WEEKEND MASSES
ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)
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PARISH NEWSLETTER
TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11TH OCTOBER 2026



		MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Sunday	**18th Oct**		
Ardcath	**6.30pm**	**Eithne O'Sullivan**	**Maire McKenna**
Clonalvy	**10.00am**	**Tom Bowler**	**Margaret Andrews**
Curraha	**11.30am**	**Claire O'Connor**	**Dearbhla O'Connor**

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	M.M. Tony Fanthorpe
	Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Patrick & Nano Whyte
	Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Lawrence & Marion King
Mon	12th	Curraha	7.30pm	Terry Houlihan, Paddy Wilson
Tues	13th	Clonalvy	9.30am	Special intention
Thur	15th	Curraha	9.30am	Paddy Wilson
Fri	16th	Ardcath	9.30am	Special intention



SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER MISSION SUNDAY TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Danny Baxter & DFM A.V. Edel Thompson
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Dick & Mona Barnwell & DFM
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	M.M. Phil Maguire D.M. McGuinness & Fitzpatrick Families Catherine Halpin

PARISH COLLECTIONS 29TH & 30TH August 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	**€ 189.42**	**€175.95**	**€ 365.76**
Envelopes	**€ 50.00**	**€ 0.00**	**€ 445.00**
Offerings	**€ 20.00**	**€ 0.00**	**€ 445.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH

SCAN & DONATE!

ONE STEP AWAY - CURRAGHA IN THE FINAL: After Sunday's excellent victory over Slane, Curragha's Adult Men's 1st Team now look ahead to the Junior Championship Final against Ballinlough. The decider takes place in Simonstown on 16 October at 8.00pm. While keeping our feet firmly on the ground, we encourage a huge Curraha support and club colours throughout the parish.





SINCERE THANKS to all who support last Sunday's Special Collection for Sick and Retired Priests. Through your generosity, we can help provide care and support for priests who have faithfully served our Diocese and now depend on diocesan assistance in retirement or illness. Your kindness and continued support are greatly appreciated by all.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS – 26/27 OCTOBER: Our Harvest Thanksgiving Masses on **26/27 October** provide an opportunity to give thanks for the fruits of the earth, the dedication of our farming families, and God's blessings throughout the year. As a parish community, we come together in prayer and gratitude, celebrating our rural heritage, faith, and shared responsibility for caring for creation.



Curragha I.C.A will meet in the Parish Centre at 12.30 on Monday 12th at 12.30pm. We have a guest speaker from Community Hearing Health and Independent living if you would like to join us but not a member you are welcome.

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!





ANNUAL MASSES FOR THE BEREAVED: We warmly invite the families of parishioners who have died since last November to the **Annual Masses for the Bereaved on the weekend of 7th-8th November.** Together, we will remember our loved ones in prayer, give thanks for their lives, and find comfort, strength, and hope in our faith and parish community.

JESUS STORY: A king prepared a wonderful wedding feast for his son and sent invitations to many people. But some were too busy to come! So, the king invited everyone who was willing to say yes. The feast was filled with joy. God invites us too. Let us come with hearts full kindness and faith, ready to celebrate with Him every day.





HABITS OF THE HEART: Jesus was always available to those who needed Him. Develop the habit of being present, listening patiently, helping willingly, and giving your time generously. Being available is a gift of love. It builds friendships, strengthens families, and reflects the caring heart of Jesus in everyday life.

ABC OF FAITH: Building means helping to create God's Kingdom on earth. We build with acts of kindness, words of encouragement, and service to others. Jesus is our foundation and guide. Every good deed, however small, helps build a stronger family, a better community, and a more loving Church.





ILLUSION OF CONTROL: We often think we are in charge of everything, planning every detail and worrying about every outcome. Yet life reminds us that not everything is under our control. Jesus invites us to trust God, do our best, and leave the rest in His hands. Faith grows when trust replaces worry.

MISSIONARY ROSARY: The Missionary Rosary invites us to pray for the Church throughout the world. Each coloured decade represents a different continent: Africa, the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Oceania. Inspired by Archbishop Fulton Sheen, this special Rosary helps us remember missionaries and their work, fostering unity, compassion, and a deeper concern for people everywhere.





8 DAYS OF LIGHT – WE REMEMBER THEM: From **1st to 8th November**, our parish invites you to our Novena for All Souls. Add the names of your loved ones to the **Garden of Remembrance** and join us each mass in prayer. We conclude with our **Annual Remembrance Mass** on **Sunday, 8th November**. A special welcome to all who have been bereaved during the past year.

ST CARLO ACUTIS: On 12 October, we honour St Carlo Acutis, a young saint whose deep love for the Eucharist and commitment to prayer continue to inspire people worldwide. Through his ordinary life lived with extraordinary faith, Carlo reminds us that holiness is attainable for everyone. May his example encourage us to place Christ at the centre of our daily lives.





SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE: On 16th October, the Church honours Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, who helped spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through prayer, humility, and trust in God's mercy, she inspired countless people to grow closer to Christ. Her example encourages us to open our hearts to His love and compassion.

SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH: On 17th October, the Church commemorates Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr, and faithful disciple of Christ. On his journey to martyrdom, he encouraged Christians to remain united in faith and love. His courageous witness inspires us to trust God, stand firm in truth, and follow Christ with conviction.





SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST: On 18th October, the Church celebrates Saint Luke the Evangelist, physician, companion of Saint Paul, and author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. His writings reveal Christ's mercy, compassion, and care for all. Saint Luke inspires us to share the Gospel with faith, wisdom, and love.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next Sunday, 18th October, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, supporting the Church's mission in some of the world's poorest communities. Through our prayers and generosity, we help bring the Gospel, hope, and practical assistance to those in need. Every contribution makes a difference and strengthens the Church's worldwide mission.





NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DEAD: As November, the Month of the Holy Souls, approaches, parishioners are invited to submit their **List of the Dead** for remembrance at all November Masses and First Fridays. Envelopes are available in church. Through prayer and remembrance, we honour our loved ones and entrust them to God's eternal mercy and peace.