



# Ardagh/Carrickerry



## St. Molua's Church Weekend Mass

Saturday 6.30pm

### Weekday

Mon 9.30am. Fri 6.30pm

Sacristan: Bernard 087 6235699

## Third Sunday of Advent 22nd December 2024

Parish email: ardaghcarrickerryoffice@gmail.com

Website: www.ardaghcarrickerryparish.com

Moderator: Canon Frank O' Dea 087 2443106,

Co Parish Priests: Fr. Raphael Okanumeh 087 9490083

Fr. Joe Cussen 087 7810960

## St. Mary's Church Weekend Mass

Sunday 10.30am

### Weekday

Tues & Thurs 9.30am

Sacristan: Mary 086 8408006

Priest on call this weekend: Rev. D. Mullane 087 2621911

### ADORATION OF THE LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday in Ardagh Church 10 –12 AM

Friday 5.30 –6.30 PM before 6.30pm Mass

Thursday in Carrickerry Church 9am to 9.30am

No Adoration from the 20th December to 6th January

## Upcoming Masses:

### ST MOLUA'S CHURCH, ARDAGH:

Sat 21st December	Vigil Fourth Sunday of Advent Nell & Frank Lenihan R.I.P. (Av) Margaret & Joseph McCarthy & sons Tom, John & Jeremiah R.I.P. (AV)	6.30pm 9.30am
Mon 23rd December	St. John Of Kanty (Memorial)	6.30pm
Tues 24th December	Christmas Eve	6.30pm
Fri 27th December	St. John Apostle (Feast Day) Mary & Jim O' Connor R.I.P. (Av)	6.30pm
Sat 28th December	Vigil The Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph ( Feast Day) John Joe Kenelly R.I.P. (Av)	6.30pm

### ST MARY'S CHURCH, CARRICKERRY:

Sun 22nd December	Fourth Sunday of Advent Thomas Ambrose & Parents Nora & Martin R.I.P. (Av) Noel Hennessy R.I.P. (First Av)	10.30am
Wed 25th December	Christmas Day	10.30am
Thurs 26th December	St. Stephan's Day (Feast Day)	10.30am
Sun 29th December	The Holy Family	

## Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel

- The greeting of Elizabeth to Mary 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb' is a joyful welcome of the child to come. Bringing new life into the world through pregnancy and birth is one of the most awesome human experiences. How have you experienced this for yourself or in someone close to you?
- The image of the pregnant Mary going a distance to visit her cousin is a symbol of her willingness to look beyond her own needs to the needs of another. When have you witnessed that kind of generosity in others, or have been able to act in this way yourself?
- Mary is praised for her faith, because she believed the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled. In this she is a model for us. In what ways have you experienced blessings from your faith and trust in God's promises? What are God's promises that mean the most to you?



### † St. Mary's Church: Sunday 29th December, 2024

**Reader:** Sister Margaret  
**Eucharistic Minister** Joan Copse  
**Altar Servers :** Gearóid O' Sullivan,  
Christina O'Donoghue.

### † St. Molua's Church: Saturday 28th December, 2024

**Reader:** Linda/ Katie Daly  
**Eucharistic Minister(s) :** Pat O' Mahony  
Marie Copse  
**Altar Servers:** Darragh O' Connor  
Joseph O' Donoghue

Thank you

Weekly Collection  
Weekend 15th December  
Offertory €983  
Sick /Retired clergy €112  
Diocesan Collection €145  
Thank You.

### Pastoral Unit Team

"We are grateful for and blessed by the ministry of a number of our priests at the various Liturgical celebrations in our Parish. There will be a few small procedural changes introduced gradually. This will make it easier for the priests of the Pastoral Unit if there is uniformity across the six Churches and we are all on the same page.

As from our Christmas Masses **there will an Offertory Procession at each Mass.**

Distribution of Holy Communion will only take place from the front of the Church from January onwards. Provision will still be made for those who are unable to come to the front of the Church for Holy Communion.

There may be a few other changes going forward. We'll keep you updated when these are to be introduced

The Irish Catholic Newspaper is available to purchase weekly for €3.00 in the Church in Ardagh and in the Church & shop in Carrickerry.

Mass cards are available before or after Mass in the Sacristy or from the Parish Office during the week please call or telephone with your request and we will contact you again once the card(s) is signed and ready for collection.

## Ardagh Community First Responders

**Telephone: 083 888 9963**

This group operates in the Ardagh, Coolcappa and Kilcolman areas.

Eircode Ardagh Church: V42 WN82

## Carrigkerry Community First Responders

**Telephone: 069 31031**

This group operates in the Carrigkerry area.

Eircode Carrigkerry Church: V94 E653

Please note that if you are in the proximity of a defibrillator when an incident occurs e.g. Cardiac Arrest, Heart Attack, Stroke, Choking or if somebody collapses call 999 and then call the First Responders as outlined above. The relevant phone number is displayed on posters in both churches. When you dial 999 the operator will ask you if there is a defibrillator near by and will ask you for the location code. The location code is on the front of the defibrillator box. The operator will then provide you with the code to open the box. The code is also known to the first responders and is available in the sacristy of both churches. On the advice of the defibrillator providers the code is not available to the general public due to fear of tampering.

### **Our Lady's Pastoral Unit – Baptism Schedule:-**

Please contact the Parish Office at 069-61816 to book a baptism.

Baptisms take place at the following times in the Pastoral Unit:

**Every Saturday– Newcastle West – 4.30pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday** of each month - **Monagea – 3.30pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of each month – **Ardagh – 3.30pm**

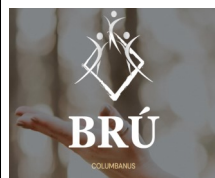
**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of each month- **Feohanagh – 3.30pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of each month – **Carrickerry – 3.30pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday** of each month – **Castlemahon – 3.30pm**

**Every Sunday – Newcastle West at 1pm**

If you wish to have your child baptised during one of the weekend masses *please contact the Parish Office at 069-61816*



**Milford Care Centre**  
(Under the auspices of the Little Company of Mary)

Road Hurling in Aid of Brú Colmbanus and Milford Hospice will be held on Friday the 27th of December At 11.00am from Noonan's Cross.

Brú Colmbanus offers a place to stay in cork while loved ones are undergoing serious surgery and treatment and many locals have had the experience of this refuge in their time of need.

Milford Hospice Offers a Fantastic Service providing much needed pain relief and palliative care for terminal diseases which is a blessing for those who need it most!

A Great Day of hurling and craic to be had!

All Donations greatly received!

Thank you!

A Huge thank you James O' Sullivan and Neilus Brouder from Con Brouder Joinery for the Beautiful Crib that has now been erected in Carrickerry

### **Ardagh/Carrickerry Newsletter for w/e December**

**27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>:-** due to the clash of the Christmas break with the normal office hours this coming week, the Ardagh/Carrickerry notes will be incorporated into the bulletin for the other parishes in **Our Lady's Pastoral Unit** for the w/e of December 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>. Copies of that bulletin will be available in the church porches.

**Christmas Eve Confessions:-** in Newcastle West Church on **Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am to 11.00am and 2pm to 3.30pm.**

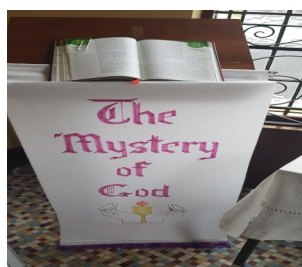
### Come and See Inspirations

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**Please note** we can now be listened to on Youtube by searching for *Come and See Inspirations*

**This Week: We share a last advent reflection.**

READINGS AND REFLECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN PORCH ARDAGH CHURCH ON A STAND MARKED WITH 'MYSTERY OF GOD' BANNER. A LOVELY WAY TO SPEND A FEW MINS READING UPLIFTING REFLECTIONS TO HELP US EACH DAY



## **Prayer for Christmas**

A Root shall come forth from the stock of Jesse and a flower shall rise out of his root! And the spirit of the lord shall rest upon him the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and of godliness. The people that walked in the darkness shall see a great light, for a child is born to us and a son is given to us. To him all power shall be given. His name shall be Wonderful one, Strong God, Eternal one, Prince of Peace. He shall sit on the throne of David and he will found a new covenant which will last forever and ever. Amen

We Wish all our Parishioners a Holy Peaceful and happy Christmas and hope Santa comes to all the boys and girls

### **Weekly Envelopes**

If there is anybody who hasn't been on the parish envelope system and would like to receive a box please contact the Parish Office at 069-61816.

### **Christmas Wreaths**

Wreaths for Graves and Door hangers

Available locally orders taken now Contact Moira O' Donovan Kilcolman 069 -76256 / 086 -2123560

Proceeds donated to charity.