



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 18 th October	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls
Tuesday 19 th October	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls
Wednesday 20 th October	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls (followed by Holy Hour)
Thursday 21 st October	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Friday 22 nd October	7.30pm	Moydow	Kathleen Coupland (née Doyle), Month's Mind

Weekend Masses

Saturday 16 th October	7.30pm	Moydow	Mike and Phil Leonard (A)
Sunday 17 th October	11.00am	Ardagh	Pro Populo Mass
Saturday 23 rd October	1.00pm	Ardagh	Wedding
	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 24 th October	11.00am	Ardagh	Ignatius McLoughlin (A)
	1.30pm	Wedding	St. Mel's Cathedral

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Antoinette Beirne	Marie McLoughlin
Ministers of the Word	Beirne Whyte	Tony Kemple

Baptism: Congratulations to baby Seamus Farrell who was christened in St. Brigid's Church in Ardagh on Saturday. Every good blessing to baby Seamus, parents, grandparents and godparents in the future.

Parish Sacraments: Very soon, I will give the dates and times for the various Parish Sacraments and ceremonies that will be associated with our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes for 2021/2022.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: A meeting will take place on Thursday 21st October in the Community Centre in Moydow at 8pm. All are asked to attend this meeting.

Diocesan Assembly: The Diocesan Assembly will be going ahead in the diocese next May. There will be a Zoom meeting on this coming Wednesday evening for the two delegates and myself at the Parochial House commencing at 7.30pm. The two delegates from our parish are Mary Henry and Catherine Mc Dermott.

Points to ponder on today's Scripture: Each of us needs to know that we have a certain amount of power and status. Power gives us some control in our lives. We also have a natural desire for the people in our lives who to love us, care for us, and admire us. However, we get in trouble when our desire for power, love or status begin to control us. Jesus wants us to use our energy to serve those in need, rather than striving for first place, for acclaim or power. Each day in our World numerous people jockey for power, esteem and position. The need is so inherent in us human beings that often we do not recognise the subtle ways we strive for them. I wonder if our need to serve others is as natural to us as our need and desire for recognition and power. Today, take a few moments to ask yourself, how deep is my need to serve others? Which comes first in my life? Jesus's primary desire is that we quietly and simply love and serve the individuals in our lives as he did. If we do this well, we will receive the acclaim we desire from Jesus. Can we be satisfied with this? I pray we can.

Mission Sunday - October 24th: This year, World Mission Sunday will take place the weekend of October 24th. Its message "We cannot remain silent", we cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard. The world is in urgent need of missionaries, those who can offer a prophetic voice and remind us that everything we've received from God is meant to be shared freely with others. In many of our poorer parishes in Africa, Asia and Latin America, it is missionaries who are providing this prophetic voice. However, they desperately need our help if they are to continue to serve our marginalised sisters and brothers. From them, we cannot remain silent. Worryingly, World Mission Sunday faces extraordinary pressure because of the unrelenting pandemic. Yet again, restrictions may mean less parishioners attending Mass on WMS, resulting in less offerings in the basket.

With that said, we are fully aware of the financial struggles parishes across Ireland have faced over the past 19 months. However, missionaries only treasure, to share with others, is their witness. Missionaries are only carriers of hope and peace. As Christ's followers, missionaries passionately believe in total worth of every person, and that the world can be transformed by the powerful message of the Good News. We owe them so much and on World Mission Sunday we have an opportunity to show our gratitude. There is a special envelope in your parish box of envelopes for Mission Sunday appeal. There are also loose envelopes in the porches of our two churches which read "Missa" and please feel free to bring one home and place a generous offering in that envelope or from your parish box of envelopes. Fr. Michael P. O' Sullivan would like to say thanks to you on behalf of the missionaries, women, men and children whose lives you help to transform through your continued support of World Mission Sunday. Fr. Michael extends his sincere gratitude.

Easing of Restrictions-October 22: Easing of restrictions may happen or may be deferred to a later date. However, if they are eased, we will still exercise caution in our parish and Diocese. The following measures will still remain in our churches. 1. No handshakes .2. No holy water in fonts. 3. No sympathising at funeral ceremonies in the church. 4. No sign of peace. 5. Holy Communion in the hand only. 6. The encouragement of wearing masks. 7. Keep the social distance. There will be special designated areas (left and right cross sections) for vulnerable people. 8. Do not come to ceremonies if you have cold or flu symptoms. During the winter season it can be cold in the churches but ventilation is very important rather than too much heat where the virus breeds, so wrap up well during the winter months, the heat will be on for all ceremonies but I'm just saying that it's important to have good ventilation in our buildings. Thanks for your co-operation.

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 at 2.00pm. You will be very welcome to attend these ceremonies and feel free to pass on this information to others who are outside the parish.

Parish Finances/Loan: Last weekend, I gave the summary on the parish finances and loan for the parish. As I said at the weekend, if anyone wishes to make a once off donation to the parish loan feel very welcome to do so. The loan balance is €218,747.00 and from next month €2,175.00 will be paid each month till the loan is cleared. Many thanks and as always I sincerely appreciate your generosity.

The parish account is as follows. IBAN IE14 AIB 9321 4000 0090 97: BIC AIBKIE2D.

New Mobile number: Please note Fr Vinny has a new mobile number it is 087 4070775