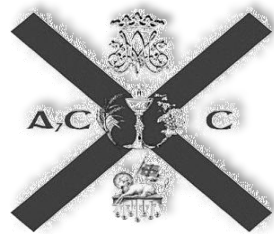


WEEKEND MASSES

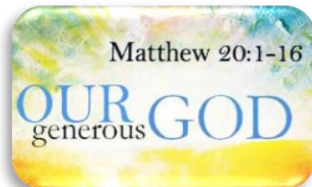
ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Sunday	27 th Sep	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Geraldine Wall	Trisha Fox
Clonalvy	10.00am	Ann Whyte	Breda Murray
Curraha	11.30am	Joan Phelan	Paul O'Connor

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. George & Patricia Kennedy A.V. John-Joe & Bridie Andrews
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	D.M. Lynch & Gregory Families
Mon 21st	Curraha	7.30pm	No Mass
Tues 22 nd	Clonalvy	9.30am	No Mass
Thur 24 th	Curraha	9.30am	No Mass
Fri 25 th	Ardcath	9.30am	No Mass

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	M.M. Pat Caffrey A.V. May Adams A.V. James & Minnie Moore A.V. Aodhagan Smith
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Johnny Andrews
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Aidan Keogh Aine Taaffe A.V. Catherine Keohane



PARISH COLLECTIONS 9th & 10th August 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU
Offertory	€ 88.99	€126.86	€385.66	FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
Envelopes	€ 40.00	€ 10.00	€ 70.00	OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP
Offerings	€ 10.00	€ 0.00	€ 30.00	OF OUR PARISH



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS: A special second collection will be held to support priests who have faithfully served the Diocese of Meath and now depend on diocesan care in retirement or illness. The collection will take place in **Ardcath on 3 October** and in **Clonalvy and Curragha on 4 October**. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

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.

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



IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE will hold clinics in the Pillo Hotel 22–24 September, 4–8pm. Donors are asked to make an appointment by calling 1800-222111.



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!



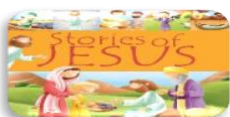
CONFIRMATION 2027: The Enrolment Mass for all Confirmation 2027 candidates will take place on Saturday, 26th September at 6.30pm in Ardcath Church. Candidates are asked to attend with their completed enrolment forms. This Mass marks an important step in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and should be approached with seriousness and commitment as the young people publicly begin their journey towards receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

BISHOP TOM'S CONFIRMATION MESSAGE AND LETTER were published on the diocesan website last Monday. In his video, he encourages families to prepare well, drawing on Pope Leo's recent words to young candidates in Genoa. He outlines expectations for families and children. Bishop Tom will confer Confirmation in Ardcath on **12 February**, with enrolment opening next Saturday.



FAREWELL TO OUR FAITHFUL ALTAR SERVERS: We thank our seven dedicated altar servers as they conclude their years of service at next Sunday Mass. 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.

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.



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 gave thanks to His Father, even in the ordinary moments of life. Develop the habit of gratitude by noticing God's blessings each day and saying "thank you" often. A grateful heart brings peace, reduces worry, and helps us see the good in others. Like Jesus, let thankfulness guide your words and actions, bringing joy to your family, friends, and community.



ABC OF FAITH: Believe means trusting in God even when life is difficult or uncertain. Jesus calls us to place our confidence in His love, His promises, and His presence in our lives. By believing, we grow in faith, find strength in challenges, discover hope in difficult times, and learn to walk each day with courage and trust in God.

HINDSIGHT BIAS: Hindsight bias is the tendency to believe, after an event has happened, that we "knew it all along." We often see the past as more predictable than it really was. Spiritually, this reminds us to be humble, avoid judging others too quickly, and trust God when the future is uncertain, knowing wisdom often comes only with time.



PASTORAL AREA PPC MEETING: The next Pastoral Area Parish Pastoral Councils meeting will take place in **Ashbourne on 23rd September**. This gathering is an important opportunity to share ideas, strengthen cooperation between our parishes, and plan for the future of our faith communities. The participation of council members is essential to ensure every parish is represented and heard.

PADRE PIO'S LIFE: Padre Pio showed deep faith through prayer, humility, and trust in God. His famous advice, "Pray, hope, and don't worry," continues to inspire many. Through suffering, service, and compassion, he brought people closer to God's mercy. His love for the Eucharist and Our Lady remains a powerful example of holiness today.



RAINBOWS MULLINGAR are currently taking names for Rainbows groups starting in the Autumn. Rainbows provides peer group support for children and young people who have experienced bereavement or parental separation. If you would like to find out more, please email ask@rainbowsireland.ie

SEOUL 2027: World Youth Day Seoul (27 July–10 Aug 2027): The Diocese of Meath invites young adults (19–35) to join this extraordinary pilgrimage with Pope Leo, visiting sites linked to the Columbans. Limited places; cost approx. €2,750. See parish posters/QR code or email meathyouth@gmail.com. Get-together: 4 Oct, 3pm, St Anne's, Navan.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS formation starts in both **Curragha** and **Ardcath/Clonalvy**, with the new councils in place by December. The Bishop asks all councils to prioritise welcoming and involving young people returning to parish life. **Ardcath** also seeks a **new Finance Committee member** with **entry-level accounting** experience to support ongoing stewardship and planning.