



Ardagh and Moydow

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Sunday 30th January 2022

Webcam link: churchtv.ie/ardagh



Weekday Masses

Weekend Masses

Date	Time	Church	Intentions
Monday 31 st January	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls. St. John Bosco
Tuesday 1 st February	10.00am	Ardagh	School Mass. St. Brigid's Day
Wednesday 2 nd February	10.00am	Ardagh	Candle Mass Day and Holy hour
Thursday 3 rd February	10.00am	Ardagh	Holy Souls. St. Blaize
	7.30pm	Moydow	Paddy Kerr (Anniversary)
Friday 4 th February	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention

Weekend Masses

Saturday 29 th January	7.30pm	Moydow	No Intention
Sunday 30 th January	11.00am	Ardagh	Mary Hayes (1 st Anniversary) Annie and Tom Byrne (Anniversary)
Saturday 5 th February	7.30pm	Moydow	Catherine Gordon (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 6 th February	11.00am	Ardagh	Sheila Connor (Anniversary) Lisa Cullen (Anniversary) Baby Alison Belton (Anniversary)

People on duty next weekend:

Ministry	Ardagh	Moydow
Eucharistic Ministers	Antoinette Beirne	Mary Donlon
Ministers of the Word	Margaret Trautt	Mary Lenehan

Parish Collections:

Offertory Collection:	€1,806.00
Building Fund:	€550.00
Christmas Dues:	€180.00

Many thanks for your generosity to the parish funds and the Priest's Dues. It is very much appreciated.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from 17th August for one week. The return flights from Dublin and the cost of the week pilgrimage with all included is €749. Early booking offer of €50 before the end of January if the fare is paid in full. The pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Vinny and Hubert McHugh. Please book your place with Joe Walsh Tours at 01 2410800.

Reflection: The story of Jesus first sermon gives us a chance to check our own motivation. Are we looking to Jesus to get personal favours? Or are we looking to Jesus because he is the fulfilment of God's plan? Are we participating in religious activities because we want to be served, or because we realise that Jesus calls us to serve? Are we in this for our own good and to meet our own needs, or to see the incredible good God does in many places and make ourselves available for God to meet the needs of others? Do we believe so unwaveringly in the grace of God, a grace we sing of as amazing, that we believe in it just as firmly for those on the outside as we do for those on the inside? Jesus didn't just come for the people of Nazareth, he didn't just come for those who were already on the inside track. Thanks be to God, Jesus came for the outsiders, too. If he hadn't, none of us would be here. Jesus was run out of town because some people in his hometown didn't want us, Gentiles, foreigners, outsiders to be recipients of God's grace. Yet, Jesus made room for us. When we put it that way, maybe we can make some room too.

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 February, 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.

Croagh Patrick Walk/Climb: As we recently watched Charlie Bird on the Late Late Show some weeks ago, his wish is to climb Croagh Patrick (the reek) on Saturday 2nd of April. I think it would be nice if those in our parish would walk Ardagh Mountain at the same date and time in solidarity with Charlie Bird and Vicky Phelan. It would be a nice gesture.

COVID 19: While restrictions are lifted in many places, it is still very important that we care for each other and maintain good practice in our churches. Therefore, hand sanitizing coming into Mass is very vital, no shaking of hands, wearing the masks is still obligatory, and please leave no newsletters or other items on the seats after Masses in both churches. We need to keep this virus at bay. Thanks.

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:

- Tuesday 1st February: *Feast of St. Brigid*: School Mass at 10am St. Brigid's Church and walk to the Holy Well.
- Wednesday 2nd February: *Feast of the Presentation*. Candle Mass Day.
- Thursday 3rd February: *Feast of St. Blaize*: Mass in Ardagh at 10am and Moydow at 7.30pm followed by the blessing of throats at both Masses.
- Monday 7th February: *Feast of St. Mel*, our Patron Saint of our Diocese.
- Friday 11th February: *Our Lady of Lourdes*. Mass of healing and Anointing at 10am in St. Brigid's Church, all are welcome to this special Mass.
- 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.

St. Loman's Annual Mass of Remembrance will be held next Sunday, 6th February 2022 at 10:30am in St. Paul's Church, Delvin Road, Mullingar, in memory of deceased patients and staff and people buried in St. Loman's Hospital Cemetery from 1907 to 1970. Mass will be livestreamed on www.mullingarparish.ie