in St John's Rest and Care Centre. Info: prayer@pioneers.ie.

