



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 6 th December	10.00am	Ardagh	St Joseph's Young Priest's Society
Tuesday 7 th December	7.30pm	Moydow	Vigil Mass
Wednesday 8th December	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy hour in Ardagh Church
	7.30pm	Ardagh	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Thursday 9 th December	7.30pm	Moydow	Holy Souls
Friday 10 th December	7.30pm	Moydow	Holy Souls

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4 th December	7.30pm	Moydow	Pro Populo Mass
Sunday 5 th December	11.00am	Ardagh	Fr Vinny's Intentions <i>(Do this is memory in me programme)</i>
	12.30pm	Moydow	Christening
Saturday 11 th December	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 12 th December	11.00am	Ardagh	Aiden O'Halloran (Month's Mind)

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary O'Brien	Catherine McDermott
Ministers of the Word	Imelda Keenan	Tony Kemple

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve Day Mass: Moydow Church 12noon
(This will be a special Mass to encourage our senior citizens of the parish to attend)

Christmas Eve (Vigil Masses) Moydow Church at 7pm

Ardagh Church at 9pm

Christmas Day: Ardagh Church at 11am

Sunday (St. Stephen's Day) Ardagh Church - Parish Mass at 11am

Second Sunday of Advent: Salvation is one of the great themes of Advent. Today a great cry goes from the liturgy. Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be levelled, winding ways be straightened, and rough roads made smooth, and all humanity will see the salvation of God. These are wonderful words. They are a declaration of God's love for us. If we have some crooked ways in our lives, or some crooked way of behaving that needs to be straightened out in our lives, let us try to do so. God comes to us because we are sinners in need of redemption. He comes to us because we are wounded people in need of healing and forgiveness. An understanding of our pain, makes it possible for us to offer our own experience as a source of healing to others. Those who don't disguise their struggles, but who live through them with the help of God, give hope to others.

Do This in Memory of Me Programme: This is preparation for the children and their parents who will receive their First Eucharist on the 30th April 2022. The following dates are the special 'Do this in memory of me' programme. This Sunday 5th Dec and 19th December, Sunday 9th and 23rd January, Sunday 6th and 20th February, Sunday 6th and 20th March and finally Sunday 3rd April.

Dates to remember:

- **Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8th Dec):** Vigil Mass in Moydow on Tuesday 7th December at 7.30pm.
- Mass in Ardagh on Wednesday 8th December at 7.30pm.
- Parish Reconciliation Service: (Christmas Confessions) Wed 15th December at 7.30pm in St. Brigid's Church.
- Parish Christmas Carols with our local beautiful talent on Sunday 19th December at 6.30pm. A donation can be given when entering the performance to help with parish running costs and its debt.

Box of Envelopes for 2022: The 2022 envelopes are now available. The volunteers who distribute them to the townland areas are asked to collect them in the Sacristy of Ardagh and Moydow church or at the sanctuary area of the churches. I appreciate the help of those who distribute the annual boxes to the homes. There are people who do not use their box of envelopes, I would be grateful if everyone in the parish contribute a certain amount to the parish funds. Once again, sincere thanks to all the people who are generous in using the parish envelope system. If you would please mark the amount on the outside of the envelope as this makes it easier when counting the money. Many thanks Fr. Vinny.

Restrictions – COVID 19: We must be careful when we are mixing with people. Let us remind ourselves to take extra care in hygiene, washing of hands, using the sanitizer, no handshakes, wearing our masks (above our nose), keeping our social distance. Remember if you have a cough or a cold do not come to the church unless you use the antigen test. If we all take responsibility in this area we can all reduce the viruses and common colds this winter.

Christmas carols for our Parish of Ardagh and Moydow: On Sunday 19th December at 6.30pm in Ardagh Church, we will have a beautiful experience to listen and see all our fantastic singers / musicians come together to perform a beautiful evening of Christmas song and music. It has been a while since we were unable to perform such an event due to COVID, but this year we are looking forward to this event. All are welcome and there will be a donation box for donations to help defray parish expenses/ loan. Keep the day and date.

County Longford Social Services CLG church gate collection will be held next weekend 11th and 12th December.

Abbeyshrule annual Christmas craft fair: Next Sunday 12th December 12-6pm at The Rustic Inn. Lots of good quality local art, craft and food items. Good food served all day. Rustic Inn raffle for Longford Autism Foroige Club. Santa will be waving to everyone from the Christmas Lights Tractor Run, which will pass through the village from 5pm. Everyone welcome. Please bring your vaccination cert.