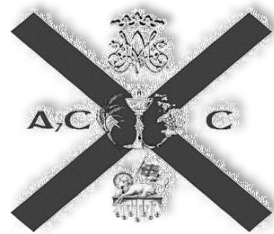


WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)
CURATE: FR. STEVE CIUBOTARU
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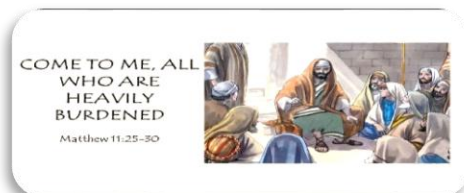
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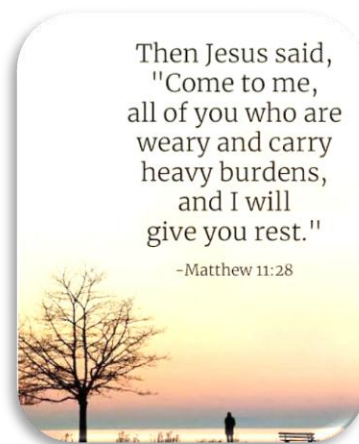
5TH JULY 2026



Sunday	12 th July	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Maire McKenna	Maire McKenna
Clonalvy	10.00am	Frances Whyte	Catherine Campbell
Curraha	11.30am	Gerard O'Connor	Paula Moran

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 A.V. Rowan Farrell
Mon 6 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Special intention
Tues 7 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Phil Hogan
Thur 9 th	Curraha	9.30am	Special intention
Fri 10 th	Ardcath	9.30am	Special intention



SUNDAY 12TH JULY FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Paul & Kathleen Gogan
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Florence Galvin

PARISH COLLECTIONS 23rd & 24th May 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU
Offertory	€ 161.60	€172.20	€379.51	FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
Envelopes	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€245.00	OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 60.00	OF OUR PARISH

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES 2026

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).

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.

A heartfelt thank-you to Patricia White, Catherine Campbell, Frances White, and Brid Ní Muiri for beautifully cleaning Clonalvy Church. Special appreciation to Mags Andrews for coordinating windows and toilet deep cleaning. Catherine's artistry, seen in her striking rails painting, inspires the same care shown here.

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!

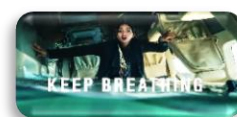


JESUS STORY: Listen, my friends. I tell you, place your love for me above all else. Walk the path I give you with courage, taking up your cross each day. Welcome those I send and show kindness in even the smallest ways. No good deed is forgotten. In giving of yourself with love, you will discover true life and lasting reward.



ABC OF FAITH: „The Antichrist”, in Solovyov's vision, is not a monster but a charming and persuasive figure. He appears good, promoting peace, unity, and care for the earth, winning admiration from all sides. Yet he subtly replaces Christ at the center. Only later is the truth recognized: everything is offered except Jesus, the one essential foundation of faith.

THE CLUSTERING ILLUSION is our tendency to see patterns in random events, mistaking coincidence for meaning. Spiritually, it invites caution: not every sign or sequence is divine guidance. Faith calls for discernment, humility, and prayer. True wisdom seeks God's voice beyond appearances, trusting not in patterns alone but in a deeper relationship grounded in truth and grace.



KEEP BREATHING series invites a pause where spiritual life unfolds in ordinary rhythms. It reflects on motherhood as a school of self-giving love, challenging a culture of living in selfishness and chasing only for fun. Breathing slowly, we rediscover presence, service, and healing, learning that true joy grows from generosity, rootedness, and attentive care for others in daily simple moments.

MEKHILA (forgiveness) teaches a deeper path: not forgetting but learning to dance with the past. Spiritual life grows as wounds are acknowledged, healed, and transformed. Motherhood mirrors this journey, turning pain into compassion, resisting selfish living, and discovering joy beyond fleeting fun in faithful, patient love each passing day.



KAIZEN in parish life means continuous, small improvements toward holiness. Through QCDM (Quality of prayer, Consistency in practice, Discipline in virtue, and Motivation in service) the community grows together. Simple daily steps, shared commitment, and open communication build spiritual depth. In this way, the parish becomes a living witness, steadily renewing faith, strengthening unity, and deepening love for God and neighbour.

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.



CEMETERY DEVOTIONS SUMMER 2026: We thank all who supported our recent cemetery devotions and those who care for these sacred grounds year-round. Your dedication preserves places of peace and hope. The €1,317 Clonalvy collection supports ongoing upkeep. Thank you for your generosity. Please join us at Ardcath Cemetery on Sunday, 13 September, and each First Friday as we remember our Faithful Departed.

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.

TARMAC WORKS Curragha Graveyard are now fully complete, delivered with outstanding workmanship by the Clearys throughout. The PPC and PFC Curragha sincerely thank them for their professionalism and commitment. This essential €12,485 upgrade is now finished, the graveyard has reopened as normal, and we appreciate everyone's support and patience during the works.



Youth 2000 Summer Festival runs 13–16 August at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare for ages 16–35. A donation-only event with free buses nationwide and meals included, featuring inspiring talks, workshops, Youth Mass, music, prayer, and fellowship. Register at youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland for details.