

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
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9TH AUGUST 2026



Sunday	16th Aug	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath	6.30pm	Lara McCormack	Trisha Fox
Clonalvy	10.00am	Ann Whyte	Catherine Campbell
Curraha	11.30am	Claire O’Connor	Joan Phelan

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	Sick of the Parish
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	Birthday Rem Henry Staunton A.V. Gerry Oates

Mon	10 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Dominick Rothwell, Danny McKeane, Special Intention, Frances Ennos
Tues	11 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Fr. Tony Gavin
Thur	13 th	Curraha	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri	14 th	Ardcath	6.30pm	The Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat	15 th	Clonalvy	10.00am	The Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary
		Curraha	11.30am	The Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	Eugene & Mary O’Sullivan
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. James Creagh & Tom Collins



PARISH COLLECTIONS 27 th & 28 th June 2026				THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	
Offertory	€ 430.18	€217.95	€197.40	
Envelopes	€ 110.00	€ 30.00	€314.00	
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 50.00	€170.00	

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 youothretreats@gmail.com

The Irish Synodal Pathway – The Journey So Far
When a major initiative is discussed for years, people naturally begin to wonder if anything is actually happening, and can feel disconnected. However, in 2021 and 2022, the Synodal journey started right at our parish doors when thousands of people across Ireland participated, through a local consultation process, in sharing perspectives about what was working and what was broken in the Church. Those local conversations became diocesan reports, which helped shape global input. Last autumn, delegates from every Irish diocese met in Kilkenny to propose specific national priorities based on that feedback. Read more: www.dioceseofmeath.ie/synod

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!



**CONSISTENCY**

LIGHT MAN: Enrique Rojas’ *The Light Man* theory describes the modern individual as focused on comfort, pleasure, consumerism, and immediate gratification, often lacking deeper values and purpose. According to Rojas, this inner emptiness can be overcome through self-reflection, commitment, love, and moral principles. Spiritually, the theory encourages a return to meaning, transcendence, authenticity, and a deeper connection with one’s inner life.

**JESUS STORY:** The night was dark, and the sea was rough. My disciples strained against the wind, afraid and exhausted. Then I came to them, walking on the water. “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter stepped out in faith, but when he focused on the storm, he began to sink. When he called to Me, I reached out and saved him. Faith grows when your eyes remain on Me, not on the waves.

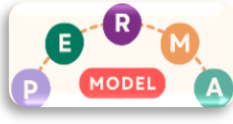
**HABITS OF THE HEART:** To become more like Jesus, begin with a simple daily habit: start each morning with gratitude. Thank God for three blessings and ask Him to guide your thoughts, words, and actions. This practice draws you closer to God, fills your heart with joy, and helps you reflect Christ’s love and compassion in everyday life.

ABC OF FAITH: Assumption and coronation of Mary celebrate God’s grace and glory revealed in Mary, whom the Church honors on the Solemnity of August 15. Assumed body and soul into heaven and crowned Queen of Heaven, Mary shares fully in her Son’s victory. This feast reminds believers of their hope in eternal life and their call to holiness, faithfulness, and joyful discipleship.

**MONEY = SUCCESS?** 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.

AUTHORITY BIAS is the tendency to place excessive trust in the opinions of authority figures, assuming they are always correct. Spiritually, this bias reminds believers to balance respect for leaders with personal discernment. Faith calls us to seek God’s truth with humility, wisdom, and prayer, recognizing that genuine spiritual maturity requires thoughtful reflection, not blind acceptance.

**THE ART OF THINKING CLEARLY**

**PERMA** theory, developed by Martin Seligman (Positive emotions, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning, Accomplishment) deepens through spiritual practices that foster gratitude, compassion, inner awareness, and connection to a greater purpose. Prayer, meditation, and contemplation strengthen resilience and harmony, nurturing authentic fulfillment and sustainable growth in daily life.

LIFE: The “Life is Not Just Fridge, Screen, and Bed” theory reminds us that human existence is about more than physical comfort, entertainment, and rest. True fulfillment comes from meaningful relationships, personal growth, service, and purpose. Spiritual insights encourage us to look beyond material routines, nurture inner peace, and connect with values that bring deeper meaning, joy, and lasting contentment in life.

**Life**

**CODY GAKPO’S** World Cup goal became a powerful symbol of courage and faith. Days earlier, he and his partner suffered the heartbreaking loss of their unborn child. After scoring, Gakpo fell to his knees in tears and appeared to pray. His story reminds us that grief and hope can coexist, and that faith can provide strength during life’s most painful moments.

KPI is the VAR of organizations. KPI reviews every move in slow motion with rigid procedures. VAR freezes the game for millimeters. Both promise control, but both kill instinct, innovation, and the Spirit that moves between the lines. Don’t let procedures referee your soul. Measure, yes. But leave room for risk, prayer, and holy improvisation. That’s where breakthroughs are born.

**A LIFE-SAVING EMBRACE:** Carmina Santamaría shared with Pope Leo XIV her struggle with depression and a suicide attempt. Therapy, music, and daily Mass sustained her healing. The Pope’s embrace became a symbol of hope. She now raises awareness about youth loneliness, mental health, and the urgent need for empathy.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY celebrates the belief that Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. It affirms her unique role in salvation history and God’s promise of resurrection. Observed on 15 August, it highlights holiness, and the destiny God offers to all the faithful.

