



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses (Online and parish radio only)

Date Time Church Intentions

Monday 5th April 12 noon Ardagh James Connaughton (32nd Anniversary)

Tuesday 6th April 10.00am Ardagh **No Mass**

Wednesday 7th April 10.00am Ardagh Thomas Kilduff (Anniversary)

Thursday 8th April 7.30pm Ardagh Special Intention

Friday 9th April 7.30pm Ardagh Maureen Macqueen (Memorial Mass)

Weekend Masses (Online and parish radio only)

Easter Sunday 4th April 11.00am Ardagh **Easter Sunday Mass**

Bridie Beirne (Anniversary)

John Kiernan (Anniversary)

Frank and Rita Brady (Anniversary)

Sunday 11th April 11.00am Ardagh Devine Mercy

Peter Lyons (Anniversary)

Angela O'Neill, Josie Maher and Ann Stapleton (A)

Sunday 18th April 11.00am Ardagh Lizzie Keegan (1st Anniversary)

Sunday 25th April 11.00am Ardagh No Intention

Parish Collections:

Offertory Collection €2,455.00

Building Fund €345.00

Lenten Alms €205.00

Easter Dues €855.00

Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Eileen Farrell from Cloughan, Moydow whose funeral took place in Moydow church last Sunday. Our sincere sympathy to her husband Dan, her family, relatives, neighbours and many friends. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Easter Sunday: Today we celebrate the high point of Easter. The Gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen is the first witness to the Resurrection, she is the first to bring this good news to others, the first preacher of the Resurrection. It was also the first day of the week, a new beginning, like the first warm day of spring. We can all recall situations in our lives that seemed so dark, where we felt there was no light at the end of the tunnel. But the Easter story shows us that transformation is possible. There comes a point during dark times that we realise something has changed, the stone has rolled away. Let the linen wrappings today represent all that keeps us from being free, all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually, in our broken relationships and struggling communities. As we continue to deal with the effects of the COVID-19 crisis, many people are longing for this situation to ease, to lift. The Easter Gospel shows us that even the most difficult of situations can bring a transformation. A question we can ask today, is where have we seen the Risen Christ during this crisis? In the frontline workers, in good neighbours and friends. Where are we being called to share Easter joy with others?

A prayer for us all this Easter Sunday:

Jesus you are with us. Keep us ever mindful
of how you are part of our lives in a deep and profound way.
Surprise us with a touch of your love in places
where we never thought that we would find you.

Covid-19: The announcement in the last few days on the restrictions in lockdown, the churches will remain closed to public ceremonies at least until May. All our ceremonies will continue to be online and the parish radio. Thanks for your understanding. We will be back soon again for the celebrations of our Holy Masses. I really look forward to seeing you all, have missed you enormously.

New Webcam in St Brigid's Church Ardagh: The new parish webcam is up and running in St Brigid's Church Ardagh. It can be viewed anywhere in the world where there is a WiFi or mobile data. When *eir* comes to install the broadband on April 6th, there will be a much better reception. The link you click onto is as follows www.churchtv.ie/ardagh Thanks to those who have contributed so far to the webcam. It's very much appreciated.

Government Guidelines on Funerals: On the 26th April the new government guidelines will allow 25 people to attend funeral ceremonies in the churches. Weddings still remain at 6 people. No christenings are allowed yet, hopefully in May.

First Holy Communion Ceremony: The First Holy Communion Ceremony scheduled for Saturday May 1st will have to be deferred to another date. When schools re open in April I shall discuss a suitable date for First Confession and the First Holy Communion. All of this is outside our control.

Sacrament of Confirmation: The Confirmation ceremonies will take place on Saturday 19th June, the first ceremony at 11.00am, and the second ceremony at 2.00pm.

Trócaire Boxes/Envelopes: Please bring back your Trócaire boxes or envelopes to the Parochial House as soon as possible. This year Trócaire are concentrating on the poor people of South Sudan. Please be generous in your response, as you have always been excellent here in the parish of Ardagh and Moydow.

A very Happy Easter: May I wish a very happy Easter to you and all your families. I extend that good wish to all who are abroad and can't be home for Easter once again. You will be all remembered in my Easter prayers and thoughts. May we continue to stay safe and healthy and keep the social distance at least until we weather the Covid-19 storm.