



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses

| Date | Time | Church | Intentions |
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| Monday 1 st November | 7.30pm | Ardagh | Feast of all Saints |
| Tuesday 2 nd November | 10.00am | Ardagh | Feast of all Souls |
| Wednesday 3 rd November | 10.00am | Ardagh | Special Intention (followed by Holy Hour) |
| Thursday 4 th November | 7.30pm | Moydow | Holy Souls |
| Friday 5 th November | 7.30pm | Moydow | Holy Souls |

Weekend Masses

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| Saturday 30 th October | 7.30pm | Moydow | Special Intention |
| Sunday 31 st October | 11.00am | Ardagh | Seamus Farrell (Anniversary) Gerry Coady (Anniversary) |
| Saturday 6 th November | 2.00pm | Ardagh | Christening |
| | 7.30pm | Moydow | Holy Souls |
| Sunday 7 th November | 11.00am | Ardagh | Holy Souls |
| | 1.00pm | Ardagh | Christening |

People on duty next weekend:

| Ministry | Ardagh | Moydow |
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| Eucharistic Ministers | Carmel Farrell | Elaine McDermott |
| Ministers of the Word | Tom Bannon | Linda Dowler |

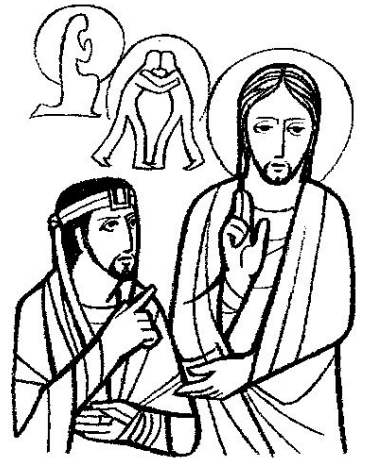
Remembering those who died:

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of: Tony Harrison, late of Moydow and Carlow, for Seamus Grant, late of Swords and Clones, our sympathy to his son Fultan in our Parish, for Eugene Barry late of Moyard, Co. Galway and sister of Sheila Keenan in our parish. Our sincere sympathy to their families and relatives. May they rest in peace.

Which is the greatest Commandment:

In the Bible we see that God is deeply concerned about the way we treat one another. Our vocation is to love. And, in spite of everything, we are moved by altruism. We are touched by the pain of other people. We feel enlarged by doing good, more so than by doing well materially or financially. Generosity brings its own rewards. Joy springs up within us when we do a good deed for another. But when we refuse to do a good deed for another, a strange sadness descends on us. Miamonides was a Jewish teacher who lived in Spain in the twelfth century. He outlined eight degrees or steps in what he called the ladder of charity.

1. The first and lowest step is to give, but with reluctance or regret.
2. The second is to give cheerfully, but not in proportion to the distress of the sufferers.
3. The third is to give cheerfully, but not until we are asked.
4. The fourth is to give cheerfully, but to put it into the poor person's hand, thereby exciting in him/her the painful emotion of shame.
5. The fifth is to give in such a way that the needy may receive the alms and know their benefactor, without the benefactor knowing them.
6. The sixth is to know the recipients of our charity, while remaining unknown to them.
7. The seventh is to bestow charity in such a way that the benefactor does not know the recipient, or the recipient the benefactor.
8. The eighth is to anticipate charity by preventing poverty. This can be done by giving a gift or a loan of money to enable him/her a trade, or by putting them in the way of business, so that they may earn an honest livelihood, and not be forced to the dreadful alternative.



November - Remembrance Month: For November there will be special envelopes and lists of the dead where you can write out all your deceased names and they will be remembered in our weekday Masses throughout November, you may wish to leave a stipend for the deceased in the envelope provided. Bereavement Ceremony will take place in St. Brigid's Church on Tuesday 9th November at 7.30pm for all who had bereavements in our parish during this past year or so. November prayers and blessing of graves will take place in Ardagh cemetery on Sunday the 21st November immediate after the 11am Mass. Prayers and blessing in Moydow cemetery will also take place on the same Sunday (21st Nov) at 2pm. You will be very welcome to attend these ceremonies and feel free to pass on this information to others who are outside the parish.

Trócaire's Special Appeal: *Trócaire's special appeal next weekend 6th and 7th November to support its work to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in East Africa. Across East Africa, families and livestock are dying of starvation, so it's not too late to help. Please give generously to this special appeal next weekend.*

Enrolment Ceremony: The Enrolment Ceremony for First Holy Communion will take place in our Parish Church of St. Brigid on Saturday 27th November at 6pm. All parents and children making their First Holy Communion in 2022 are asked to come to this special Enrolment Ceremony. A meeting of the First Holy Communion parents to organise the 'Do this in memory of me' programme will take place on Monday 8th November at 6.30pm in St. Brigid's Church. (A letter will go out from the schools this week to the parents). Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmation will take place on Sunday 21st November at the 11am Mass. All parents and children receiving Confirmation in 2022 are asked to come along to this special Enrolment Ceremony.

Recent Baptisms: Congratulations to baby Gary Patrick Corcoran and baby Eoghan Cathal Mc Cormack who were christened in our Parish this weekend. Wishing them and their families every good blessing in the future.

Mission Sunday: On behalf of Pope Francis, thank you for supporting World Mission Sunday. Your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people.