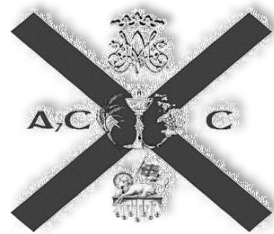


### WEEKEND MASSES

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

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026



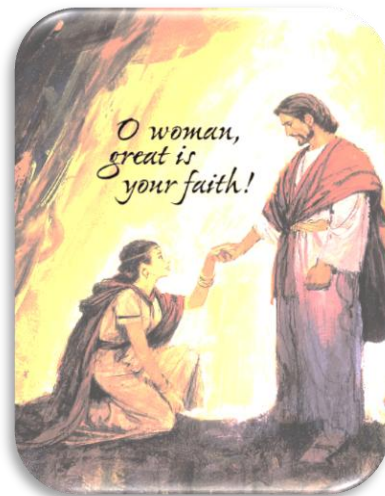
| Sunday   | 23rd Aug | MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | MINISTERS OF THE WORD |
|----------|----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ardcath  | 6.30pm   | Trisha Fox                 | Jill Tuite            |
| Clonalvy | 10.00am  | Frances Whyte              | Breda Murray          |
| Curraha  | 11.30am  | Amy Battersby              | Michael Weldon        |

### SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

|                       |          |         |                                 |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Vigil                 | Ardcath  | 6.30pm  | Eugene & Mary O'Sullivan        |
| Sunday                | Clonalvy | 10.00am | People of the Parish            |
| Sunday                | Curraha  | 11.30am | A.V. James Creagh & Tom Collins |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Curraha  | 7.30pm  | Dermot Oates, Special Intention |
| Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> | Clonalvy | 9.30am  | Special Intention               |
| Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> | Curraha  | 9.30am  | Special Intention               |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Ardcath  | 9.30am  | Special Intention               |

### SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

|        |          |         |                                                                               |
|--------|----------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vigil  | Ardcath  | 6.30pm  | A.V. Richard Tallon<br>A.V. John Enright<br>A.V. Michael Dunican & DFM        |
| Sunday | Clonalvy | 10.00am | A.V. Sean & Tommy O'Brien                                                     |
| Sunday | Curraha  | 11.30am | A.V. Mary Swan<br>A.V. Elizabeth & Michael Weldon & DFM<br>A.V. Brian Russell |



### PARISH COLLECTIONS 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

|           | Ardcath  | Clonalvy | Curraha | THANK YOU<br>FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT<br>OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP<br>OF OUR PARISH |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Offertory | € 153.80 | €174.30  | €778.57 |                                                                                   |
| Envelopes | € 80.00  | € 20.00  | €165.00 |                                                                                   |
| Offerings | € 10.00  | € 20.00  | € 80.00 |                                                                                   |

**ARDCATH Blessing of Graves:** – 13/09/2026 (Mass in the cemetery 1pm).

**Young Adults Retreat – 21-23 August 2026.** (Friday evening – Sunday afternoon) at Dalgan Park, Navan. A great opportunity to discern one's path in life. Cost: Donation (full board, own room)  
Contact: Tel: Sr. Una 090 6481666 or Michael 086 2453123 or email youthretreats@gmail.com

### Marriage Enrichment weekend (2-4 October 2026)

Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential Weekend from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2026 at the "Focolare Centre" "Curryhills", Prosperous, Co. Kildare.  
Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage • www.marriageencounter.ie

**Collections for the upkeep of cemeteries':** Clonalvy raised €1297.95 and Curraha raised 1207.00. Thank you to all who contributed.

**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!

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**WHERE ARE YOU?:** It has been wonderful to see so many children at Sunday Mass this summer. Whether wide awake or a little sleepy, your presence brings joy and life to our parish family. Thank you for coming and being part of our worship. Every visit matters, and each one helps strengthen your journey of faith. God bless you all, and keep coming back!

**JESUS STORY:** As I travelled through the region of Tyre and Sidon, a Canaanite woman came pleading for her daughter. At first, I seemed silent, yet her faith never wavered. She trusted in My mercy and persisted with humility and courage. I said, "Woman, great is your faith!" and her daughter was healed. Persevering faith opens the heart to God's saving grace.



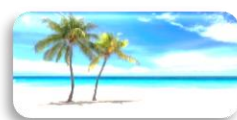
**HABITS OF THE HEART:** Jesus made time for prayer. Develop the habit of pausing each day, even for a few minutes, to sit quietly with God. Share your joys, worries, and hopes, then listen in silence. Like Jesus, this habit strengthens your relationship with the Father, brings peace to your heart, and helps you face each day with faith, wisdom, and love.

**ABC OF FAITH:** Angels are God's messengers and servants, sent to protect, guide, and support His people. Throughout Scripture, they reveal God's presence and carry out His will. The Church teaches that each person has a guardian angel who watches over them. Trusting in their care reminds us that God is always near, leading us with love and wisdom.



**MONEY = SUCCES?** According to Andrés Orizo's reflections on modern values, many people tend to equate money with success, seeing material wealth as a measure of achievement. However, spiritual insight suggests that true success includes inner peace, meaningful relationships, personal growth, and service to others. Lasting fulfillment comes not from possessions alone, but from purpose, integrity, and transcendence.

**CONTRAST EFFECT:** The contrast effect occurs when we judge something by comparing it with what came before rather than on its own merits. Spiritually, it reminds us not to compare our faith journey with others. God calls each person uniquely. True growth comes through gratitude, humility, and faithful living, appreciating God's gifts without measuring ourselves against those around us.



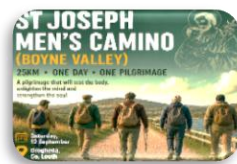
**BEACHES:** Beaches are more than places of rest and recreation. They remind us of life's journey, where land meets sea and the finite touches the infinite. Families gather, children play, fishermen work, and travellers seek peace. They are places of rest, reflection, and resilience. Like the shores where Jesus preached, beaches invite us to pause, appreciate creation, and deepen our sense of hope and wonder.

**WHY IS SUNDAY VITAL FOR CHRISTIANS?** Sunday is the Lord's Day, celebrating Christ's Resurrection and the hope it brings. More than a tradition, it is a sacred opportunity to pause, pray, and renew our relationship with God. Gathering for Mass nourishes us through Scripture, Eucharist, and community. Personal prayer is important, but shared worship strengthens faith. Sunday offers rest, renewal, and a fresh start each week.



**22ND AUGUST: QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** - As Mother of Christ the King, Mary is honoured as Queen of Heaven and Earth, a model of humility, faith, and obedience. This feast reminds us of her loving intercession and spiritual motherhood. May we seek her guidance, trust in God's plan, and follow her example of faithful discipleship.

**17TH AUGUST: MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK** – We honor Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Peace and Golden Rose of Ireland. Her silent apparition continues to inspire faith and unity. As we recall her presence with St. Joseph, St. John, and the Lamb of God upon the altar, we gather in prayer and praise. May Our Blessed Mother guide us, deepen our faith, and bring peace to all hearts.



**ST JOSEPH MEN'S CAMINO:** Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect, every man needs one. Join men from across Ireland on Saturday 12th September for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker Fr. Mark Quinn. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student €55). Registration, accommodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com.



**DRAW:** The match between Curragha and Ardcath ended in a deserved draw, with honors even at the final whistle. A strong wind influenced play throughout, testing the skill and determination of both teams. As two parishes within one community, the game was played in a wonderful spirit. In the end, the power of prayers, candles, and community shone brighter than the result, reminding us that unity and faith are the real winners.

