



# *Ardagh and Moydow*

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*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021*



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## **Weekday Masses**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Ardagh	Private Intention
	7.00pm	Ardagh	First Confessions
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Ardagh	Private Intention
	7.00pm	Ardagh	First Confessions
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Ardagh	Private Intention
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Moydow	Holy Souls
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Moydow	Babs Lenehan (1st Anniversary)

## **Weekend Masses**

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Ardagh	Mary Farrell, Croshea, (Anniversary) Patrick Carey and deceased family members (Anniversary)
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Ardagh	Bernie Bannon (Month's Mind)
	1.30pm	Ardagh	Wedding
	7.30pm	Moydow	Peter, Maggie and Tony Farrell (Anniversary)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Ardagh	Tom Dennigan (Anniversary) Tom, Margaret and Marian Gilchrist (Anniversary)

## **People on duty next weekend:**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Ardagh</b>	<b>Moydow</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Una Byrne	Elaine McDermott
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Claire Flood	Brigette Scott Anne Farrell

## **New Parish Webcam:**

It's wonderful to have the new Webcam ([churchtv.ie/ardagh](http://churchtv.ie/ardagh)) up and running in St. Brigid's Church. The webcam will only take in the priest, the Sanctuary or anyone reading etc. People in the seats will not be on the webcam. While the webcam is live, we must be careful not to talk in the church. Signs are placed in the porches of the church.

## **New Parish Website:**

I've update the Parish Website as it was very dated for many years. The new website can be viewed at [ardaghmoydowparish.com](http://ardaghmoydowparish.com). The new version takes in many different aspects and historical buildings of the parish, as well as the weekly newsletter. This is nice for people who are from the parish and are abroad.

## **Gospel Message - All you need is Love:**

What's the purpose of life if not to love? William Blake put it like this: "We are put on the earth, a little space that we may learn to bear the beams of love". We cannot give love unless we have first received it. A radiator cannot give out heat unless it has first received the heat. This was true of Jesus too. He said to his disciples, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you'. The love he shared so generously with his disciples and with the people at large was the love he received from the Father and from Mary, Joseph and others too. It's not a sign of weakness to admit one's need of love. We should acknowledge and be grateful for the love we have received. As far as God's love is concerned, we don't have to earn it. It is God who first loved us. God loves us, not because we are good, but because he is good. Our very existence is a sign of God's love. All we have to do is receive it, and then try to share it with others. To refuse to love is to begin to die, to love is to begin to live. Love is costly. To love is to accept that we might die another death before we die our own. The way of love is the way of the cross, and it's only through the cross that we come to the resurrection. The prayer that goes like this: 'Lord, don't let me die yet, because I have not loved enough'. It's a prayer we do well to make our own.

## **Rest in Peace:**

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Anne Bannon (née Farrell) whose funeral took place in St. Brigid's Church on Wednesday. Our sincere sympathy to all her family, relatives and friends. May she rest eternally.

## **Easing of Restrictions:**

From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, up to 50 people can attend Holy Mass. It will be lovely to have you back again to the ceremonies. Please sanitise your hands on entry, and wear your mask at all times attending the church ceremonies. Please observe the 2 metre distance and follow the instructions of the stewards. As before, Holy Communion will be distributed after the final blessing, I will continue to do this till at least the vast majority are vaccinated.

## **Remember the following:**

Funerals /Weddings - 50 people . Christenings - 10 people. Weekday/Weekend Masses - 50 people.

## **Parish Sacraments:**

First Confessions will take place for the First Holy Communion children on Monday and Tuesday of this coming week at 7pm in St. Brigid's Church Ardagh.

The First Holy Communion Ceremony will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September with two ceremonies at 11am and 2pm.

Confirmation Ceremony will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June in St. Brigid's Church at 11am and 2pm.

## **Pastoral Council Meeting:**

The Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place in St. Brigid's Church next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. All members including the Sacristans are asked to attend this meeting.

## **Items for the Newsletter:**

Items for the Parish Newsletter must reach me in writing or email before 5pm on Wednesday's.

## **Church Grounds:**

While it's nice to see the young people play in the church grounds especially after school, however it is NOT allowed to climb any of the trees within the church grounds or to throw any litter. The church grounds are private and are not a public car park. Parking is reserved for Church Ceremonies and others who have asked permission to park. If the church grounds are used for any other purpose, my permission must be sought, and that's from an insurance point of view. Vehicles parked in the church grounds are parked at your own risk.