



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses

Weekend Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 7 th March	10.00am	Ardagh	Special Intention
Tuesday 8 th March	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls
Wednesday 9 th March	10.00am	Ardagh	Special Intention (Holy Hour)
Thursday 10 th March	10.00am	Moydow	No Intention
Friday 11 th March	3.00pm	Ardagh	Confirmation Ceremony

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 th March	7.30pm	Moydow	Michael and Ellen Fox (Anniversary)
Sunday 6 th March	11.00am	Ardagh	Do this in Memory of Me
Saturday 12 th March	1.00pm	Ardagh	Wedding
	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 13 th March	11.00am	Ardagh	Kathleen and Joe Farrell (Anniversary) Peggy Keegan and Girlie Kenny (Anniversary) Michael, Ellen, Sean and Pdraig Gillen (Anniversary)

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Sinead Cahill	Fiona Scanlon
Ministers of the Word	Martina Carrigy	Rachel Scanlon

Parish Collections:

Offertory Collection:	€2,165.00
Building Fund:	€350.00
Dues:	€1,445.00
Lourdes fund:	€200.00

Many thanks for your generosity to the Parish funds and the priest's dues.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th March at 8pm in the Parochial House.

The Season of Lent: Lent is a time for reconsidering our feelings, for letting our eyes be opened to the frequent injustices which stand in direct opposition to the dream and plan of God. It is time to unmask three great temptations that wear down and fracture the image which God wanted to form in us. There are three temptations of Christ, three temptations for the Christian, which seek to destroy what we have been called to be, three temptations which try to corrode us and tear us down. First, wealth, seizing hold of goods destined for all, and using them only for my own people. Second, vanity, the pursuit of prestige based on continuous, relentless exclusion of those who are not like me. The futile chasing of those five minutes of fame which do not forgive the reputation of others. Making firewood from a felled tree gradually gives way to the third temptation, the worst. It is that of pride, or rather, putting oneself on a higher level than one truly is on, feeling that one does not share the life of mere mortals, and yet being one who prays every day, 'I thank you Lord that you have not made me like those others'. These three temptations which the Christian is faced with daily. Three temptations which seek to corrode, destroy and extinguish the joy and freshness of the Gospel. It is worth asking ourselves, to what degree are we aware of these temptations in our lives, in our very selves?

Do This In Memory of Me Program: This programme for our First Holy Communicants continues this Sunday in St Brigid's Church at the 11am Mass. The next dates are as follows: Sunday 20th March and Sunday 3rd April.

- First Confessions: Wednesday 9th March at 7pm. St. Brigid's Church.
- First Holy Communion: Saturday 30th April at 11am. St. Brigid's Church.
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Friday 11th March at 3pm. St. Brigid's Church.

St. Patrick's Day: Masses for the Feast of St. Patrick are as follows:

Vigil Mass: St. Mary's Church, Moydow, Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm.

St. Patrick's Day: St. Brigid's Church, Ardagh at 11am.

Day of Remembrance and Recognition: Friday 18th March is also a public holiday, and this day we will remember and recognise all our front line staff who worked tirelessly during the Covid 19 pandemic. We will also remember those who died with Covid. We will have a special Mass in St. Brigid's Church Ardagh at 12noon to mark this occasion.

Other Important Dates for the Parish Calendar:

- Palm Sunday: 10th of April. Holy Week begins.
- Easter Sunday: 17th April. A Dawn Mass will be at 6am in the village of Ardagh.
- Divine Mercy Sunday: 24th April.

The Ukraine Crisis: Our hearts are sorrowful for the people of Ukraine, we sincerely pray for peace in Ukraine and the rest of the World. We pray for an end to this senseless war and the killing of innocent civilians. Please pray this prayer in your homes.

Lord make Me an instrument of Your peace

Where there is hatred let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness joy.

O Divine master grant that I may

Not so much seek to be consoled as to console

To be understood, as to understand.

To be loved. as to love

For it's in giving that we receive

And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned

And it's in dying that we are born...

To eternal life.