



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses

Weekend Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 28 th February	10.00am	Ardagh	Special Intention
Tuesday 1 st March	10.00am	Ardagh	Special Intention (Shrove Tuesday)
Wednesday 2 nd March	10.00am	Ardagh	Ash Wednesday
	7.30pm	Moydow	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 3 rd March	7.30pm	Moydow	No Mass
Friday 4 th March	7.30pm	Moydow	Maureen and Terry Whyte (Anniversary)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 26 th February	7.30pm	Moydow	Special Intention
Sunday 27 th February	11.00am	Ardagh	Brendan Hayes (21 st Anniversary) Bill Mangan (Anniversary)
Saturday 5 th March	7.30pm	Moydow	Michael and Ellen Fox (Anniversary)
Sunday 6 th March	11.00am	Ardagh	Do this in Memory of Me

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Mairead Farrell	Mary Lenehan
Ministers of the Word	Lena Keenan	Mary Lenehan

Bereavements:

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Marie Kelly (née Whitney) who died in Westchester, New York, last week. Our sincere sympathy to her brother Peter Whitney who resides in our parish of Ardagh. May she rest in peace.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th March at 8pm in the Parochial House.

Trocaire Boxes: Please take the Trocaire Box to your home and let's be generous as a parish community to the working of Trocaire for the people of Zimbabwe this Lent.

Temperance Sunday: Today on this Temperance Sunday we as a Christian community join in prayer for those who are affected by addiction to drugs and alcohol. We pray also for a change of heart among those who have the power and the resources to tackle this problem so that they will treat it with the priority it deserves and requires. There are numerous community based groups working with people struggling with addiction and with their families who are also reporting a rise in the demand for their services. Worryingly, they are also reporting a rise in drug debt related intimidation that is spreading fear and desperation in every area of the country. Support for the work of such organisations is vital and pressure needs to be put on politicians to follow through on the Government's drug strategy and provide adequate funding for their work. The problem can only be tackled in each locality by those who know the issues on the ground and who are living and working in the community. One of the negative side effects of alcohol is that it could often act as a gateway drug to more harmful and addictive drugs. Drugs such as heroin and cannabis have been in circulation in Ireland since the 1980's but the common perception was, and is, they are limited to certain areas and large Urban areas and never caused much concern to most of the population. While those drugs are still a serious issue, they have both been surpassed by the widespread prevalence of cocaine. Known in the past as the 'rich man's crud' because of its use by wealthy professionals, it has flooded the country in recent years and is easily attained in remote rural areas and in urban areas. Ireland now has the third highest rate of cocaine use in Europe after Spain and the UK.

Ash Wednesday: Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and it's the beginning of Lent. Holy Mass will be celebrated in St. Brigid's Church at 10am, and the young people preparing for Confirmation will be present at this Mass for their Commitment/Ceremony of Light. Ashes will be blessed at this Mass and will be distributed after the final blessing in the same way as people come for Holy Communion. Mass will also be celebrated in St. Mary's Church Moydow at 7.30pm. The purpose of receiving the ashes on our forehead is a sign that we will commit ourselves to a particular task during the season of Lent, and whatever task we take on or give up that will be totally committed. Lent is a very private and personal journey for each one of us, and the Lord will see the sincerity of our hearts. Let's make this Lent a bit different this year, now that restrictions and lockdowns are in the past. The previous two Lents we were in lockdown so thank God this year we can come to the ceremonies in our churches.

First Confessions: First Confessions for our First Holy Communicants from both schools will take place on Wednesday 9th March at 7pm in St. Brigid's Church with their parents.

Ceremony of Confirmation: The ceremony of Confirmation will take place in St. Brigid's Church on Friday 11th March at 3 pm.

Day of Remembrance and Recognition: Friday 18th March is also a public holiday, and this day we will remember and recognise all our front line staff who worked tirelessly during the Covid 19 pandemic. We will also remember those who died with Covid. We will have a special Mass in St. Brigid's Church Ardagh at 12noon to mark this occasion.

Ballymahon Day Centre provides the opportunity to meet others socially, engage in activities and have a home cooked nutritious meal for older people. Transport to and from the centre can be arranged if required. The daily cost is €8, which includes morning snack, dinner and a different activity each day Monday to Friday. Activities include exercise, art, woodwork, social dancing, bingo, day trips, hotel breaks and many more. If you require any further information contact Breda on 0906438445 or 086 1097682. Looking forward to welcoming new members.

Other Important Dates for the Parish Calendar:

- Ash Wednesday: 2nd March. Blessing and distribution of Ashes at the 10am Mass in Ardagh and at the 7.30pm Mass in Moydow Church.
- St. Patrick's Day: 17th March. Vigil Mass in Moydow, Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm, and in Ardagh on the 17th at 11am.
- Palm Sunday: 10th of April. Holy Week begins.
- Easter Sunday: 17th April. A Dawn Mass will be at 6am in the village of Ardagh.
- Divine Mercy Sunday: 24th April.