



# *Ardagh and Moydow*

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## **Weekday Masses**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am	Ardagh	No Intention
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm	Ardagh	Cecella Deidrich (Special Intention)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls followed by Holy Hour
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	7.30pm	Moydow	Holy Souls
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention

## **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm	Moydow	Fr. Vinny's Intentions
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00am	Ardagh	Tommy Finnegan and deceased family members James and Julia Lennon (Anniversary)
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	1.00pm	Ardagh	Christening
	7.30pm	Moydow	Owen McDermott (Anniversary)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00am	Ardagh	Mary Whitney (Month's Mind)

## **People on duty next weekend:**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Ardagh</b>	<b>Moydow</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mairead Farrell	Mary Lenehan
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Eilish Comerford	Geraldine Cunnion

## **Baptism:**

Congratulations to baby Hailey Riggs and baby Hugo Pio McElhnnney who were christened recently in St. Brigid's Church, Ardagh. We wish them and their families every good blessing in the future.

**He had compassion on them:**

Professionals often come across as keeping their distance. Counsellors and therapists are told that in dealing with their clients they must at all times control their emotions. They must maintain a certain distance and detachment. On the other side of the coin, the most successful psychotherapists are those who are able to show warmth and empathy. Therapy works best when the therapist is affected by the plight of the patient and is not afraid to let the patient see this. Jesus was no detached healer. He showed care and compassion for those who suffered. And he was not afraid to let the sufferers know that he cared about them. There is a fine example of this in today's gospel. On stepping ashore, he was met by a large crowd. But he did not see them as a crowd, but as a collection of individuals, each with problems and worries. He had compassion on them, precisely because they were wounded and in need. Caring is essentially a matter of the heart. One actually is less exhausted by a total involvement of self than by an attempt to barricade oneself behind defences, provided one knows how to replenish one's reserves. Those who give themselves, somehow recharge themselves at the same time.

**First Friday calls for the month of August:**

Fr. Vinny will do his sick calls of the parish on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Please let me know if there is someone who would like to avail of the First Friday calls and I can add them to my list. Thanks.

**Moydow Cemetery Committee:**

Due to Government guidelines there will be no official Cemetery Sunday in Moydow this year. Last Saturday Fr. Vinny blessed the graves in both cemeteries. The committee would like to thank him for this and for the two beautiful Masses he celebrated in Moydow and Ardagh last weekend. The committee of Moydow cemetery are also grateful for the financial support towards the upkeep of Moydow cemetery. If you would like to give a donation this year to the ongoing upkeep of the cemetery please contact Anne Farrell (087 6325578) or Claire Mc Dermott (086 3737243). Many thanks.

**July is Reek Month – Pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick:**

The annual Reek Sunday Pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick will be going ahead this year in a much extended format from Thursday 1st to Saturday 31st July. The Masses (Wednesday - Saturday) will be limited to the numbers permitted for outdoor gatherings at that particular time, which apply to 200 people. Details on [www.westportparish.ie](http://www.westportparish.ie) and on signage in the carpark at the start of the ascent. Pilgrims are asked to plan their trip to Croagh Patrick as early as possible and keep in mind that mid-week is traditionally a quieter time to climb.

**Sunday weddings in Church:**

In our diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois we would like to help accommodate those who had to postpone their wedding because of the Pandemic, we are now allowed to have Sunday Weddings up to 31st December 2022. These marriages take place with the same guidelines as at present.

**Keeping our Churches Tidy:**

Please keep our two parish churches tidy when coming to ceremonies. Please do not leave any masks, tissues, chewing gum or empty water bottles at any time in the churches especially in this COVID time. There are bins in the porches as you exit the churches. Toilets will remain closed till further notice due to the Covid and Delta strain.