



## *Ardagh and Moydow*

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*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022*

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<b>Weekend Masses</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am	Ardagh	Andrew, Mary, Ella & Bernie Kenny (Anniv)
<b>(Do this in Memory of Me)</b>			
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Moydow	Eileen Farrell (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	1.00pm	Ardagh	Christening (Fr. Brady)
	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am	Ardagh	Patrick and Mary Farrell (Anniversary)

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

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Ardagh</b>	<b>Moydow</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mary O'Brien	Anne Farrell
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Claire Flood	Anne Farrell

### **Parish Collections:**

- Offertory Collection: €2,432.00
- Building Fund: €840.00
- Trócaire **(Ukraine)** Appeal: €2,520.00
- Dues: €895.00
- Lourdes: €70.00
- Candle Shrine: €405.00

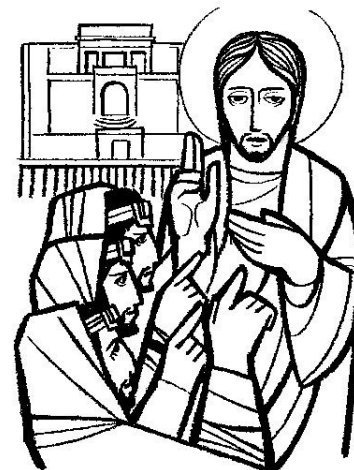
**Many thanks for your generosity to the Parish funds and the priest's dues.**

**Fr Vinny will be away for 10 days, Fr Brian Brennan will be on duty on the weekends and any funerals in the parish. Thanks to Fr. Brian for being so obliging.**

**Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Michael Victory, late of Cobh, Co. Cork and Ardagh. Sympathy to all his loving family here in Ardagh and in Cork. May he rest in peace.

### **Third Sunday of Lent. Call to Repentance!**

The fig tree in Jesus's story was a very privileged tree because it was planted in a very special place, a vineyard. Yet in spite of this the tree was barren. Nevertheless, it was given another chance. The fig tree stands for Israel planted in the Lord's vineyard. Its barren state symbolised the barren state of Israel before God. Jesus began his mission with a call to repentance, 'Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand'. Today, through the voice of the Church, the same call is addressed to us. The call to repentance is at the heart of the Gospel. Jesus addressed it, not just to sinners, but also to good people. In fact, to all without exception. But you may ask, how can this be?, that good people should need to repent? In the case of so called good people, for them their failing consists in the good they fail to do. This is the main thrust of the parable about the barren fig tree. The fig tree is found wanting, not because it produced poisonous figs, but because it failed to produce any figs at all. What is a fig tree for if not to produce figs? Christians rarely ask themselves a question. What have I failed to do? The call to repentance is not a merely a call to turn away from evil, but a call to produce the fruits of good living. Jesus's call to repentance disturbs us, and we don't like to be disturbed. We want our quiet life, a life which may contain a lot of selfishness. We may not be guilty of evil, yet we could be very selfish, very demanding, and very inconsiderate. Lent is a time of conversion for all of us. Its purpose is to show us what we may be missing out on, or lacking, in order that we might have a deeper, richer and more authentic life. Let those who think they are safe beware lest they fall. No one can take anything for granted. No one is secure that he or she can't fall. Everyone who falls can be redeemed.



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### **Ardagh and Clonmacnois Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes:**

This diocesan pilgrimage will take place this year from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May. The costs are as follows, €679 Hotel Agena. €699 Hotel La Solitude. Monsignor Bernard Noonan is the Pilgrimage Director, Tel: 0906 481180. All pilgrim bookings to JWT, 69 O'Connell Street, Dublin 1, Tel: 01 2410800.

### **Sick calls of the Parish in April:**

Fr Vinny will do his sick calls for April on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Trócaire Appeal:**

The ongoing crisis in the Ukraine is awfully sad especially for the women and children. Terrible scenes coming from there and the sad devastation of innocent life and the destruction of hospitals, schools and many other buildings. Wonderful agencies are doing fantastic work with the refugees flocking to European countries and this weekend we here in the parish of Ardagh and Moydow are having a special collection for Trócaire to help the refugees at this very difficult time. Please be as generous as you can. This special collection is different from the Lenten Trócaire appeal. All of this special collection this weekend will go to the Ukraine Trócaire appeal. The amount so far has reached €2,520.00. Envelopes for this appeal are in the porches.

### **Other Important Dates for the Parish Calendar:**

- Palm Sunday: 10th of April. Holy Week begins.
- Reconciliation Evening: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in St. Brigid's Church, Ardagh.
- Easter Sunday: 17th April. A Dawn Mass will be at 6am in the village of Ardagh. (Light refreshments in the Parochial House)
- Divine Mercy Sunday: 24th April.

### **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:**

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Parochial House. All members to attend.