



# Ardagh and Moydow

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## Weekday Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30pm	Ardagh	Pat Tiernan (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

## Weekend Masses

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30pm	Moydow	Frank Manicle (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  Deceased members of the Lenehan family (Moydow P.O.)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00am	Ardagh	Rita Brady (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30pm	Moydow	Teresa Fitzgerald (Anniversary)  Jim Gillen (Anniversary)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	11.00am	Ardagh	Paddy and Sadie Keegan (Anniversary)  Catherine and Michael McCormack and DFM  Deceased members of the Halligan family

## People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Mairead Farrell	Mary Donlon
Ministers of the Word	David Farrell	Brigette Scott

**Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Benny Baxter late of Killin Mills, Ardagh and Florida/New York. Funeral arrangements later. Sympathy to his brothers Seán and Leo, sisters Marie and Gemma, extended family, all his relatives and close friends. May he rest in peace.

We also pray for the happy repose of the soul of Aiden O'Halloran (retired Garda of Ardagh), whose funeral Mass took place in St. Mel's Cathedral during the week. Sympathy to his wife Helen, his daughters Cathy and Joanne and his son Aidan. May he rest in peace.

**World Day of the Poor:** The deprivation that marks poverty as telling signs of our selfishness and sinfulness is no uplifting sight. Such deprivation can mask the humanity of a person. Listening to the unconnected and mindless ramblings of a schizophrenic is not engaging conversation. Guiding an inebriated alcoholic to a seat at meals for the poor takes strength, but no great skill or wisdom. The human weakness seemingly wasted talent, and wilful neglect are more than opportunities for pity. We are to see, however dimly and haltingly. Jesus the Lord, broken, hurt, and in need. And so we see the Lord and we are not afraid to keep looking, no matter how searing or overwhelming the vision may be. We see the Lord, and so our hearts are moved beyond pity and sympathy to compassion. We move to a stance that believes that our lives join, some way or other, our hurts are shared, for we stand together. We join together to comfort, to relive, to change, to confront. Those filled with the charisma of Vincent de Paul know in a powerful way just what the body of Christ is. We are all brothers and sisters in the Lord, a truth too terrible to believe if we see only deprivation.

**Do This in Memory of Me Programme:** A meeting of the parents of the First Holy Communion class took place during the week. This is preparation for the children and their parents who will receive their First Eucharist on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Enrolment ceremony for all the children and parents will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm in St. Brigid's Church. The following dates are the special 'Do this in memory of me' programme. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March and finally Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

*The Enrolment ceremony for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November at the 11.00am parish Mass in St. Brigid's Church. All children and parents must come to this Mass.*

**Christmas Carols in St. Brigid's Church, Ardagh:** The Parish of Ardagh and Moydow have fantastic musical talent. We see this every Saturday and Sunday in the parish where various different groups play and sing at the parish masses. This Christmas I thought it would be a lovely idea to bring all this talent together for a most beautiful Christmas evening to be held in our parish church of St. Brigid on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. As part of a fundraiser for the parish debt, there will be a special contribution box where people coming for the carols can give a donation which will be very much appreciated. We are looking forward to this beautiful evening, as we have been in lockdown last Christmas, so we need a nice Christmas parish evening to enjoy our fabulous local talent.

#### **Dates to remember:**

- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm Parochial House.
- Parish Finance Meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm Parochial House.
- First Sunday of Advent: 28<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8<sup>th</sup> Dec):** Vigil Mass in Moydow on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.
- Mass in Ardagh on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.
- Parish Reconciliation Service (Christmas Confessions) Wed 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in St. Brigid's Church.
- Parish Christmas Carols: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

**Trócaire's Special Appeal:** If you would like to make a donation to the Trócaire special appeal to help the millions of people who are starving in East Africa, please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks.

**Cemetery Gathering:** The November prayers and blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November in Ardagh cemetery after the 11am Mass, and at 2pm in Moydow cemetery. You are very welcome to join with me (Fr. Vinny) for that prayer of remembrance. It's been a while since we were allowed to gather in our cemeteries.

**Weekday Mass:** (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov) will be no weekday masses in the parish except for this Friday evening in Ardagh Church as I will be away for the week. However, parish adoration will take place on this Wednesday morning at 10am, all are welcome to join for private prayer. Fr. Brian Brennan will do duty for me and will be available if needed in an emergency.