



Ardagh and Moydow

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Sunday 3rd April 2022

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Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 4 th April	10.00am	Ardagh	No Mass
Tuesday 5 th April	10.00am	Ardagh	Special Intention
Wednesday 6 th April	10.00am	Ardagh	Padre Pio Mass and Holy Hour
Thursday 7 th April	10.00am	Moydow	Holy Souls
Friday 8 th April	7.30pm	Moydow	No Mass, Wedding in Dromahair
Weekend Masses			
Saturday 2 nd April	7.30pm	Moydow	Pro Populo Mass
Sunday 3 rd April	11.00am	Ardagh	Bernie Bannon (1 st Anniversary) (Do this in Memory of Me Programme).
Saturday 9 th April	1.00pm	Lanesboro	Christening
	7.30pm	Moydow	Marian Farrell (Anniversary) Palm Sunday
Sunday 10 th April	11.00am	Ardagh	Tomas Kilduff (Anniversary) Palm Sunday John Kiernan (Anniversary)

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Marie Flood	Eithne Farrell
Ministers of the Word	Ann Keegan	Brigette Scott

Fifth Sunday of Lent:

Life is like a constant game of mirrors, we project our frustrations onto others, we condemn them for things we don't dare see in ourselves. Other people constantly show us a reflection of ourselves and reveal parts of us that we would be unable to see otherwise. Sometimes we are surprised, sometimes unbelieving, and sometimes even frustrated. The adulteress woman thrown in the centre becomes a projection of all the men that surround her. In her they see all of their inability to be faithful to the law. They project onto her their frustration, their inability to persevere. They vent upon her the rage they see towards themselves upon seeing that they too are unfaithful observers of the word. We can't be sure what Jesus wrote on the ground, but it seems that in those words, written in the sand, the scribes could read about themselves, as if Jesus had placed a mirror in front of their eyes. For these experts of the Word, there was no better mirror than words themselves. Jesus is the unexpected. He is the event that we come across, seemingly by accident, that reveals the truth about ourselves, whether we like it or not. Life is a game of mirrors that we cannot escape from, mirrors that can fuel our rage, and mirrors that we would often like to smash. But there can also be mirrors that, providentially, initiate a conversion in our hearts.

Sick calls of the Parish in April:

Fr Vinny will do his sick calls for April next Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th April at 8pm in the Parochial House. All members to attend.

Ardagh and Clonmacnois Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes: This diocesan pilgrimage will take place this year from the 23rd to 27th May. The costs are as follows, €679 Hotel Agena. €699 Hotel La Solitude. Monsignor Bernard Noonan is the Pilgrimage Director, Tel: 0906 481180. All pilgrim bookings to JWT, 69 O'Connell Street, Dublin 1, Tel: 01 2410800.

Other Important Dates for the Parish Calendar:

- Palm Sunday: 10th of April. Holy Week begins.
- Reconciliation Evening: Tuesday 12th April at 7pm in St. Brigid's Church, Ardagh.
- Easter Sunday: 17th April. A Dawn Mass will be at 6am in the village of Ardagh. Light refreshments in the Parochial House)
- Divine Mercy Sunday: 24th April.

Ceremonies for Holy Week:

Reconciliation Service: Tuesday 12th April at 7pm in St. Brigid's Church, Ardagh.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper St. Brigid's Church, Ardagh at 7.30pm.

Good Friday: *Passion of Our Lord.* St. Brigid's Church at 3pm.
Stations of the Cross: St. Mary's Church, Moydow at 7.30pm.

Holy Saturday: Vigil Mass & blessing of Candle St Mary's Church, Moydow at 8pm.

Easter Sunday: Dawn Mass: Ardagh Village at 6am.

Easter Sunday: Mass Ardagh at 11am.

Easter Monday: Holy Mass at 12noon in St Brigid's Church, Ardagh

First Confessions: The few children who were not able to make their First Confession a couple of weeks ago, will make it after Mass on Sunday 10th April.

Confirmation: There were three pupils who were unable to make their Confirmation on the 11th March, will now make their Confirmation on Easter Sunday during the 11am Mass.

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Fr. Vinny is organising a pilgrimage to Medugorje from the 17th August for one week. The all in fare is €749 per person. If you would like to go on this pilgrimage please contact JWT at 01 2410800 or Fr Vinny at the Parochial House.

Trócaire (Ukraine) Collection: Please give what you can afford to this once off Ukraine collection. Special envelopes are provided in the church porches or you may make a cheque payable to 'Trócaire Ukraine Collection' and place in a sealed envelope and leave it in the letterbox at the Parochial House. Many thanks for your continuous generosity, it is very much appreciated.

Do This In Memory of Me Programme: As this Sunday is the last Sunday for the 'Do this in Memory of Me Programme' I would like to say a very special word of thanks to the parents and their children in becoming fully involved with the programme since last October. I would also like to say a sincere word of thanks to the two teachers Ms. Keenan and Ms Donoughue along with our Parish Catechist Ms Catherine McDermott in helping with the programme.

Many Thanks: Fr. Vinny would like to say a special word of thanks and appreciation to Fr. Brian for doing his weekend Masses, it is so much appreciated. Fr. Vinny will be back on Monday.