



# *Ardagh and Moydow*

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*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021*



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## **Weekday Masses**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	10.00am	Ardagh	No Mass
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	Ardagh	No Mass
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	Ardagh	No intention (followed by Holy Hour)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm	Moydow	Alanna McDermott (Anniversary)

## **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	11.00am	Ardagh	Michael Tobin (Anniversary) Bernard Bannon (Memorial) John Joe and Rose Murray (Anniversary)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	11.00am	Ardagh	Catherine Gordon (Memorial)

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

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Ardagh</b>	<b>Moydow</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Marie Flood	Mary Carey
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Ann Keegan	Anne Farrell

## **Parish Collections:**

Offertory collection:	€1,785.00
Building fund:	€300.00
Harvest dues:	€490.00

***Many thanks for your generosity to the parish funds and priest's dues.***

**First Friday Calls for September:** Fr Vinny will do his first Friday calls for the month of September on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel:** In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. We can identify with Pope Francis who says, ‘Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others’. This teaching is difficult, complained by his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance? ‘Lord to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life’. In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held onto your faith, like Peter, you found a more hopeful message in Jesus than you could find anywhere else. How has the Gospel message been more attractive to you than any other? “The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life” Recall the words and phrases of Jesus that are words of life for you.

**Schools Re – Opening:** The schools of the parish and our secondary schools will soon be re-opening their doors to a new academic year. May I wish all our school staff and personnel along with our pupils/students, and parents every good blessing in the year ahead. I welcome the new pupils to the schools and new members of staff. As the delta variant is still with us, we must still be vigilant and be careful in not getting the disease.

**The new Astra Turf:** We are delighted to have the new Astra turf completed at St. Mel’s Primary School in Ardagh. This is a beautiful job and sincere thanks to all who were involved in the process. The astra turf will be a great addition to the area of sports within the school grounds.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sincere condolences to Tom Henry on the recent death of his brother Padraic and all the members of the Henry family. May he rest in peace. Also for the repose of the soul of Josie Kelly, late of Mornine, sympathy to her family.

**The Intermediate Championship Final:** The 2020 Intermediate Championship Final will take place on this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 2pm in Pearse Park. Best wishes to Ardagh Moydow team from all of us in the parish.

**A Reflection for this Sunday:** When many of his disciples were leaving him, Jesus turned to the apostles and said, ‘Will you also leave me’? These words are addressed to us too. It’s not the Lord who leaves us, but we who may leave him. But why would we want to leave the Lord, who alone has the words of eternal life? We need to make our own Peter’s profession of faith. Every Sunday we get a chance to do so. We need the Lord to strengthen our faith. We also need to confirm one another. Lord, confirm our decision to stay with you. Draw us closer to you in bonds of trust, so that we may follow you in love and freedom.

**Virtual Alzheimer Café:** The Longford branch of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, will hold their Monthly Virtual Alzheimer Café next Wed 25<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm. Guest speaker on the night is Dr. Niamh Moran and her topic is ‘Care for Carers’. The Café will then run on the last Wednesday of every month, with a different speaker and topic each month. The ASI Virtual Café will provide a safe, warm and welcoming space online for people with dementia, their family and friends, along with social and health care professionals to meet and exchange ideas and learnings. For Further info you can contact Eileen on 085 8724475 or email [longfordwestmeathvirtualcafe@alzheimier.ie](mailto:longfordwestmeathvirtualcafe@alzheimier.ie) The Alzheimer Society of Ireland National Helpline is open six days a week Monday to Friday 10am–5pm and Saturday 10am–4pm on 1800 341 341 and The Website is: [www.alzheimer.ie](http://www.alzheimer.ie)