



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 13 th September	10.00am	Ardagh	Padre Pio Novena
Tuesday 14 th September	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls
Wednesday 15 th September	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls (followed by Holy Hour)
Thursday 16 th September	7.30pm	Moydow	Holy Souls
Friday 17 th September	7.30pm	Moydow	Holy Souls

Weekend Masses

Saturday 11 th September	7.30pm	Moydow	Pro Populo Mass
Sunday 12 th September	11.00am	Ardagh	Kitty Kelly (1 st Anniv)
Saturday 18 th September	7.30pm	Moydow	Tom Prunty (1 st Anniv)
Sunday 19 th September	11.00am	Ardagh	John and Josephine Smith (Anniv)

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Una Byrne	Fiona Scanlon
Ministers of the Word	Ann Ryan	Rachel Scanlon

Parochial Grounds:

No children are to play around the trees, climb or hang out of the trees in the Parochial Grounds at any time. The stone around one of the trees is quite loose so therefore from a health and safety point of view no playing in that area. I ask parents for their cooperation, and various teachers in the local school have mentioned this to the young people.

Peter's Profession of Faith:

There are two kinds of Faith. The first is the Faith of those who believe because they follow the traditions of their ancestors, maintaining their tradition of faith. The second is the Faith of those who gained it through reason and philosophical thinking. The second could be called a personal Faith. The question Jesus asked the apostles is the most important question in the Gospel. It concerns the identity of Jesus. He asked the question not for his own sake but for their sake. It's a question that forces people to think about their beliefs.

'Who do people say I am'? Peter replied 'you are the Christ'. This is the core faith on which the church was founded. We need to grow in our understanding of the faith. We must believe out of personal conviction. It is clear that Peter didn't fully understand what he said. When he recognised Jesus as the Messiah, he didn't know that Jesus would be a suffering Messiah. This was something Peter had to learn. Peter made a perfect profession of faith. He got it right with his words. But when it came to acting on that Faith, he failed. His lowest point was when he denied he ever knew Jesus. This shows us that we need God's Grace, not only to profess our faith, but also to live it.

Baptism:

Congratulations to baby Amaya Malkin who was christened in Moydow Church last Sunday. Wishing Amaya and her family every good blessing in the future.

First Holy Communion:

Congratulations to the boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion in St. Brigid's Church Ardagh. After a long delay, it was so beautiful to celebrate the Sacrament for them. Many thanks to all who were involved, especially Ms. Keenan also the school staff, Fr. Vinny and the beautiful singers and musicians. We wish the children every happiness in the future.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

The Confirmation ceremony will take place in St. Brigid's Church Ardagh on Saturday 9th October with the first ceremony at 11am and the second ceremony at 2.30pm.

Weekend Masses:

Since COVID-19 I have been distributing Holy Communion after the final blessing. From this weekend, I will be distributing Holy Communion at the normal time. Holy Communion will still be distributed on the hands. We are all asked to be careful especially in shaking of hands and maintaining our distance, the wearing of masks, etc. The newsletters will be available once again before Mass, I ask you not to leave the newsletters on the seats, they must be brought home. Likewise, no water bottles, paper handkerchiefs or anything else must be left on the seats due to hygiene and the delta virus. Churches can now have a 50% capacity at the Masses.

Parish Finance Meeting:

A meeting of the Finance committee will take place on Monday 20th September at 8pm in the Parochial House.

ACN Ireland/Aid to the Church in Need:

Mr David Barbieri from ACN Ireland/Aid to the Church in Need will speak at both Masses on the weekend of 8th/9th October. If you wish to find out more about ACN and the church in need please visit the website www.acnireland.org