



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 13 th December	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls
Tuesday 14 th December	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls
Wednesday 15 th December	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls and holy hour
	7.30pm	Ardagh	Reconciliation Service
Thursday 16 th December	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Friday 17 th December	7.30pm	Moydow	Teresa Farrell (Anniversary)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 11 th December	7.30pm	Moydow	Bridie and Peter Farrell (A)
Sunday 12 th December	11.00am	Ardagh	Aiden O'Halloran (Month's Mind)
Saturday 18 th December	7.30pm	Moydow	Andy and Teresa Rogers and deceased members of the Rogers and Parkinson families.
Sunday 19 th December	11.00am	Ardagh	Annie, Patrick and Peter Reynolds (Anniversary) Mel Bohan (Anniversary) Aidan Bannon (Anniversary) JP Farrell and deceased family members (A) (Do this in memory of me programme)

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Bohan	Louise Gordon
Ministers of the Word	Enda Coffey	Mary Lenehan

Parish Collections:

Offertory Collection:	€1,670.00
Building Fund:	€600.00
Dues:	€480.00

Many thanks for your generosity to the parish collections and priests dues. If you have not received your new box of envelopes for 2022, please contact me and I will arrange your box of envelopes.

Baptism:

Congratulations to baby Archie Conor Ward who was christened last Sunday in St. Mary's Church, Moydow. Every good blessing to Archie and his family.

Gaudete Sunday – Joy:

What is joy? How is it different from happiness? Happiness is what we feel when everything is going well and smooth. Happiness is more dependent on our outward situations, our health, fortune, work etc. But joy is being at peace with whatever situation we may face, whether it is a happy or sad situation. It is that assurance that though everything does not always go right, life still makes sense. A person who might be suffering from a chronic illness may understandably not feel happy, but he/she can still remain joyful because of the love and care of those people around him/her or because of his/her faith and trust in God. If the true spirit of Advent does not transform us to be better, if it does not bring us forgiveness and healing to our hurts and pains or even consider forgiveness as an option to improve our relationships, then there is no point to rejoice this Sunday. Doctrines and Faith only become significant when they touch and affect the way we live our lives and relate with one another.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve Day Mass:	Moydow Church 12noon (This will be a special Mass to encourage our senior citizens of the parish to attend)
Christmas Eve (Vigil Masses)	Moydow Church at 7pm Ardagh Church at 9pm
Christmas Day:	Ardagh Church at 11am
Sunday (St. Stephen's Day)	Ardagh Church - Parish Mass at 11am

Christmas Carols for our Parish of Ardagh and Moydow:

Due to the COVID variant, I thought it was wise to defer the Christmas Carols to Easter out of precaution for all concerned. It was going to be a lovely evening just before the Christmas, but we can look forward to this event taking place around the Easter period all going well.

Do This In Memory of Me Programme:

This programme continues for our children making their First Holy Communion on 30th April 2022. The following dates of this programme are as follows: Sunday 19th December, Sunday 9th and 23rd January, Sunday 6th and 20th February, Sunday 6th and 20th March, and finally Sunday 3rd April.

Rest in peace:

We continue to pray for the happy repose of the soul of Benny Baxter whose funeral Mass took place in Ardagh during the week. Sincere sympathy to all the members of his family in our parish. May he rest in peace. We also pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Joe Ward of Legan who died suddenly during the week. Sincere sympathy to all his family and relatives. May he rest in peace.

Restrictions – COVID 19:

We must be careful when we are mixing with people. Let us remind ourselves to take extra care in hygiene, washing of hands, using the sanitizer, no handshakes, wearing our masks (above our nose), keeping our social distance. Remember if you have a cough or a cold do not come to the church unless you use the antigen test. If we all take responsibility in this area we can all reduce the viruses and common colds this winter.

Thank you!!!

Many thanks to the Moydow and Keel water group for donating €500.00 to the parish funds, €500.00 to the Moydow Community Centre, and €250.00 to the Moydow Tidy Towns. Sincere thanks for their generosity, it is very much appreciated.