



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 24 th May	10.00am	Ardagh	John Molihan (Anniversary)
Tuesday 25 th May	10.00am	Ardagh	Paddy Curran (Recently deceased)
Wednesday 26 th May	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls (followed by Exposition for 1 hour)
Thursday 27 th May	7.30pm	Moydow	Peter and John Orohoe
Friday 28 st May	7.30pm	Moydow	Mary Kate Dowd (Anniversary)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 22 nd May	7.30pm	Moydow	Pro Populo Mass
Sunday 23 rd May	11.00am	Ardagh	Michael Reilly (Anniversary) Dermot Noone (Anniversary) Ann and Tommy Farrell (Anniversary)
	1pm	Ardagh	Christening
Saturday 29 th May	7.30pm	Moydow	Josephine Madden (5 th Anniversary)
Sunday 30 th May	11.00am	Ardagh	Maureen Brewster (1 st Anniversary) Billy and Brigid Halligan (Anniversary) Neil Halligan (1 st Anniversary)

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Breda Farrell	Irene Yorke
Ministers of the Word	Patricia Kilduff	Linda Dowler Geraldine Cunnion

Parish Collections:

Offertory collection:	€3,042.00
Building fund:	€785.00
Pentecost Dues:	€855.00
Lenten Alms:	€30.00

Many thanks for your generosity to the various collections.

The Feast of Pentecost: In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. Speaking to his disciples before his arrest, Jesus is preparing them for the gift of the Spirit. He uses the word Advocate, meaning helper or comforter. Jesus says that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and resurrection, and the implications for his followers, all will be one learner in due course. "The Spirit will guide you", he says. The first reading today, we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, just as Jesus promised. The disciples are all gathered together when they have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, urging them out into the streets, proclaiming the Good News. The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues, as humanity, as a church, as individuals, the Spirit unveils God's message for our place and time. Our task is to listen, to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God.

Changes to the Parish Sacraments: The Government advice last weekend is that the First Holy Communion and Confirmations should not take place in the months of May and June. Having discussed this with the schools and in consultation with myself, we have as previously mentioned, the First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 11th September at 11am and 2pm. The new date for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday 28th August at 11am and 2pm. This decision is outside our control.

Booking of Weddings and Baptisms in the Parish of Ardagh and Moydow: Just a reminder that if you are planning your Baptism or Wedding, please contact me as soon as possible as dates in my calendar are filling up very quickly. Weddings are allowed to be celebrated on Sunday's in our Diocese for this year and next year only. Six months notice must be given to the church and three months to the State. At least three weeks notice for Baptisms. Many thanks.

Ceremony of Light/ Graduation Mass: The ceremony of light and graduation Mass will take place for the confirmation children only on Wednesday 9th June at 11.00am. No parents are allowed due to the restrictions of 50 in the church. However, you will be welcome to view the ceremony on our new webcam at churchtv.ie/ardagh.

Cemetery Masses: Government guidelines are that no gatherings take place outdoors at this time, and that includes our cemeteries. Therefore, like last year I'll be celebrating Holy Mass in the churches for all our deceased on Saturday 3rd July in Moydow church at 7.30pm, and in Ardagh church on Sunday 4th July at 11.00am. I'll be doing a private blessing of all the graves before the Masses take place.

Church Grounds Ardagh: I would appreciate that no children climb the trees on the church grounds or in the cemetery. It's very dangerous as kids can have accidents and we must be conscious of our health and safety at all times. The church grounds are private, and parking is reserved for those attending church ceremonies, the cemetery, staff members of the school and those who have asked me for permission to use the car park. Access to the Church and the Parochial House must be clear at all times especially when funerals or weddings are taking place during weekdays. Many thanks.

Shortage of newsletters: Since Christmas and during the lockdowns, the newsletters were not been used, and I had to cancel the normal Sunday order. As the newsletters are printed by the Redemptorists in advance, there will be a shortage for the next month or so due to the pandemic. However, I'll publish the newsletter on the church Facebook and also on the new parish website ardaghmoydowparish.com