



Ardagh and Moydow

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Webcam link: churchtv.ie/ardagh



Weekend Masses	Time	Church	Intentions
Saturday 26 th March	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 27 th March	11.00am	Ardagh	Patrick and Mary Farrell (Anniversary)
Saturday 2 nd April	7.30pm	Moydow	Pro Populo Mass
Sunday 3 rd April	11.00am	Ardagh	Bernie Bannon (1 st Anniversary) (Do this in Memory of Me Programme).

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Bohan	Anne Farrell
Ministers of the Word	Paul Comerford	Anne Farrell

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday!

We all have heard the story many times, the prodigal son, the forgiving father, the jealous brother. But there is another element to the story that I have never heard discussed. Where was the mother of the prodigal son? Did she have a role in this family drama? I have a pretty good idea where she was, or at least, of what she was doing. She was praying. I am certain that all the time that her son was gone, she was asking God to keep him safe, to touch his heart, to bring him home. And who is to say that it was not her prayers that reached him in some way and reminded the son of his father's house. The father had hopes, no doubt, that his son would do well, but he must have had some fears as well, else why would he have been looking for him, so that he saw him from afar, just as soon as he came within eyesight range. Whatever else he might be, a foolish son is, indeed, the grief of his mother. And so mothers pray. They pray a lot. They pray especially hard when their children are teenagers and taking steps into adulthood, and they never stop praying for their children, no matter how old they get.

Ardagh and Clonmacnois Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

This diocesan pilgrimage will take place this year from the 23rd to 27th 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 6th and Thursday 7th April.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:

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

Other Important Dates for the Parish Calendar:

- Palm Sunday: 10th of April. Holy Week begins.
- Reconciliation Evening: Tuesday 12th 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.

Ceremonies for Holy Week:

Reconciliation Service: Tuesday 12th April at 7pm in St. Brigid's Church, Ardagh.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper St. Brigid's Church, Ardagh at 7.30pm.

Good Friday: *Passion of Our Lord.* St. Brigid's Church at 3pm.
Stations of the Cross: St. Mary's Church, Moydow at 7.30pm.

Holy Saturday: Vigil Mass & blessing of Candle St Mary's Church, Moydow at 8pm.

Easter Sunday: Dawn Mass: Ardagh Village at 6am.

Easter Sunday: Mass Ardagh at 11am.

Easter Monday: Holy Mass at 12noon in St Brigid's Church, Ardagh

First Confessions:

The few children who were not able to make their First Confession a couple of weeks ago, will make it after Mass on Sunday 10th April.

Confirmation:

There were three pupils who were unable to make their Confirmation on the 11th March, will now make their Confirmation on Easter Sunday during the 11am Mass.

Pilgrimage to Medugorje:

Fr. Vinny is organising a pilgrimage to Medugorje from the 17th August for one week. The all in fare is €749 per person. If you would like to go on this pilgrimage please contact JWT at 01 2410800 or Fr Vinny at the Parochial House.

Trócaire (Ukraine) Appeal:

So far the special Trócaire Ukraine appeal has reached €2,520.00. If anyone wishes to donate further please use the provided envelopes in the church porches. Many thanks for your generosity.

Virtual Alzheimer Café:

The Longford branch of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, will hold their Monthly Virtual Alzheimer Café on Wednesday 30th March at 7.30pm. Guest speaker on the night is Paul Farrell, Family Carers Ireland and his topic is 'Family Carers Supports'. 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 learning's. For Further information you can contact Eileen on 085 8724475 or email longfordwestmeathvirtualcafe@alzheimer.ie The Alzheimer Society of Ireland National Helpline is open six days a week Monday to Friday 10am - 5pm and Saturday 10am- 4pm on 1800 341 341 or visit www.alzheimer.ie