



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 20 th December	10.00am	Ardagh	Nancy and Alfie Crilly, Margaret Keenan and deceased family members
Tuesday 21 st December	10.00am 4.00pm	Ardagh Moydow	Special Intention Christening
Wednesday 22 nd December	10.00am	Ardagh	No Intention, followed by holy hour
Thursday 23 rd December	7.30pm	Moydow	Special Intention
Christmas Eve - Friday	12noon 7.00pm 9.00pm	Moydow Moydow Ardagh	Special Christmas Mass for our senior citizens Christmas Vigil Mass Christmas Vigil Mass Brigid Catherine Gordon (Memorial)

Weekend Masses

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)

Christmas Day - Saturday 11.00am Ardagh Deceased members of Ardagh/Moydow GAA

St Stephen's Day - Sunday 11.00am Ardagh Michael Gillen (Anniversary)

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann Farrell	Eithne Farrell
Ministers of the Word	Colm Bannon	Lynda Dowler

Rest in peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Joe Ward who was laid to rest last week. Sympathy to his family and his relatives in Ardagh parish. May he rest eternally.

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Christmas is a time of opportunity. It creates a climate which encourages us to reveal our better natures. Just as the spring assures the growth of crops, so Christmas assures the growth of love. It is not possible for us, to be charitable and compassionate all year round. Let us, therefore, make the most of Christmas. Christmas was born out of love, and carries on out of love. How bleak the world would be if there was no Christmas. There is nothing else with the power to move the human heart to its utmost capability. We must not take it for granted. Christmas is a feast of the heart. It reveals to us what the heart of God is like. In the Gospel we have the story of Mary's visitation of her cousin, Elizabeth. During that visitation Elizabeth spoke those lovely words to her. "Blessed is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled". Christmas makes it possible for us to enter into an intimate relationship with God. Christmas also calls us to open our hearts to one another, even more so in this pandemic, when we do this we are opening our hearts to one another and opening ourselves to receive the great joy announced to the shepherds by the angel.



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

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 9th and 23rd January, Sunday 6th and 20th February, Sunday 6th and 20th March, and finally Sunday 3rd April.

St Mel's National School, Ardagh:

Annual admission notice in respect of admissions to St. Mel's National, Ardagh for the 2022/23 school year. Application forms are available from the school office from Monday 10th January 2022 for a period of 3 weeks. Please contact the school directly on 043 66 752689 or email stmelsns@gmail.com.

A Blessing Prayer by the Family Crib:

God of all people, from the very beginning of creation you have shown us your love:

when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.

To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless our family and all who will look upon this crib in the coming days; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and lift our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us, our Emmanuel and the Saviour of all.



Amen.