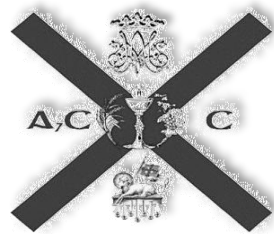


WEEKEND MASSES

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

"FOR WHERE TWO OR
THREE HAVE GATHERED
TOGETHER IN MY NAME, I
AM THERE IN THEIR
MIDST" (MATT. 18:20)

PARISH NEWSLETTER TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Sunday	13 th Sep	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Trish Fox	Maire McKeanna
Clonalvy	10.00am	Leta Harford	Cathal Caffrey
Curraha	11.30am	Gerard O'Connor	Maria Moran

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. John Hand (1 st)	
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Michael Murray (2 nd) & Parents James & Mary Murray	
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Bernard, Peg, Ann & Thomas Boland A.V. Gerry & Margaret O’Sullivan and Fechin Boland	
Mon	7 th	Curraha	7.30pm	A.V. Liam & Margaret Caffrey, Josephine & Margaret Kirwan
Tues	8 th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Special Intention
Thur	9 th	Curraha	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri	10 th	Ardcath	9.30am	Special Intention

Truly, I say to you,
whatever you bind
on earth shall be
bound in heaven,
and whatever you
loose on earth shall
be loosed in
heaven.
Matthew 18:18

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

If Your Brother
Sins Against You

PARISH COLLECTIONS 25th & 26th July 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Offertory	€ 155.25	€ 0.00	€376.83	
Envelopes	€ 30.00	€ 0.00	€100.00	
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 40.00	

ARDCATH CEMETERY DEVOTIONS: Join us on next **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.**



READERS: We thank our dedicated parish readers whose faithful service enriches every liturgy. We warmly invite new volunteers to join this ministry of God's Word, helping us continue a vibrant, welcoming celebration of Scripture each week.

CLEANERS: A heartfelt thank-you to our dedicated church cleaners whose quiet, faithful work keeps our worship spaces welcoming and cared for. We warmly invite new helpers to join this valued ministry and support the beauty of our churches each week.

FLOWERS: Warm thanks to our faithful flowers rota volunteers whose care brings beauty and reverence to our church each week. We warmly invite new participants to help continue this cherished ministry and keep our worship space vibrant and welcoming.

Thank you for caring for the graves. Please help tidy unattended plots so every resting place is cared for with dignity and prayer.

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!



OPENING OF THE PASTORAL YEAR 2026-2027: Today, we joyfully gather for the **Pastoral Year 2026-2027**. As a parish community, we seek God's blessing upon our ministries, volunteers, and all parish activities. This special celebration renews our shared commitment to prayer, service, and discipleship as we continue our journey together in faith, hope, and love, trusting in God's guidance throughout the year ahead.

JESUS STORY: My children, if someone hurts you or does something wrong, talk to them kindly and help them make things right. If they do not listen, ask others to help. Always try to forgive and bring peace. When you pray together and help one another, remember that I am with you. Wherever two or three gather in my name, I am there.



HABITS OF THE HEART: Jesus showed a heart of forgiveness. He teaches us to forgive and seek peace when someone hurts us. Develop the habit of letting go of anger and giving others a chance to make things right. Like Jesus, choosing forgiveness brings healing, strengthens relationships, reflects God's mercy, and fills your heart with peace, kindness, and joy.

ABC OF FAITH: Benevolence means showing goodness, kindness, and mercy to others. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us to forgive and seek reconciliation when someone has done wrong. Benevolence helps us respond with a loving heart rather than anger or resentment. By practicing benevolence, we reflect God's mercy, strengthen relationships, build peace in our communities, and grow closer to Christ each day.



IT'LL-GET-WORSE-BEFORE-BETTER FALLACY is the belief that problems must become worse before improvement can happen, even without clear evidence. Spiritually, this reminds us not to lose hope or accept unnecessary suffering as God's plan. Instead, we are called to trust God's wisdom, seek the truth, make prudent decisions, and move forward with faith, courage, and hope.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS: All parishioners, students, parents, teachers, and school staff are warmly invited to 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 BIRTH OF THE VIRGIN MARY brings hope and joy, for God was preparing the way for Jesus. Her holy name reminds us of purity, love, and trust in God. Mary's life teaches humility, obedience, and faith. By honouring her name and following her example, we learn to say "yes" to God, trust His promises, and walk faithfully in His grace.

WHY ARE FARMERS GENEROSITY CHAMPIONS? Farmers understand that every harvest is both hard-earned and God-given. They work tirelessly, trust faithfully, and know that abundance comes through grace as well as effort. Their generosity flows from gratitude, sharing the fruits of their labour for the good of others. By giving back to their communities, farmers inspire us to support worthwhile causes with grateful and generous hearts.



800TH JUBILEE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI invites Christians to renew their commitment to simplicity, prayer, peace, and care for creation. Eight centuries after his remarkable witness, Saint Francis continues to inspire love for Christ, humility, and service to the poor. This jubilee is a special opportunity for spiritual renewal, encouraging us to embrace the Gospel with joy, trust in God, and generous hearts.

OCIA PROGRAMME 2026/27: Are you, or someone you know, exploring the Catholic faith or considering becoming a Catholic? The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** offers a welcoming journey of faith, learning, and spiritual growth for adults. Applications are now open for the programme beginning this autumn. For more information, contact the Parish Office or visit the diocesan website.



PPC MEETINGS will take place in Curragha on Monday, 7 September at 8pm and Ardcath on Tuesday, 15 September at 8pm. These gatherings are vital opportunities for shared planning and parish development. Deep gratitude is extended to all who attend, whose commitment, insight and generosity continue to strengthen our communities and support the mission we carry forward together.

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.



SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Parishioners are warmly invited to **Ratoath Church** this **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.

