



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses (Online and parish radio only)

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 3 rd May (Bank Holiday)	12noon	Ardagh	Michael Byrne (1 st Anniversary) Margaret Rose Donovan/Mahon (2 nd Anniversary)
Tuesday 4 th May	10.00am	Ardagh	No Mass today
Wednesday 5 th May	10.00am	Ardagh	Special Intention
Thursday 6 th May	7.30pm	Ardagh	Michael Halpin and deceased family members
Friday 7 th May	7.30pm	Ardagh	Holy Souls

Weekend Masses (Online and parish radio only)

Sunday 2 nd May	11.00am	Ardagh	Antoinette, John Joe and Kathleen Lenehan also Elizabeth and Patrick McCormack (Anniversary)
Monday 3 rd May (Bank Holiday)	12noon	Ardagh	Michael Byrne (1 st Anniversary) Margaret Rose Donovan/Mahon (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 9 th May	11.00am	Ardagh	Mary Farrell, Croshea (Anniversary) Patrick Carey and deceased family members (A)
Saturday 15 th May	7.30pm	Moydow	Peter, Maggie and Tony Farrell (Anniversary)
Sunday 16 th May	11.00am	Ardagh	Tom Dennigan (Anniversary) Tom, Margaret and Marian Gilchrist (A)
Saturday 22 nd May	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 23 rd May	11.00am	Ardagh	Pentecost Sunday Michael Reilly (A) Dermot Noone (A)
Saturday 29 th May	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 30 th May	11.00am	Ardagh	Billy and Brigid Halligan (Anniversary)

Parish Collections:

Offertory Collection	€1,790.00	Building Fund	€410.00
Easter Dues	€555.00	Trócaire	€391.00
Lenten Alms	€60.00		

Many thanks for your generosity and very much appreciated.

Pope urges Catholics to pray in May for end to COVID-19 pandemic: Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to COVID-19. The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic. Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on May 1st with a Rosary across the Vatican media's platform. The Pope will close the initiative on 31st May.

This year's dedication of May to pandemic related prayer recalls a similar occurrence during the first wave in March 2020. Pope Francis led the world in prayer during that confusing and difficult time, celebrating a live streamed daily Mass in Casa Santa Marta. And more than a year later, and with the world still in grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (The Vine and the branches): Lord, you said, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Separated from me you can do nothing, but United with me you will bear much fruit.'

Thank you Lord, for the bond you formed with us and thank you for the bond that exists among us because of our union with you. Thanks to this bond, we have invisible riches to share with one another. Grant that we may never be separated from you, so that we may produce in the world the fruits of faith, hope and love.

Easing of Restrictions: We all welcome the easing of restrictions announced by the government. The easing of the restrictions come into force on May 10th. Therefore, weekend Masses will commence in Moydow Church on Saturday May 15th at 7.30pm and in Ardagh on Sunday May 16th. The numbers of people who can attend the Masses are 50. The morning Masses will commence in Ardagh Church on May 10th at 10am. Weekday Masses in Moydow Church on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th May at 7.30pm. I look forward to seeing you all again. It has been a long 4 months with empty churches.

There can be 50 people in attendance at a wedding in the Church. Baptisms can be celebrated again with a maximum of 10 people. Funerals can also have 50 people in attendance.

First Friday/ Saturday calls: I will be doing my first Friday/Saturday calls on Friday 7th May and Saturday 8th May. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Pastoral Council Meeting: A meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th May at 8pm in St. Brigid's Church Ardagh.

Ardagh Girl Guides: Anyone with a Guide Hoodie, Brownie or Ladybird top that they would like to pass on, please contact Jacinta Farrell or Clair Baxter to arrange drop off/collection. Guides and Brownies are continuing to meet online thru Zoom, contact Joanna Pearson 086 2372616.

Parish Sacraments (New dates and can be subject to change with government guidelines)

First Confessions:

Monday 10th May at 7.00pm in St Brigid's Church, Ardagh.

Tuesday 11th May at 7.00pm in St Brigid's Church, Ardagh.

Confirmation:

Ceremony of Light: Tuesday 8th June at 10am in St Brigid's Church, Ardagh.

Confirmation ceremony: The recent announcement by the government on Thursday evening is that 50 people can attend religious services with controls in place and the 2 metre distance respected, however they have advised that 1st Holy Communion and Confirmations should not be held at this time. Having had a zoom meeting with Bishop Francis and diocesan consultants it was decided to defer the 1st Holy Communion to September 2021. It was also decided that the Confirmation Ceremony is a priority before the young people leave their primary education. Therefore the Confirmation ceremony as planned for Saturday 19th June at 11am and 2pm in St. Brigid's Church, Ardagh will go ahead as planned. I would also like to state that Confirmation date of 19th June can be subject to government guidelines at that particular time.