



# Ardagh and Moydow

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021



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## Weekday Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	Ardagh	Special intention (followed by Holy Hour)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm	Moydow	Holy Souls
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	1.00pm	Ardagh	Wedding

## Weekend Masses

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm	Moydow	Jim Quinn and deceased family members
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	11.00am	Ardagh	Ann and Jimmy Halligan (Anniversary) Liam Fitzgerald (Anniversary) Tom Flood (Anniversary)
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm	Moydow	Pro Populo Mass
	1.00pm	Ardagh	Christening
	2.30pm	Ardagh	Christening
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	11.00am	Ardagh	Johnnie O'Neill (Anniversary) Deceased members of the Gillen family (Anniversary)

## People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary O'Brien	Mary Lenehan
Ministers of the Word	Martina Carrigy	Mary Lenehan

## Parish Collections:

Offertory collection:	€2,015.00
Building fund:	€690.00
Harvest dues:	€120.00
Peter's pence:	€35.00

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

## The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

This year the Feast of the Assumption of Mary will be celebrated on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August at the normal weekend Masses.

**Food for the Journey:** Elijah was the greatest prophet of the Old Testament. He opposed and defeated the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel. This earned him the hatred of the Queen Jezebel who wanted to kill him. So he fled into the desert, where he lay down and asked God to take his life away. There are times we don't always recognise God's help when it comes. Prayer is answered not in God doing things for us, but in God helping us to do things for ourselves and for one another. Many people go through a bad period. It is only the care of some human angel that helps them get through it. Jesus stays by our side, and gives us, not ordinary bread, but the bread of life. In the strength of this bread he will walk all the way to the mountain of God, namely eternal life.



**Parish Baptisms:** We welcome and congratulate those who were christened in our parish most recently. Baby Saorise Grace Doherty, baby Robyn Jamie Glancy, baby twins Joshua Ben and Noah Jamie Mc Gregor Thompkins, baby Alec Erik Kadrilak, baby Eden Ann Mc Guinness and baby Conan Flynn. Congratulations to them, their parents, godparents and grandparents.

**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service:** CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Additional information is available on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie). Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie). The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in selections for this year is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

**A reminder:** Please note that all masks must be worn into and exiting the churches or when moving within the churches in the parish. Please leave no rubbish in the churches at any time. As this delta variant is very transmissible, please limit your time in the car parks after Masses. While most of us are now vaccinated we still can't let our guard down.

**Celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation - A letter from Bishop Francis to the Clergy**

6<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Father,

I am acutely aware that young people and families have been looking forward for some time to the Sacramental celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Some parishioners have understandably expressed their disappointment with the ongoing postponement. This is especially the case because our church buildings have been consistently maintained as safe places throughout the coronavirus pandemic, and this high standard is a result of your dedicated and ongoing hard work, and that of your parish committees.

Over the last few months we have had an impressive uptake in vaccines, this is particularly timely as schools prepare to reopen in a few weeks. To preserve the benefit our collective sacrifices to date, I believe that it is important to continue to follow official public health advice in relation to gatherings in the face of the continuing pandemic. I am, therefore, asking all of our parishes to observe the current guidelines and to wait until the appropriate time to hold these ceremonies.

Hopefully, as the vaccination programme advances, the time will come very soon, to celebrate these important and joyful Sacramental occasions.

With every good wish,

Francis Duffy

**Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois**