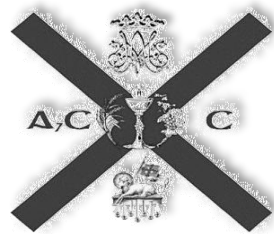


WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)
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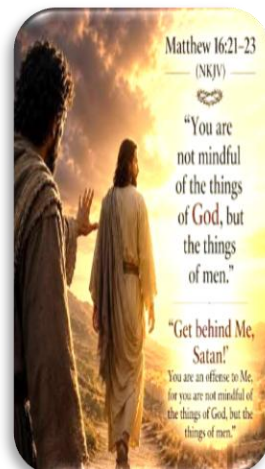
30TH AUGUST 2026



Sunday	6 th Sep	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Lara McCormack	Lara McCormack
Clonalvy	10.00am	Tom Bowler	Margaret Andrews
Curraha	11.30am	Frances Duffy	Maureen Mooney

SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	M.M. Mary Reilly A.V. Jimmy Gough A.V. Betty Bolger	
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	Sick of the Parish	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	M.M. Dermot Oates	
Mon	30 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Mary Reilly, Dermot Oates & Kathleen Williams
Tues	1 st	Clonalvy	9.30am	Jim Green
Thur	3 rd	Curraha	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri	4 th	Ardcath	9.30am	Altar Lists of the Dead Amy Arkins Connolly



SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Michael Murray (2 nd) & Parents James & Ann Murray
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Bernard, Peg, Ann & Thomas Boland

PARISH COLLECTIONS 18th & 19th July 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Offertory	€ 186.30	€122.00	€374.31	
Envelopes	€ 250.00	€ 20.00	€160.00	
Offerings	€ 270.00	€ 50.00	€ 60.00	

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

CURRAHA GAA invites all members, past players, families and supporters to a special Club Social on Saturday, 5 September, from 6:30pm in Swan's Lounge. After our JFC game in Dunderry, we will proudly honour the 1976 and 2001 championship teams and celebrate their achievements and legacy together. All are welcome!

THE IRISH SYNODAL PATHWAY moves toward a key moment: the National Synodal Assembly on 17 October 2026, when delegates from every diocese will gather in Meath to discern proposals and shape practical recommendations for the Church's future. As this milestone approaches, we keep the process in prayer. More information: www.dioceseofmeath.ie/synod

PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK (6–12 September) marks its 13th year, led by AIIHPC since 2014. The theme 'It's not what you think' challenges perceptions and highlights palliative care's benefits for patients, families, professionals, and communities across Ireland. Everyone is encouraged to support and raise awareness.

CONGRATS to St. Andrew's National School for earning the 2026 *Re-Turn Award* Exemplary School.

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!



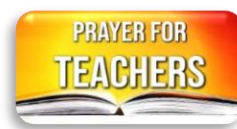
WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! We warmly welcome all students returning to school, especially the new Junior Infants beginning their learning journey. Today, we are delighted to bless the backpacks of our students, asking God's protection and guidance throughout the year. We extend greetings to principals, teachers, SNAs, and staff. May this academic year be filled with learning, friendship, faith, and joy.

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!



PRAYER FOR A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR: Loving God, bless this new school year and all who teach, learn, and serve. Fill our hearts with wisdom, kindness, and enthusiasm. Welcome those joining our community and strengthen them with your grace. Guide students in their studies and friendships. May we grow in knowledge, faith, and love each day. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

JESUS STORY: From that time, I began teaching My disciples that I must go to Jerusalem, suffer, die, and rise again. When Peter resisted, I taught him to follow God's plan, not human thinking. I told everyone that true discipleship means self-denial, carrying one's cross, and following Me. Whoever loses life for My sake will find everlasting life.



PRAYER FOR TEACHERS: Loving God, bless teachers as they begin a new school year. Grant them patience, wisdom, and strength in their work. Help them guide students with kindness, understanding, and care. When challenges arise, fill their hearts with peace and trust in Your presence. May they be instruments of hope, encouragement, and love, inspiring every child to grow in knowledge and faith. Amen.

HABITS OF THE HEART: Jesus showed compassion to everyone, especially those who were suffering or forgotten. Develop the habit of noticing the needs of others each day. Offer a kind word, a helping hand, or a listening ear. Like Jesus, choosing compassion strengthens your faith, reflects God's love, brings hope to others, and fills your heart with joy and purpose.



SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA (5th September) dedicated her life to serving the poorest and most vulnerable with extraordinary love and compassion. Through her humility, faith, and selfless service, she taught that small acts of kindness can transform lives. Seeing Christ in every person, she inspired others to serve without judgment, love generously, and discover holiness in everyday acts of mercy and care.

ABC OF FAITH: **Amen** is a word of faith that means "so be it" or "truly." Christians say "Amen" at the end of prayers to express trust in God and agreement with His will. Used throughout Scripture and worship, it is a simple yet powerful response. Saying "Amen" reminds believers to place their confidence in God's promises and loving care.



AVAILABILITY BIAS occurs when we judge situations based on information that comes to mind easily rather than the full truth. Spiritually, it reminds us not to let recent experiences, fears, or opinions shape our faith. Instead, we are called to seek God's wisdom, trust His guidance, and make decisions grounded in prayer, truth, and reflection.

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.



OPENING SCHOOL MASSES: All parishioners, students, parents, teachers, and school staff are warmly invited to our Opening School Masses in Ardcath Church on **Friday, 4th September at 9:30am** and **Thursday, 17th September at 9:30am**. Together, we will ask God's blessing on the new academic year. These Masses remind us that faith, learning, and community grow stronger when rooted in prayer and God's guidance.

OPENING OF THE PASTORAL YEAR 2026–2027: All parishioners are warmly invited to the **Opening Mass for the Pastoral Year 2026–2027** on **Sunday, 6 September**. As a community of faith, we gather to seek God's blessing on our pastoral ministries, volunteers, and parish activities. This special celebration renews our commitment to prayer, service, and discipleship as we journey together in faith, hope, and love.



SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Parishioners are warmly invited to **Ratoath Church** on **Sunday, 6 September at 11:00am** to celebrate the **25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Fr Derek Darby**. We give thanks for his faithful priestly ministry and service. Refreshments will follow in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome to join this special occasion.