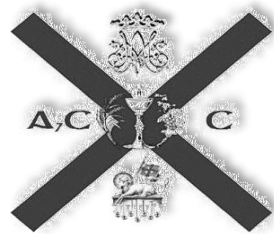


WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)
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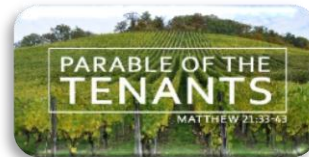
PARISHES OF ST MARY'S ARDCATH, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CLONALVY, ST ANDREW'S CURRAHA
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH OCTOBER 2026



Sunday	11 th Oct	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Ardcath	6.30pm	Geraldine Wall	Lara McCormack
Clonalvy	10.00am	Margaret Andrews	Cathal Caffrey
Curraha	11.30am	Margaret Nugent	Lorna Battersby

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Mary Carroll (1 st) A.V. Andy Carroll
	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
Mon	5 th	Curraha	7.30pm Special Intention, Eddie Mooney, A.V. Laurence King (50 yrs) Crickstown House
Tues	6 th	Clonalvy	9.30am Special intention
Thur	8 th	Curraha	9.30am Maureen Mulvaney
Fri	9 th	Ardcath	9.30am Special intention

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

PARISH COLLECTIONS 22nd 23rd August 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha	THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH
Offertory	€ 245.02	€211.60	€ 513.92	
Envelopes	€ 20.00	€ 0.00	€ 85.00	
Offerings	€ 0.00	€ 30.00	€ 355.00	



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS: A second collection is held in support of priests who have faithfully served the Diocese and now depend on diocesan care during retirement or illness. The collection takes place this Sunday. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated

THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS takes place this Saturday/Sunday,

4 October, marking the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Join us as we celebrate the special bond between people and the animals entrusted to our care. Gather in prayer and thanksgiving for God's creatures in the peaceful church surroundings. All are warmly welcome.



NEW ALTAR TABLECLOTHS INSTALLED ACROSS OUR THREE CHURCHES:

a welcome enhancement to our sacred spaces, reflecting the dignity and reverence of the Eucharistic celebration. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone whose support and generosity made this possible. Your kindness and commitment to our parish are deeply appreciated, and we remain sincerely grateful for your continued generosity and encouragement.

VOCATION HOLY HOUR: Take time to pray, listen, and reflect on God's call in your life at the **Vocation Holy Hour in Duleek Church on Friday, 23rd October, from 7pm to 8pm.** All are welcome. For more information, contact **Fr Tony Gonoude (044 9373923)** or visit the Meath Vocations social media pages and website.



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!



THE FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT MASS for children preparing to receive the Eucharist will take place on this weekend. 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.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: Today we acknowledge and celebrate the children and young people involved in our parish and hope they remain active in parish life. We thank our volunteers, parents, and Parish Safeguarding Representatives (John Nolan, Helen Murphy, Patricia Fox, Patricia White) for their support and dedication. Your care and welcome help create a positive experience for young people. More information: www.meathsafeguarding.ie.



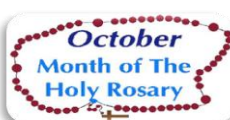
JESUS STORY: My children, let me tell you a story. A man planted a vineyard and asked others to care for it. When he sent people to collect the fruit, they would not listen. At last, he sent his own son. Learn from this: God gives us many gifts. Listen to Him, welcome Jesus into your heart, and share love, kindness, and goodness with others every day.

HABITS OF THE HEART: Jesus willingly made sacrifices out of love for His Father and for us. Develop the habit of putting others before yourself, helping without seeking reward, and giving your time generously. Sacrifice teaches us kindness, strengthens character, and helps us grow in love. A generous heart reflects the selfless love of Jesus every day.



ABC OF FAITH: Belong means knowing that we are part of God's family. Through Baptism, Jesus welcomes us into the Church and calls us to walk together in faith. When we pray, worship, and support one another, we grow in friendship with God and each other. Belonging gives us strength, purpose, and a place where we are loved.

CHAUFFEUR KNOWLEDGE happens when we know religious words but do not live them. We may speak about prayer, forgiveness, or faith without practicing them. Jesus calls us beyond knowing to doing. True discipleship is not repeating the Gospel but living it daily through love, service, humility, and trust in God.



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.



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.

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.



'MEATH CARES ABOUT OLDER PEOPLE 2026': Event will be held on Wednesday 7th October in the City North Hotel & Conference Centre, Gormanston, Co. Meath, 10.30 am – 2 pm. The event showcases the wide range of supports and services available to older people throughout County Meath. Advance booking is recommended as places are limited. To reserve a place please call 046 9057400 or email community@meathcoco.ie.



SAMARITANS COLLECTION: A church-gate collection in support of the Samaritans will take place on **3rd and 4th October.** The Samaritans provide free, confidential emotional support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you or someone you know needs support, call **116 123** free of charge. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

Supporting Nurture Africa: Amy would like to thank all those who donated to this cause a sum of €700.00 was raised. This will go a long way to help vulnerable families and communities in Uganda.

