



Ardagh and Moydow

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Weekday Masses (Online and parish radio only)

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 29 th March	10.00am	Ardagh	John and Jimmy McCormack and DFM
Tuesday 30 th March	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls
Wednesday 31 st March	10.00am	Ardagh	Fr. Vinny's intentions
Holy Thursday 1 st April	7.30pm	Ardagh	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Private intention)
Good Friday 2 nd April	3.00pm	Ardagh	Passion of our Lord
Good Friday 2 nd April	7.30pm	Ardagh	Stations of the Cross

Weekend Masses (Online and parish radio only)

Sunday 28 th March	11.00am	Ardagh	Palm Sunday Maureen Whyte (1 st Anniversary) Andrew, Mary, Ella and Bernie Kenny (Anniversary)
Holy Saturday 3 rd April	7.30pm	Ardagh	Easter Vigil and Blessing of the new Paschal candle
Easter Sunday 4 th April	11.00am	Ardagh	Easter Sunday Mass Bridie Beirne (Anniversary) John Kiernan (Anniversary)
Sunday 11 th April	11.00am	Ardagh	Devine Mercy Peter Lyons (Anniversary) Angela O'Neill, Josie Maher and Ann Stapleton (A)
Sunday 18 th April	11.00am	Ardagh	No Intention
Sunday 25 th April	11.00am	Ardagh	No Intention

Trócaire Boxes:

A reminder to bring back your Trócaire boxes or envelopes to the Parochial House during the Easter week or Holy week.

Happy Easter:

May I wish you all a very happy Easter and special remembrance to all our sick and the bereaved. Looking forward to you joining me for the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. Prayers and Easter wishes to you all. Thanks for your generosity to me and the parish. Fr. Vinny.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week:

The solemn procession with psalms is the traditional start of this, the first liturgy of Holy Week, the most solemn week in the Church's year. This week all over the world, Christians will be celebrating the great mystery of Christ's love for us all. Greater love no man has than he who lays down his life for his friends. This is the week Christ lived out the truth of these words. He took on himself our sins and the sins of the whole world.

The final act in the drama of Jesus has come. The Son of man must suffer many things. In his account of the Passion, Mark stresses the crude trial and shocking details of Jesus's suffering. He has Jesus die in total isolation, deserted by his disciples, taunted by his enemies, derided by those who hung with him, and worst of all, abandoned by God. The rending of the curtain of the temple signifies that the privilege of Israel has ended, henceforth access to the divine presence is open to all.

Holy Week is not a week to hide behind other people. We must accept responsibility for our own sins. If we acknowledge our sins we have nothing to fear, for Christ came to take them away. Then we can try to feel at least some responsibility for our sins of our neighbours and of the world. No man or woman is an island. Each of us is a part of the mainland of humanity.

Jesus didn't die to save us from suffering. He died to teach us how to suffer. Though the road of suffering is narrow and difficult, it is not the same since Christ travelled it. A bright light illuminates it. Those who link their sufferings to those of Christ become a source of blessings for the entire community, and will share Christ's Easter glory.

Holy Week Liturgies (Online and Parish Radio only).

- Palm Sunday: Sunday 28th March 11.00am Ardagh
- Holy Thursday: Thursday 1st April 7.30pm Ardagh Mass of our Lord's Supper
- Good Friday: Friday 2nd April 3.00pm Ardagh Passion of Our Lord
- Good Friday: Friday 2nd April 7.30pm Ardagh Stations of the Cross
- Holy Saturday: Saturday 3rd April 7.30pm Ardagh Easter Vigil and blessing of the new Paschal candle
- Easter Sunday: Sunday 4th April 11.00am Ardagh

Parish Sacraments:

The sacrament of Confirmation due to take place in the parish on the 17th April is now deferred to Saturday 19th June with the first ceremony at 11.30am and the second ceremony at 2.00pm. Regarding the First Holy Communion, I will, like everyone wait and see what the government announcements will be regarding the opening of our churches in the meantime, take care and be careful as this variant of the virus is very transmissible.

New Parish Webcam:

I will have a new parish webcam up and running in St Brigid's church for Holy Week and Easter. This will be temporary, as I'm waiting for a new connection from eir. The temporary webcam will be still through the Facebook page but will be better and clearer and better sound. Thanks to those who have donated so far to the webcam, I greatly appreciate it.