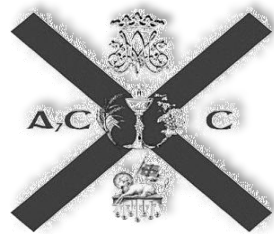


WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)
CURATE: FR. STEVE CIUBOTARU
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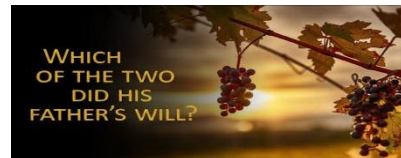
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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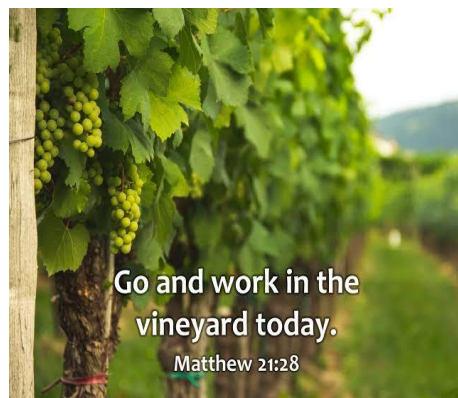
27TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Sunday	4 th Oct	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Geraldine Wall	Paula Allison
Clonalvy	10.00am	Frances Whyte	Ann White
Curraha	11.30am	Maureen Mooney	Annette O'Hanrahan

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 Aíne Taaffe A.V. Catherine Keohane
Mon	28 th	Curraha	7.30pm	Olive Morgan Pat Caffrey
Tues	29 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Thomas Hand
Thur	1 st	Curraha	9.30am	Patsy Hoey - Ann Connemey
Fri	25 th	Ardcath	9.30am	Altar List of the Dead



SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Frankie Moore
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Kevin & Eilish O'Connor & son Kevin O'Connor A.V. Teresa Joyce A.V. Emma Kelly-Holmes Marie D'Souza

PARISH COLLECTIONS 16th & 17th August 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU
Offertory	€ 189.45	€200.30	€ 299.20	FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
Envelopes	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€1350.00	OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€1330.00	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.



ST ANDREW'S N.S. CURRAGHA **CHANGE OF DATE** would love to welcome you to an open evening on Wednesday the 30th 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 in Swan's has raised € 10,051.00 to date. A huge thank you to everyone who supported it in any way and all the funds raised will be divided equally between St. Francis Hospice and The Gary Kelly Cancer Centre.

Collections for the upkeep of Ardcath Cemetery: raised €3195.00. 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!



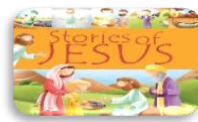
CONFIRMATION 2027: The Enrolment Mass for all Confirmation 2027 candidates will take place this Saturday. Candidates are attending with their completed enrolment forms. This Mass marks an important step in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and it is approached with seriousness and commitment as the young people publicly begin their journey towards receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

THE FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT MASS for children preparing to receive the Eucharist will take place on the weekend of 3rd/4th October. Families are invited to attend as the children take this important step in their faith journey. Mass times are: **Ardcath, Saturday at 6:30pm**, and **Curragha, Sunday at 11:30am**. We look forward to welcoming all First Communion families.



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

JESUS STORY: My children, let me tell you a story. A landowner went out many times during the day to hire workers for his vineyard. At evening, he paid them all the same wage. Some complained, but the landowner reminded them of his generosity. So, remember: God loves and welcomes everyone. Do not be jealous of others' blessings but rejoice in God's goodness and mercy for all.



HABITS OF THE HEART: Jesus showed a heart full of gratitude and generosity. He always thanked His Father and freely shared His love, kindness, and care with everyone. By developing the habit of thankfulness, we learn to recognise God's blessings and become more generous towards others. A grateful heart brings peace, spreads joy, and helps us reflect the generous love of Jesus in our daily lives.

ABC OF FAITH: Bless means recognising God's goodness and sharing it with others. Jesus blessed people through His words, His kindness, and His presence. When we bless others by encouraging, helping, and praying for them, we become signs of God's love. A spirit of blessing brings hope, strengthens faith, and reminds us that God's gifts are meant to be shared generously.



WORLD DAY OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS:

On 27th September, the Church marks the World Day of Refugees and Migrants, reminding us that every person deserves welcome, dignity, and hope. As followers of Christ, who Himself experienced displacement, we are called to build bridges of compassion, offer practical support, and stand in solidarity with those seeking safety, belonging, and a better future.



MONTH OF THE ROSARY:

October is dedicated to the Rosary, a beautiful prayer that draws us closer to Jesus through Mary. In the midst of busy lives, the Rosary invites us to pause, reflect, and pray with faith. Each decade deepens our relationship with God and brings peace, hope, and spiritual strength to daily life.



MISSIONARY MONTH:

October is Missionary Month, reminding us that every Christian is called to share Christ's love through word and action. Whether at home or abroad, we are invited to bring hope, kindness, and faith to others. By living the Gospel each day, we become missionaries, witnessing to God's love in our communities and beyond.



ARCHANGELS:

On 29th September, the Church celebrates Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, God's powerful messengers. Michael protects, Gabriel announces God's plans, and Raphael brings healing. Their feast reminds us that God is always near, guiding and strengthening us. Inspired by their example, may we live with faith, courage, hope, and trust.



GUARDIAN ANGELS: On 2nd October, the Church celebrates the Guardian Angels, God's loving messengers who guide and protect us throughout life. Their presence reminds us that we are never alone. As we journey in faith, may we trust in God's care, seek His guidance, and walk each day with confidence, peace, and hope.

SAINT THERÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS:

On 1st October, the Church honours Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, patroness of the missions. Through her "Little Way," she taught that small acts of love offered to God have great value. Her example inspires us to live with humility, trust, and generosity, bringing Christ's love into everyday life.



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.



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI: On 4th October, we celebrate Saint Francis of Assisi, patron of creation and peace. Bring your pets or their collars for a special blessing at Mass: Ardcath Saturday 6:30pm, Clonalvy Sunday 10am, and Curragha 11:30am. Join us in giving thanks for God's gift of animals and the beauty of creation

