



# Ardagh/Carrickerry



## The Baptism of the Lord 12nd January 2025

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### St. Molua's Church Weekend Mass

Saturday 6.30pm

### Weekday

Mon 9.30am. Fri 6.30pm

Sacristan: Bernard 087 6235699

### St. Mary's Church Weekend Mass

Sunday 10.30am

### Weekday

Tues & Thurs 9.30am

Sacristan: Mary 086 8408006

Priest on call this weekend: **Rev. R. Okanumeh 087 9490083**

### 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

### Upcoming Masses:

#### ST MOLUA'S CHURCH, ARDAGH:

<b>Sat 11th January</b>	<b>Vigil : The Baptism of the Lord</b> Pat "Joe" Flynn R.I.P. (Av) Paddy Duggan R.I.P. (Av) Joan Aherne (Months Mind)	<b>6.30pm</b>
Mon 13th January	St. Hillary (Memorial)	9.30am
Fri 17th January	St. Anthony (Memorial)	6.30pm
<b>Sat 18th January</b>	<b>Vigil 1st Week in Ordinary Time</b> Mary And Jim Guina R.I.P. (Av) Paddy Guina R.I.P. (Av) John & Bridget Duggan R.I.P. (Av)	<b>6.30pm</b>

#### ST MARY'S CHURCH, CARRICKERRY:

<b>Sun 12th January</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> John Michael Mc Sweeney (1st Av Mass) Donie & Ester Collins Mary O Connor (Months Mind)	<b>10.30am</b>
Tues 14th January		9:30am <del>10.30am</del>
Thurs 16th January	St. Fursa (Memorial)	9:30am <del>10.30am</del>
<b>Sun 19th January</b>	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rescheduled John & Eileen Aherne	10.30am

## Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel

- The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?
- The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.
- The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?
- This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in preparing you to be aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

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### † St. Mary's Church: Sunday 19th January, 2025

**Reader:** Sister Margaret

**Eucharistic Minister** Joan Copse

**Altar Servers :** Gearóid O' Sullivan,  
Christina O'Donoghue.

### † St. Molua's Church: Saturday 18th January 2025

**Reader:** Chuck Lee

**Eucharistic Minister(s) :** Noreen O Callaghan  
Nora Crowley

**Altar Servers:** Darragh O' Connor  
Joseph O' Donoghue

**Thank you**

### Weekly Collections

22nd & 29th December 2024

22/12/24 Offertory €424

29/12/24 Offertory €1687

Diocesan Needs €69

Thank You.

### Confirmation And Communion Dates

Confirmation Wednesday May 7th 2025

St Molua's Church Ardagh 10.00AM St Mary's Church Carrickerry 12.00 Noon

First Holy Communion Saturday the 10th May 2025

St Molua's Church Ardagh 11.00 Am

First Holy Communion Saturday the 17th May 2025

St Mary's Church Carrickerry 11.00 Am

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 – Carrigkerry – 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*

## The Baptism of the Lord 12 January 2025

Most of us who were baptised as infants cannot remember the moment of our baptism. Fortunately, we have an abundance of symbols and rituals to anchor us in our 'baptismal memory'. When we pass by the baptismal font in our Church we can 'remember' our baptism. Anytime we have the pleasure of being in the congregation at a baptism ceremony we can 'remember' our baptism. We can look at photographs or take out the family christening gown or baptismal candle to have a visual reminder of our initiation into the Christian faith. But most significantly whenever we turn to one of the Gospel passages that tell the story of Jesus' baptism we can 'remember' our baptism in an especially powerful way.

The simple act of entering a Catholic Church and blessing ourselves with water from the font at the entrance is a way of remembering our baptismal commitment And it makes even more sense to put water on our foreheads as we leave the Church and go out into the world – for there the battles are fought. This is a month in which many of us are feeling overwhelmed. In January, the holidays are over and the bills are looming. Some people are dealing with a variety of post-holiday emotions; others already feel that they have failed in their new year's resolutions. The message of Jesus' baptism and a reminder of our own is needed at a time such as this: 'Lord we are yours, help us to know it, To know it in the depth of our hearts and to act accordingly.'

## 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.

## The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.



May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

*Pope Francis*

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

### **This Week: Tune in to Find out more...**

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

