



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 14 th June	10.00am	Ardagh	No Mass
Tuesday 15 th June	10.00am	Ardagh	No Mass
Wednesday 16 th June	10.00am 7.30pm	Ardagh Ardagh	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass for the Holy Souls
Thursday 17 th June	7.30pm	Moydow	Holy Souls
Friday 18 th June	10.00am	Moydow	No Intention

Weekend Masses

Saturday 12 th June	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 13 th June	11.00am	Ardagh	Deceased members of the Heavey family
Saturday 19 th June	12 noon	Ardagh	Tommy Kelleher and deceased members of the Kelleher and Healy families.
Saturday 19 th June	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 20 th June	11.00am	Ardagh	Tom and Woodie Kearney (Anniversary)
	1.00pm	Moydow	Christening

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Belton	Mary Lenehan
Ministers of the Word	Susan Eades	Brigette Scott Anne Farrell

Parish Collections:

Offertory collection:	€1,720.00
Building fund:	€145.00
Pentecost Dues:	€730.00

Many thanks for your generosity to the various collections.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed: Using many parables, Jesus spoke to them. We have two parables in today's Gospel. Parables were a teaching technique used by Jesus as a way to lead people into a new way of listening. They were not instructions to provide information and they were not fables. Parables were and are invitations to pray and to listen in a radical way. Jesus talked a lot about listening. For Jesus, listening is about receiving through the heart, where love is lodged and guides us. Jesus met resistance in his day from those often closest to him as well as those who were intent to ruin his plan of God's kind purpose for us. His parable word to us is like a seed that drifts onto soil it did not choose. His word is like a seed that is received in an unexpected soil. God's mustard seed of love is like a life that blossoms in surprising ways, beyond our imagination.

Seeds. Sowers. Soil. Add another S – word - Spirit. A harvest of 30, 60, 100 fold is promised by an extravagant Jesus, which startles us out of our rigid narrow miserliness. Let us ponder, trust and explore the impossible possibilities of abundant life that flourish whenever we pause, pray, listen and love.

Fr Vincent's Anniversary: On Wednesday June 16th Fr Vinny will be 36 years ordained a priest. We thank God for his priesthood and the priesthood of all our priest's in our Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. There is a huge decline in priests at the moment, we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Wishing Fr Vinny every good blessing and health as our parish priest in the years ahead.

Moydow Community Hall: Much work has been carried out on the Community hall in Moydow. Great thanks to Christine Collins from Longford County Council for providing funding to refurbish the hall. Internal and external access to FREE high speed broadband (150mbps) is now available at the centre. The Community Centre is fully equipped with office chairs, desks and monitors. Contact any member of our committee for more details.

Leaving Cert Students: Wishing all the students who are sitting their exams every good blessing and success. You are remembered in my Holy Mass daily. Bless you all.

Parish Sacraments: The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in St Brigid's Church on Saturday 28th August at 11am and 2pm. The young people preparing for the Sacrament had their retreat in the community hall led by Fr Joe McGrath and his team and was a lovely day for them all. Last Wednesday they had a beautiful Ceremony of Light along with their graduation Mass in St Brigid's and it was a nice celebration.

The First Holy Communion Ceremony will take place on Saturday 11th September at 11am and 2pm.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: A meeting will take place on Monday 21st June at 8pm in St. Brigid's Church. All members are asked to attend.

Cemetery Masses: Government guidelines are that no gatherings take place outdoors at this time, and that includes our cemeteries. Therefore, like last year I'll be celebrating Holy Mass in the churches for all our deceased on Saturday 3rd July in Moydow church at 7.30pm and in Ardagh church on Sunday 4th July at 11.00am. I'll be doing a private blessing of all the graves before the Masses take place.