

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19TH JULY 2026



Sunday	26 th July	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath	6.30pm	Ann Sheridan	Lara McCormack
Clonalvy	10.00am	Tom Bowler	Anne White
Curraha	11.30am	Joan Phelan	Frances Gargan

SUNDAY 19 TH JULY SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Joan Gough A.V. Ettie Gogan & DFM A.V. Molly & Mick Kelly A.V. James McGrath &DFM	
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	People of the Parish	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Jeannette & Lee Burke A.V. Emma Kelly-Holmes A.V. Gemma Smith Rem parents Charlie & Frances Siblings Ann & Tommy A.V. Eva Moran (1 st)	
Mon	20 th	Curraha	7.30pm	No Mass
Tues	21 st	Clonalvy	9.30am	No Mass
Thur	23 rd	Curraha	9.30am	No Mass
Fri	24 th	Ardcath	9.30am	No Mass

SUNDAY 26 TH JULY SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	No Mass	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Maureen O’Farrell A.V. Paddy Gavin A.V. Bridie Gargan A.V. John & Catherine Slevin & DFM A.V. Peter, Pat & Breda Cleary A.V. Michael Joyce	

PARISH COLLECTIONS 6 th & 7 th June 2026				
	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU
Offertory	€ 136.95	€338.20	€529.97	FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Envelopes	€ 20.00	€ 00.00	€180.00	
Offerings	€ 00.00	€ 00.00	€140.00	

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES 2026

ARDCATH – 13/09/2026 (Mass in the cemetery 1pm).

Works are progressing steadily in the Clonalvy sacristy within the bell tower, where David Andrews and Jimmy Howard are carrying out careful repair and improvement tasks. Their dedicated craftsmanship and methodical approach ensure lasting results, preserving the church’s heritage while enhancing its functionality for future parish use.

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!



What is Parrhesia?

PARRHESIA is the courageous habit of speaking truth with sincerity, freedom, and moral conviction. Spiritually, it reflects deep trust in God rather than fear of human opinion. A person marked by parrhesia demonstrates authenticity, confidence, and integrity. When balanced with charity and humility, it fosters spiritual growth, leadership, and faithful witness.



JESUS STORY: Listen carefully. A farmer walked through his golden wheat and smiled at the promise of harvest. Yet among the stalks grew stubborn weeds, planted by an enemy in the darkness. His servants begged to pull them out, but he replied, “Wait.” At harvest, the truth would be clear. God, too, is patient: allowing grace time to work before judgment separates wheat from weeds.



SSPX SCHISM

arising from the unauthorized consecration of bishops and the ensuing declaration by the Vatican, underscores the profound value of ecclesial unity. Spiritually, separation from the Church's visible communion can foster confusion, division, and distrust. Yet it also serves as a call to prayer, humility, charity, obedience, and renewed commitment to reconciliation within the Body of Christ.



ABC OF FAITH: **Atonement** is the Christian belief that Jesus Christ reconciled humanity with God through His suffering, death, and resurrection. It proclaims God's merciful love, the forgiveness of sins, and the restoration of our relationship with Him. By embracing Christ’s saving sacrifice, believers renew their trust in God's grace and their hope of eternal life.



WHO IS THE SSPX? The Society of Saint Pius X (SSPX) is a traditionalist Catholic priestly society founded in 1970 by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. It is dedicated to preserving the Traditional Latin Mass and pre-Vatican II practices. Today, it numbers more than 700 priests, operates through houses in over 60 countries, maintains six seminaries, and serves a worldwide network of chapels, schools, and faithful.



SUNK COST FALLACY is the tendency to continue investing in something simply because we have already invested time, effort, or resources in it. Spiritually, this bias can keep us attached to unhealthy habits, resentments, or mistakes. Faith calls us to seek truth and conversion, trusting God's guidance rather than clinging to the past out of pride or fear.



UPSETISM is the habitual tendency to remain offended, agitated, or emotionally disturbed by life's disappointments. Spiritually, it clouds judgment, weakens inner peace, and narrows one's openness to grace. An upset spirit often magnifies wounds while minimizing blessings. Left unchecked, it breeds bitterness; transformed by faith, it can become a pathway to wisdom, resilience, and deeper trust in God.



+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.



GRUMPYSM is a persistent disposition toward negativity, irritability, and dissatisfaction. From a spiritual perspective, it gradually erodes gratitude, weakens charity, and dims the joy that nourishes faith. A grumpy soul often focuses on inconveniences rather than blessings. When overcome through grace, humility, and thanksgiving, grumpiness can give way to serenity, kindness, and spiritual maturity.



COINS FOR THE DEPARTED: The ancient custom of placing coins on the eyes of the deceased symbolized reverence for the dead and their journey beyond this life. Today, Christians offer a far richer tribute: prayer, Masses, loving remembrance, and acts of charity in their memory. These spiritual “coins” honor the departed, witness to God’s mercy, and strengthen our hope in the communion of saints and eternal life.



HAPPY 45 FR STEVE! As Fr Steve celebrates his 45th birthday and 19 years of priesthood, we offer our sincere thanks for his faithful ministry, prayerful leadership, and dedicated service. Through his kindness, wisdom, and pastoral care, he has enriched the lives of many. May God continue to bless him with good health, joy, and abundant grace in the years ahead. **Lá breithe shona duit!**



THE CHURCH IS A MIRROR of its community. Just as a person's character is revealed through their words, and especially through their criticisms, which often reflect their own struggles, the care of the church reflects the hearts of its people. From flowers and altar linens to cleaning, spiders and flies, windows and toilets, every detail speaks of a community's commitment, respect, unity, and faith. Let us move from criticism to action and together make our church a reflection of the beauty and love we wish to see.

Death Notice: The death has occurred of Fr Tony Gavin, Navan, former Parish Priest of Tubber. We remember Fr Tony with gratitude for his faithful ministry and pray for the repose of his soul, and for comfort for his family, friends, and all who mourn his passing.