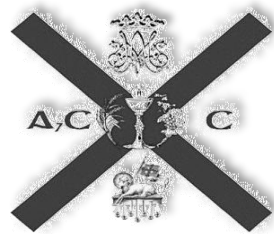


WEEKEND MASSES

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

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Sunday	20 th Sep	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Trish Fox	Jill Tuite
Clonalvy	10.00am	Patricia Harford	Catherine Campbell
Curraha	11.30am	Marcella O'Connor	Mary Carey

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath 6.30pm			A.V. Michael & Mary Kearns & DFM A.V. Joseph & Margaret Cromwell & DFM
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am		A.V. Albert Crooke
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am		M.M. Maureen Mulvaney A.V. Michael O'Farrell (1 st) A.V. Peggy Taaffe
Sunday	Ardcath Cemetery	1.00pm		Ardcath's Faithful Departed
Mon	14 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Pat Caffrey, Terry Houlihan
Tues	15 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Special Intention
Thur	17 th	Curraha	9.30am	Curragha School Opening Mass
Fri	18 th	Ardcath	9.30am	Tony Fanthorpe



SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. George & Patricia Kennedy A.V. John-Joe & Bridie Andrews
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	D.M. Lynch & Gregory Families

PARISH COLLECTIONS 1st & 2nd August 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Offertory	€ 0.00	€170.77	€325.01	
Envelopes	€ 0.00	€ 30.00	€230.00	
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 20.00	€145.00	

ARDCATH CEMETERY DEVOTIONS: Join us this Sunday, 13 September at 1:00pm for Mass, Intercessions, and the Blessing of Graves as we remember our loved ones in prayer. A gate collection will be taken, with **all proceeds dedicated exclusively to the maintenance and upkeep of Ardcath Cemetery**. Your generosity helps preserve this sacred place of remembrance for present and future generations. **All are warmly welcome.**



FAREWELL TO OUR FAITHFUL ALTAR SERVERS: We thank our seven dedicated altar servers as they conclude their years of service at Sunday Mass, 27 September, 11.30am. Their commitment has blessed our parish greatly. As they move forward, we warmly encourage new young parishioners to begin this altar-server adventure and help continue this valued ministry in our community.



CURRAGHA I.C.A. September meeting Monday 14th at 12.30 pm. Curragha will have its monthly meeting in the parish centre on Monday 14th at 12.30 pm. Looking forward to seeing all our members and if not already a member please come along you will be made very welcome.



SEOUL 2027: The Diocese of Meath invites young people to join the journey toward World Youth Day Seoul 2027. Preparation begins now! More details: <https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth>

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!



GRATITUDE: We sincerely thank everyone who attended our recent Cemetery Devotions and all who care for our sacred grounds throughout the year. Your dedication preserves these places of faith, remembrance, and hope. Through your kindness and stewardship, our loved ones are honoured with dignity, families find comfort, and our parish remains united in prayer. We are deeply grateful for your continued support.

JESUS STORY: My children, a king forgave his servant a great debt, but that servant would not forgive a small debt owed to him. Learn from this: as God shows you mercy, so must you show mercy to others. Do not count how many times you forgive. Forgive from your heart, and let love, mercy, and peace guide your lives always.



HABITS OF THE HEART: Jesus always noticed those who were suffering and reached out with kindness. Develop the habit of caring for others, listening patiently, and offering help when needed. Like Jesus, showing compassion brings comfort to the lonely, hope to the discouraged, and joy to those in need. A caring heart reflects God's love and strengthens our community.

ABC OF FAITH: Brotherhood means living as brothers and sisters in Christ, caring for one another with respect, forgiveness, and love. Jesus teaches us to build unity rather than division and to support those in need. By practicing brotherhood, we strengthen our parish and community, create lasting bonds of friendship, foster peace and understanding, and reflect God's family in our daily lives.



STORY BIAS is our tendency to prefer simple, compelling stories over complex realities. We often believe an explanation because it sounds convincing, not because it is true. Spiritually, this reminds us to seek wisdom, discern facts carefully, and avoid quick judgments. Faith calls us to truth, humility, and trust in God, whose plans are often deeper than the stories we create.

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



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (SEPTEMBER 14TH): reminds us that true glory is found in sacrificial love. Once a sign of shame, the Cross became the source of mercy, redemption, and hope. Christ's humility reveals the power of self-giving love. As we carry our own crosses with faith, we trust that suffering can lead to grace, new life, and resurrection.

HOLY VIRGIN MARY OF SORROWS (SEPTEMBER 15TH): Mary teaches us that love remains faithful through suffering. Standing beneath the Cross, she embraced sorrow with trust in God. Her pierced yet steadfast heart shows that compassion walks with the wounded. In her tears we find hope, in her silence strength, and in her witness the courage to trust God, even on life's darkest paths.



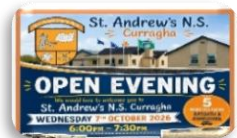
THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet in Curragha on Monday, 14 September. This important gathering supports the responsible stewardship of parish resources and future planning. Sincere thanks are extended to all committee members for their time, expertise, and dedication. Their commitment helps sustain our parish mission and ensures wise and transparent financial management.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS for 2027 are now confirmed. Confirmation in Ardcath will take place on 12 February at 3pm. First Communion follows in May: Ardcath on 8 May at 11am and Curragha on 15 May at 11am. We invite families, teachers, and parish groups to prepare prayerfully as our children journey toward these joyful moments of faith.



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE CARE OF SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS: Following the recommendation of the Diocesan Finance Committee, Bishop Tom has directed that a second collection be taken up in every parish. **The collection will take place in Ardcath on 3 October and in Clonalvy and Curragha on 4 October.** All proceeds will support priests who have faithfully served the Diocese and now rely on diocesan care in retirement or illness. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

ST ANDREW'S N.S. CURRAGHA would love to welcome you to an open evening on Wednesday the 7th of October from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Enjoy a tour of our rural school, meet our Teachers and pupils. Location A84 DF89. Website www.standrewscurragha.com Telephone No 01-8351528 **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING – 24 September 2026: Join us in Swan's Lounge, Curragha, from 9.30am–12.30pm for our Annual Hospice Coffee Morning supporting St Francis Hospice Blanchardstown and The Gary Kelly Cancer Support Centre. Enjoy coffee, cake and a superb raffle while helping raise vital funds for these outstanding services. Bring a friend and support this excellent care.