



# Ardagh and Moydow

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## Weekday Masses

| Date                           | Time    | Church | Intentions                         |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July    | 10.00am | Ardagh | Private Intention                  |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July   | 10.00am | Ardagh | Holy Souls                         |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July | 10.00am | Ardagh | St. Pio Mass followed by Holy Hour |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July  | 7.30pm  | Moydow | No Intention                       |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July    | 7.30pm  | Moydow | No Intention                       |

## Weekend Masses

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| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July | 7.30pm  | Moydow | Mass for the deceased of Moydow Cemetery |
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July   | 11.00am | Ardagh | Mass for the deceased of Ardagh Cemetery |

***(Both Masses will be celebrated in the churches)***

*(In line with Government guidelines there can be no public gatherings in the cemeteries this year)*

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|--------------------------------|---------|--------|------------------------------|
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July | 7.30pm  | Moydow | Pro Populo Mass              |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July   | 11.00am | Ardagh | Michael Keenan (Anniversary) |
|                                | 1.00pm  | Ardagh | Christening                  |

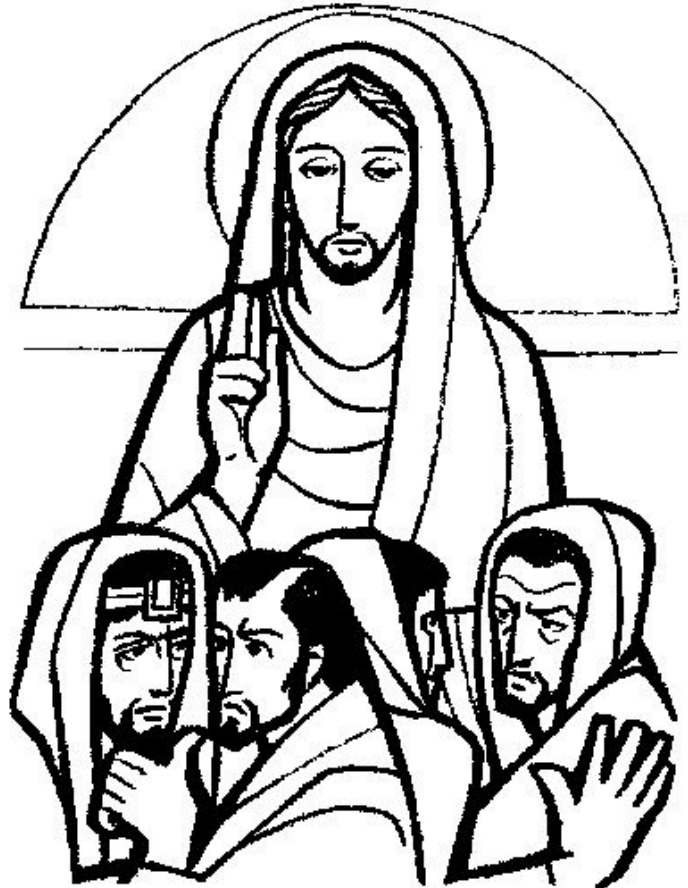
## People on duty next weekend:

| Ministry              | Ardagh          | Moydow           |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Eucharistic Ministers | Carmel Farrell  | Elaine McDermott |
| Ministers of the Word | Margaret Trautt | Tony Kemple      |

## The Deep End - This is the carpenter, surely!

Jesus went back to his native place, and to the people among whom he had grown up. It soon became clear to them that he had changed. Away from Nazareth he had found his true vocation and his gifts of teaching and healing had blossomed.

Often people have to go away from home in order to blossom. At home they may feel cramped, or stifled through lack of opportunity, challenge and recognition. When they come back home, people are not ready for this. They want to see the one who went away, come back as they left them. So Jesus was back, and wanted to share his gifts with his own people. But instead of being welcomed, he found people watching him, studying him and scrutinising him. As soon as he began to speak in the synagogue they could see he had a special gift, the gift of wisdom. Initially they were impressed even to the point of being amazed. Yet, instead of rejoicing at this, and opening themselves to what he had to offer, they



ask, “where did he get all this?” They figured that someone must have given it to him. ‘Where did he get all this’ is a question that many parents have asked on hearing a child of theirs come out with something that has made them wonder. It’s hurtful to be rejected by anyone and especially by one’s own people. Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith. He wanted to help them, but was unable to do so. He was saddened but not angry. We all have all experienced a little of this. We have wanted to help someone but our help was refused. We feel frustrated and helpless. When we meet rejection we are tempted to say that’s it I’m finished. Jesus did not react like this. He did what he could do in Nazareth, cured a few people and moved on with his gifts to where he was appreciated.

### Government Guidelines:

The government guidelines during the week, that Confirmations and Communions be deferred until further notice should not have any impact on our sacramental celebrations with Confirmation here on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August and First Holy Communion on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

However, we are still asked not to gather in car parks, shake hands or hug. Please observe the two metre distance and continue to wear masks in all our public areas. This Delta variant is very transmissible so we can’t let our guard down.

- Baptisms - 10 people
- Weddings - 50 people

- Funerals - 50 people.