



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 22 nd November	7.30pm	Ardagh	Bernard and Annie Flood (A)
Tuesday 23 rd November	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls
Wednesday 24 th November	10.00am	Ardagh	Gemma Molihan (A), Holy hour to follow Mass
Thursday 25 th November	7.30pm	Moydow	James and Brigid Connaughton (A)
Friday 26 th November	10.00am	Moydow	Holy Souls

Weekend Masses

Saturday 20 th November	7.30pm	Moydow	Teresa Fitzgerald (Anniversary) Jim Gillen (Anniversary)
Sunday 21 st November	11.00am	Ardagh	Paddy and Sadie Keegan (Anniversary) Catherine and Michael McCormack and DFM Deceased members of the Halligan family
Saturday 27 th November	6.00pm	Ardagh	Enrolment for First Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Moydow	William and Betty Orohoe (A) Annie and Maureen Marlowe (A)
Sunday 28 th November	11.00am	Ardagh	Barney Joe, John P and James Bannon (A) James Carty and deceased family members

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Sinead Cahill	Mary Carey
Ministers of the Word	Rachel Lyons	Geraldine Cunnion

Bishop Francis's Appointment: Last Wednesday week the announcement came that our own Bishop Francis is to become the new Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Tuam. While we welcome this news, we will also miss him from our diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois. Bishop Francis has been Bishop here in the diocese for eight years, and has been very helpful to all of us in so many different ways, but has been a fantastic shepherd to his priests and people. On behalf of the people of Ardagh and Moydow, may I wish Bishop Francis good health, happiness and fulfilment in his new role as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Tuam. Personally, a sincere thanks to Bishop Francis for all his kindness and compassion during his time as Bishop of our diocese.

Feast of Christ the King: The feast today, and the gospel gives us an opportunity to reflect on different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus. The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, and the learnings from this? Jesus came to bear witness to the truth and we are all created for a purpose. Who are today's witnesses to truth in the world? Who are the people whose witness to truth has impressed you, either now or in the past? In what way have you been able to witness to truth?

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 30th April 2022. The Enrolment ceremony for all the children and parents will take place on Saturday 27th November at 6.00pm in St. Brigid's Church. The following dates are the special 'Do this in memory of me' programme. Sunday 5th and 19th December, Sunday 9th and 23rd January, Sunday 6th and 20th February, Sunday 6th and 20th March and finally Sunday 3rd April.

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

Dates to remember:

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

Trócaire's Special Appeal: has amounted to €1,020 and a private donation of €1,000. If you wish to make a donation please do so as soon as possible. I would like to thank everyone for their generosity in this appeal to help Trócaire in their work with the millions of people who are starving in East Africa.

Cemetery Gathering: The November prayers and blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 21st 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.

Moydow Centre Committee: We are hosting a welcoming get together with tea and refreshments after 7.30pm Mass on Saturday 4th December, we invite parishioners to come and join us. Looking forward to seeing you all. It will be a nice opportunity to see our newly refurbished centre and to have a cuppa and chat with neighbouring friends.

Virtual Alzheimer Café: The Longford branch of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, will hold their Monthly Virtual Alzheimer Café next Wednesday 24th November at 7.30pm. Guest speaker on the night is Niamh Condon, Dysphagia Chef, and her topic is 'Dining with Dignity'. The Café will then run on the last Wednesday of every month, with a different speaker and topic each month. The ASI Virtual Café will provide a safe, warm and welcoming space online for people with dementia, their family and friends, along with social and health care professionals to meet and exchange ideas and learnings. For Further information contact Eileen on 085 8724475 or email longfordwestmeathvirtualcafe@alzheimer.ie

First Friday calls for December: Fr Vinny will do his sick calls for the month of December on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd December.