

Ardagh and Moydow Fr Vincent Connaughton 043 6675006 / 087 4070775 Sunday 28th November 2021



Webcam link: churchtv.ie/ardagh

Parish Web address: www.ardaghmoydowparish@gmail.com Email: ardaghmoydowparish@gmail.com

Weekday Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 29 th November	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls
Tuesday 30 th November	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls
Wednesday 1 st December	10.00am	Ardagh	No Mass today, Holy hour at 10am
Thursday 2 nd December	7.30pm	Moydow	Holy Souls
Friday 3 rd December	10.00am	Moydow	Holy Souls

Weekend Masses

Saturday 27 th November	7.30pm	Moydow	William and Betty Orohoe (A) Annie and Maureen Marlowe (A)
Sunday 28 th November	11.00am	Ardagh	Barney Joe, John P and James Bannon (A) James Carty and deceased family members
Saturday 4 th December	7.30pm	Moydow	Pro Populo Mass
Sunday 5 th December	11.00am	Ardagh	No Intention

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Catherine Hoysted	Anne Farrell
Ministers of the Word	Patricia Kilduff	Anne Farrell

Parish Collections:

Offertory Collection €2,965.00
Building Fund: €230.00
November Dues: €2,180.00
Mission Sunday: €100.00

Many thanks for your generosity to the parish funds and Priests dues. This is very much appreciated.

The Season of Advent:

Advent focuses our attention on the coming of Christ. We live between two comings of Christ. His first coming in humility and weakness at Bethlehem, and his second coming in majesty and power at the end of time. St. Paul says that with each passing year, our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. Let us reflect for a moment on how much we need the Lord's salvation in our lives and in the world. The purpose of Advent is to help us to prepare for Christmas. One can't understand the message of Christmas unless we are familiar with at least the broad outlines of the history of salvation. Advent takes us back in time so that we may appreciate the greatness of what we are heirs to. We are the heirs to the promises God made to the prophets. Advent helps us to appreciate the great blessings God has given to us in Christ. The first reading points to the first coming of Christ. The Gospel deals with the second coming of Christ. The early Christians believed that the second coming was near, and would be preceded by cosmic signs. The disciples are urged to await the Lord's coming with confidence, vigilance and prayer.

Christmas Masses:

Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve: 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 is preparation for the children and their parents who will receive their First Eucharist on the 30th April 2022. The Enrolment ceremony for all the children and parents took place on Saturday 27th November at 6.00pm in St. Brigid's Church. The following dates are the special 'Do this in memory of me' programme. Sunday 5th and 19th December, Sunday 9th and 23rd January, Sunday 6th and 20th February, Sunday 6th and 20th March and finally Sunday 3rd April.

Dates to remember:

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8th Dec): Vigil Mass in Moydow on Tuesday 7th December at 7.30pm.
- o Mass in Ardagh on Wednesday 8th December at 7.30pm.
- Parish Reconciliation Service: (Christmas Confessions) Wed 15th December at 7.30pm in St. Brigid's Church.
- Parish Christmas Carols with our local beautiful talent on Sunday 19th December at 6.30pm. A donation can be given when entering the performance to help with parish running costs and its debt.

Moydow Centre Committee:

We are hosting a welcoming get together with tea and refreshments after 7.30pm Mass on Saturday 4th December, we invite parishioners to come and join us. Looking forward to seeing you all. It will be a nice opportunity to see our newly refurbished centre and to have a cuppa and chat with neighbouring friends.

First Friday calls for December:

Fr Vinny will do his sick calls for the month of December next Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd December.

Box of Envelopes for 2022:

The new boxes of parish envelopes will be labelled this week and will be ready for distribution next weekend. The people who distribute them to the townland areas are asked to collect them in the Sacristy of Ardagh and Moydow church or at the sanctuary area of the churches. I appreciate the help of those who distribute the annual boxes to the homes. There are people who do not use their box of envelopes, I would be grateful if everyone in the parish contribute a certain amount to the parish funds. Once again, sincere thanks to all the people who are generous in using the parish envelope system. If you would please mark the amount on the outside of the envelope as this makes it easier when counting the money. Many thanks Fr. Vinny.