



Ardagh and Moydow

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Sunday 20th February 2022

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Weekday Masses

Weekend Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 21 st February	10.00am	Ardagh	No Mass
Tuesday 22 nd February	10.00am	Ardagh	No Mass
Wednesday 23 rd February	10.00am	Ardagh	No Mass
Thursday 24 th February	7.30pm	Moydow	No Mass
Friday 25 th February	7.30pm	Moydow	No Mass

Weekend Masses

Saturday 19 th February	7.30pm	Moydow	Pro Populo Mass
Sunday 20 th February	11.00am	Ardagh	Colm McElvaney (Anniversary)
Saturday 26 th February	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 27 th February	11.00am	Ardagh	Brendan Hayes (21 st Anniversary) Bill Mangan (Anniversary)

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Farrell	Louise Gordon
Ministers of the Word	Micheal Nash	Geraldine Cunnion

Bereavements: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Bernard Clyne late of Moydow who was laid to rest on Tuesday last, may he rest in peace. Moira McPhillips late of Scotstown Co. Monaghan whose funeral took place there last Friday. Moira was mother to Paddy McPhillips who resides in Ardagh parish. Also Michael Farrell, Killashee whose funeral took place on Friday. Michael was father to Teresa Fox, Moydow. Sincere sympathy to their families at this time. May they rest eternally.

Baptisms: Congratulations to baby Doireann Toher who was christened in St. Brigid's Church last Saturday. Wishing Doireann, her parents, family, godparents and grandparents every good blessing in the future.

First Thursday/ Friday calls for the month of March: Fr. Vinny will do his sick calls on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th March.

Thoughts on today's Readings. We can learn a lot from Ryanair. The minimum of luggage. Forgiveness means the excess baggage overboard. It can be such a relief when we let go. Just think of examples of hurts or injustices done to us. The more we hang onto them, the greater they become. Did Jesus really mean it when he said, 'Love your enemies' and 'forgive seventy times seven'. He not only meant it, but he carried it out in his own life and especially on the cross. This example of supreme forgiveness is at the heart of Jesus own life and death. This is the reason why we need to be forgiving to each other. We need to let go of anger, resentment, revenge and grudges. Because God forgives us, Jesus has taken our sins and failings on himself, so that we can be reconciled to God and one another. It is in forgiving others that we are forgiven by God. By embracing mercy and forgiveness, we can in fact embrace peace, joy, gratitude and well-being. By letting go of the hurt, resentment and nasty thoughts of revenge can we make space for compassion, understanding and peace of mind. Resentment and harbouring grudges can eat into the very core of our being. It colours how we live and can remove the joys of life. As we saw in the scriptures last week, we have no eyes for goodness when it comes our way. It is not a question of forgetting the hurt done to us but dealing with it, letting go, getting rid of the baggage that holds us down. God presses his delete button, we need to do the same.

Trocaire 2022. Archbishop Alex has sent a letter to Trocaire this year and for Lent 2022, to appeal for your generosity through the Trocaire boxes. He says "In the spirit of faith and humanity, today I appeal to you, please open your hearts as much as possible to the people of Zimbabwe this Lent". We are serving in my Archdiocese of the southern and south western corner of Zimbabwe, the people are very poor. Water is scarce, there is drought and food shortage. Animals are dying for lack of water. The pandemic has brought more poverty and hardship. Our children have lost almost two years, not going to school. For families like Thandekiles on your Lenten boxes this year, who have lost a husband and father during covid, they are suffering. Please pray for us. Ask your parishes to give this Lent. Keep this partnership with Trocaire alive, as Catholics in communion with Zimbabwe. Archbishop says we have nothing to give you back only our prayers and our gratefulness. Thank you Ireland for the help you are giving us these last years and for your good gesture. May God bless you and all your parishioners always. **Archbishop Alex Thomas Kilayaniil.**

The Annual Trocaire Boxes are available in the Church Porches this weekend. Please take one home with you.

Virtual Alzheimer Cafe will hold their monthly meeting next Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30pm. Guest speaker is John Kerrigan from Age Action and topic is "care and repair and other services". For further information contact Eileen at 085 8724475.

Do This In Memory of Me Programme: This programme in preparation for the young people and their parents preparing for First Holy Communion in the parish continues with the following dates: Sunday 6th and 20th March, and finally Sunday 3rd April. We encourage all parents and their children to come to these Masses in their final preparation for First Eucharist on Saturday 30th April.

Sacramental Dates for our Parish:

- First Confessions: Wednesday 9th March at 7pm, St. Brigid's Church.
- First Holy Communion: Saturday 30th April at 11am. St. Brigid's Church.
- Ceremony of Light/Commitment: Wednesday 23rd February at 10am, St. Brigid's Church Ardagh.
- Ceremony of Confirmation: Friday 11th March at 3pm. St. Brigid's Church. Ardagh.

Other Important Dates for the Parish Calendar:

- Ash Wednesday: 2nd March. *Blessing and distribution of Ashes* at the 10am Mass in Ardagh and at the 7.30pm Mass in Moydow Church.
- *St. Patrick's Day*: 17th March. Vigil Mass in Moydow, Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm, and in Ardagh on the 17th at 11am.
- *Palm Sunday*: 10th of April. Holy Week begins.
- *Easter Sunday*: 17th April. A Dawn Mass will be at 6am in the village of Ardagh.
- Divine Mercy Sunday: 24th April.