



# *Ardagh and Moydow*

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## **Weekday Masses (Online and parish radio only)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Ardagh	Josephine Griffin
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Ardagh	Special Intention
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Ardagh	Special Intention
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	Ardagh	Mary Jo Keenan (Anniversary)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	Ardagh	<b>No Mass today</b>

## **Weekend Masses (Online and parish radio only)**

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	Ardagh	Devine Mercy Peter Lyons (Anniversary) Angela O'Neill, Josie Maher and Ann Stapleton (A)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	Ardagh	Lizzie Keegan (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	Ardagh	No Intention
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	11.00am	Ardagh	Antoinette, John Joe and Kathleen Lenehan also Elizabeth and Patrick McCormack (Anniversary).

## **Parish Collections:**

Offertory Collection	€1,945.00
Building Fund	€480.00
Lenten Alms	€85.00
Easter Dues	€1,745.00
Trócaire Collection	€1,100.00
Shrine Collection	€678.00

Many thanks for your ongoing collections to the Parish and other various collections. I sincerely appreciate your kindness and generosity at this time. Please bring your Trócaire boxes or envelopes to the Parochial House as soon as possible.

## **Rest in Peace:**

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Bernie Bannon, Barney, Ardagh, whose funeral Mass took place on Wednesday last. Our sincere sympathy to his wife Ann, daughter Sinead, his mother Mary Ann, his brothers/sisters and all his relatives. May he rest in peace. Amen.

## **Today's Gospel:**

Today, we sympathise with Thomas. He was echoing the human cry for certainty. However, here on earth there is no absolute certainty about God and spiritual realities. We have to be content with seeing a dim reflection in the mirror. We are not looking thru an open door, but peering thru a chink. This chink is big enough to let the light in, but not so big as to eliminate the wonder and the mystery. Too much light, or too little light and we are blind. There is enough light for those who want to see, and enough darkness for those of a contrary disposition.

To adopt Thomas's approach would be to condemn ourselves to living in a purely material world. But some of the most important ingredients of life can neither be seen nor touched. There is a layer of reality which eludes the senses but which is absolutely real. One of the greatest mistakes Thomas made was to cut himself off from the other disciples that is, from the community. In his doubt and grief he walked alone. It was only when he rejoined the community that he encountered the risen Jesus, and so found faith again.

To be a believer, or just a spiritual person, in today's world can be a lonely business. With the help of the community we are able to resolve our doubts and sustain our faith. Community is an essential part of the Christian witness.

## **Divine Mercy Sunday:**

St John Paul II began the cause for St Faustina's canonisation while he was still the Archbishop of Krakow in Poland. After he became Pope in 1978 he would beatify and canonise St Faustino, institute the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday in the church calendar, and see the incredible growth of the Divine Mercy movement across the world. So, in this year of St. Joseph, listen to these two Joseph's, these two spiritual fathers into whose care the Lord God entrusted his church for so long. As our public masses are cancelled here in Ireland, Divine Mercy Sunday can be still celebrated in the home, and it's plenary indulgence still received. Today, we focus on the Church's attention to the pardon won by Jesus and the forgiveness of sins from his open heart, the source of mercy.

May the opening prayer for this second Sunday of Easter recall God's mercy throughout the day and the entire Easter season. "God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose spirit they have been reborn, by whose blood they have been redeemed". Amen.

## **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. The link you click onto is as follows [www.churchtv.ie/ardagh](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.