



Ardagh/Carrickerry



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 16th February 2025

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Frank Duhig, & Fr. Muiris O'Connor

Parish Office 069 76678

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. D. Casey 087- 2272791

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:

Sat 15th February Vigil : 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Do This in Memory Mass"
Peg Lane (Months Mind)
John Joe and Breda Collins R.I.P. (Av) 6.30pm
Tom & Bridie Geoghegan R.I.P. (Av) 9.30am
Connie and Margaret Breen R.I.P. (Av) 6.30pm
Fri 21st February Tom Moran (Months Mind)

Sat 22nd February Vigil 7th Week in Ordinary Time
Jim Enright R.I.P. (Av)
Paddy and Bessie Liston
& Sister Bess R.I.P (Av) 6.30pm

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CARRICKERRY:

Sun 16th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time
"Do This in Memory Mass"
Stephan & Mary O' Connor R.I.P. (Av) 10.30am
Moss Geoghegan R.I.P. (Av) 9.30am
Tues 18th February 9.30am
Thurs 20th February 9.30am

Sun 23rd February 7th Week in Ordinary Time
Kathleen Ahern R.I.P. (Av) 10.30am

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel

- We are told that Jesus 'fixed his eyes on the disciples' before speaking. It suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St. Augustine said: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'
- 'Blessed are you who weep' is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?
- Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, – and they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

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† St. Mary's Church: Sunday 23rd February, 2025

Reader: Margaret King

Eucharistic Minister Kathleen Hayes

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

† St. Molua's Church: Saturday 22nd February, 2025

Reader: Marie Neary

Eucharistic Minister(s) : Pat O' Mahony
Marie Copse

Altar Servers: Darragh O' Connor
Joseph O' Donoghue

Thank you

Weekly Collections
2nd & 9th February 2025
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Thank You.

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

1st Saturday of each month - **Monagea – 3.30pm**

2nd Saturday of each month – **Ardagh – 3.30pm**

2nd Saturday of each month- **Feohanagh – 3.30pm**

3rd Saturday of each month – **Carrigkerry – 3.30pm**

4th 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*

Bereavement Support Information

Bereavement Support Information Talk will take place in Milford Care Centre, V94 H795, Education Department on Tue 25th February 2025 from 7pm - 8.30pm.

The Bereavement Information Talk is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. Members of the Bereavement Service will be present to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement.

The Information Talk is Free. No booking required, Check in from **6.40pm**

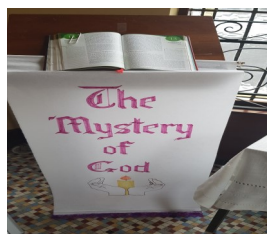
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This Week: This week we welcome Bishop Brendan Leahy who shares with us about his experience at the recent synod in Rome and other topics around the diocese

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



Bishop Leahy's New Year invite to people of Limerick to join in 'Jubilee of Hope' across 2025

Bishop Brendan Leahy has urged the people of Limerick to embrace Pope Francis' invitation to become "pilgrims of hope" throughout 2025, a Jubilee Year declared by the pontiff. Jubilee Years, which happen every 25 years, are typically associated with mercy and forgiveness.

The theme for Jubilee 2025 is 'Pilgrims of Hope', a theme seeking to encourage everyone to be messengers of hope and love on a planet fractured by war, famine and other crises.

People are invited across the world to embark on their own pilgrimages to key religious sites globally, nationally and locally to obtain a plenary indulgence during the year. At a national level, pilgrimages can be made to Knock, Lough Derg (Donegal) and Croagh Patrick, while here in Limerick, Bishop Leahy has designated St. John's Cathedral, the Kileedy Mass Rock and the Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Kilmallock as pilgrimage sites.

Points to Ponder

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Much of what drives us today is based on image. How we will appear to others can seem more important than reality. We see this with fake Instagram accounts, fake followers, fake articles, and overblown personal stories on social media, with the many filters on our phone cameras and the lengths we go to in order to get more followers. This way of living has seeped into our consciousness. The way of Christ is a different way in which we are asked to be humble and selfless, not in a rose-tinted capacity but in a real way, a way that can hurt us, away that in some capacity mirrors Jesus's walk to Calvary. Just like with our phone filters, it is very easy to sentimentalise Christianity. There is no evidence to suggest that Jesus was sentimental. His message went to the core of our being, and today in the beatitudes he is asking us for some of the humility that he has shown when he died for our sins.

We have been asked to reappraise where we are in our faith path. Where we go from here is anyone's guess. But with the Gospels as our signposts we have a wonderful opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus and live as though within the beatitudes. This may be a difficult thing to attain but it is also possible. Jesus, who is perfectly human as well as perfectly divine, proved this to us with his example. intercom@catholicbishops.ie