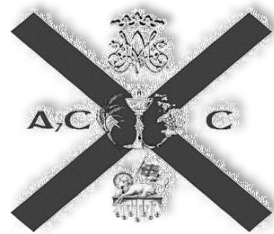


WEEKEND MASSES

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH JULY 2026



Sunday	2 nd Aug	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Mary Moore	Maire McKenna
Clonalvy	10.00am	Patricia Harford	Margaret Andrews
Curraha	11.30am	Maureen Mooney	Lorna Battersby

SUNDAY 26TH 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	
Mon	27 th	Curraha	7.30pm	No Mass
Tues	28 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	No Mass
Thur	30 th	Curraha	9.30am	No Mass
Fri	31 st	Ardcath	9.30am	No Mass



The Parable of the Net
(Matthew 13:47-50)

SSUNDAY 2ND AUGUST EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	No Mass
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Catriona McCabe
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Kevin Morgan A.V. Helen & Owen Brady

PARISH COLLECTIONS 13th & 14th June 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Offertory	€ 100.05	€164.25	€387.35	
Envelopes	€ 30.00	€ 20.00	€ 70.00	
Offerings	€ 10.00	€ 00.00	€ 70.00	

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.

*Every time I pass a Church I pay a little visit.
So when at last I am carried in. The Lord won't say
"Who is it"*

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!



TOUGH LOVE is the courage to combine compassion with truth, kindness with accountability. Spiritually, it reflects God's love, which consoles yet also challenges us to grow. Tough love avoids enabling harmful behaviours and instead encourages responsibility, conversion, and maturity. When guided by wisdom and charity, it becomes a powerful instrument of healing, character formation, and authentic discipleship.

JESUS STORY: Listen carefully. The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a person finds it, joy fills the heart, and nothing seems too costly to gain it. It is like a pearl of great price. When you truly discover Me, you gladly let go of lesser things, for no treasure on earth compares with the riches of God's Kingdom.



WAKE-UP STYLE is the habit of living with awareness, purpose, and readiness rather than drifting through life on autopilot. Spiritually, it reflects Christ's call to "stay awake" and attentive to God's presence. A wake-up mindset cultivates gratitude, responsibility, and growth, helping us recognize daily opportunities for faith, service, and deeper communion with God.

ABC OF FAITH: Anointing is a sacred sign through which God communicates His grace through visible means. In the sacramental life of the Church, anointing with holy oils marks baptism, confirmation, ordination, and the care of the sick. It reminds believers that God works through material realities to sanctify, strengthen, heal, and consecrate His people for lives of faith, service, and holiness.



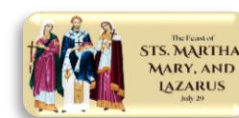
2.1 CHILDREN: A UNIVERSAL SOLUTION? The idea of 2.1 children per family is often linked to population renewal and social stability. Yet beyond demographics lies a deeper truth: every child embodies hope, love, sacrifice, and possibility. Strong families nurture character, strengthen communities, and inspire generosity. The future of society is shaped not merely by numbers, but by the care, values, and faith invested in each new generation.

RECIPROCITY BIAS is the tendency to feel obligated to return favors, kindness, or generosity received from others. Spiritually, this bias reminds us that love should be freely given, not merely exchanged. Faith calls believers to imitate God's grace, which is generous and unconditional. True charity flows from gratitude and compassion rather than duty, calculation, or the expectation of repayment.



RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD AND MOTHERHOOD, in Catholic moral teaching, involves prayerful discernment, generosity toward life, and wise stewardship of family responsibilities. Parents are called to welcome children in love while considering their physical, emotional, and spiritual capacities. Rooted in faith and self-giving love, responsible parenthood seeks the good of both family and society, cooperating with God's plan for human life.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA'S DISCERNMENT: God often guides us through the movements of the heart, mind, and spirit. Discernment involves prayer, reflection, and attentiveness to desires that lead toward God. His vision of education forms people who are Competent, Compassionate, Conscientious, and Committed. By seeking God above all else, believers learn to make wise decisions and live with purpose, integrity, and service.



SAINTS MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS remind us that friendship with Jesus can be lived in different ways. Martha served, Mary listened, and Lazarus received Christ's life-giving love. Together, they teach that true friendship with Jesus involves prayer, service, trust, and hospitality. Spiritual maturity grows when we welcome Christ into our hearts, make time for Him, and allow His presence to transform our lives.

SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, the grandparents of Jesus, remind us that faith is passed from generation to generation. Grandparents are guardians of memory, wisdom, and hope. They often dream dreams that their children and grandchildren eventually fulfil. Their prayers, sacrifices, and example inspire future generations. Spiritually, they teach us that God's plans unfold across lifetimes, linking the dreams of yesterday with the blessings of tomorrow.



THE PORTIUNCULA – 2 AUGUST: The Church celebrates the Portiuncula Indulgence, also known as the Pardon of Assisi, a gift associated with St. Francis's deep love for God's mercy. Spiritually, the Portiuncula reminds us that no sinner is beyond forgiveness. It invites us to conversion, reconciliation, and renewal, encouraging us to trust in God's mercy, seek holiness, and become instruments of pardon and peace for others.

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.

