



# Ardagh/Carrickerry



## Second Sunday of Lent Sunday 16th March 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. F. Duhig 087-6380299

### ADORATION OF THE LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday in Ardagh Church 10 –12 AM

No Adoration this week the 17th March 2025

Friday 5.30 –6.30 PM before 6.30pm Mass

Thursday in Carrickerry Church 9am to 9.30am



### Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel

- What can we Learn from Saint Patrick today? To entrust ourselves. our Church, our country to God's protective care.
- To have full confidence in the Lord's healing presence and power. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness the world and all its peoples' Ps 23
- To give thanks for God's special care and call to each of us knowing that God took the initiative in our vocation and will sustain us day by day. To be devoted to reading the Gospels so that we take on the mind and heart of Christ Jesus and make decisions according to the mind of Christ.
- To be receptive to God's will in all our trials to trust him unreservedly. God uses this trials to shape our hearts and conform us to Christ Jesus. To be alert to all the opportunities we are given each day to proclaim the Gospel and to know that whatever good we do is through God's boundless grace.
- To believe in the importance of intercession for our people and all the people at this time.
- Towards the end of his Confession Patrick makes perfectly clear that he never had any reason beyond the Gospel and its promises ever to return to the people whom I had formerly barely escaped

### Upcoming Masses:

#### ST MOLUA'S CHURCH, ARDAGH

Sat 15th March	Vigil : 2nd Sunday of Lent	6.30pm
Mon 17th March	St. Patrick's Day	10.30 am
Fri 21st March	Jim & Breda Witherow R.I.P.( Av) O Connor And Cregan Families R.I.P (Av)	6.30pm
Sat 22nd March	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent	6.30pm

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

Sun 16th March	2nd Sunday of Lent	10.30am
Tues 18th March	St. Cyril (Memorial)	9.30am
Thurs 20th March		9.30am
Sun 23rd March	3rd Sunday of Lent	10.30am

### Carparking at Carrickerry Church

Could all Mass goers **Please** be mindful when parking their car for Mass as some local residents are being penned in during mass times which hinders their access.

### † St. Mary's Church: Sunday 23th March, 2025

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

### † St. Molua's Church: Saturday 21st March, 2025

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

Thank you



intercom Newsletter Resources—Veritas Publications

Weekly Collections  
9th March 2025  
Offerory €550  
Diocesan Needs €35  
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.

### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

Pope Francis tells us How:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worried and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

### Stations of the Cross:-

takes place every Thursday at 7pm during Lent in Newcastle West church. All are welcome.

**Thanks** to all, for the work carried out in Ardagh Church and grounds, it looks fantastic!

### Come and See Inspirations

Google 'Come and See Inspirations' for a locally produced podcast available on Facebook, YouTube, Spotify and more. Text 0874668850 email [comeandseeinspirations@gmail.com](mailto:comeandseeinspirations@gmail.com).

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

**This Week:** Michael Keating shares a reflection on St Patrick with us



### A prayer of mercy for refugees • Day of Prayer for Emigrants 17 March

Abba Father, our beloved Father,  
look down with mercy on us and all refugees.

Remember your son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
had to leave his homeland and flee to Egypt,  
when he was a baby, with his mother, Mary,  
and foster father, Joseph.

Help us to be aware of the fears, anxiety, pain, sorrow,  
difficulties and uncertainty all refugees suffer,  
and to remember that we all belong  
to the same human family.

Holy Spirit, please give us compassion and courage  
to help them in any way we can.  
Amen.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.  
St Joseph, pray for us.

**Pastoral Unit Team:** - invites you to participate in a five-week Lenten Study/Discussion. This will begin after

morning mass on five Tuesdays, beginning on March 11 th in Newcastle West at the Parish Centre. There will be a

cuppa and a chat and the presentation and discussion will begin at 10.45am until 11.45am which will be led by Fr.

David O'Connor. All parishioners of our Pastoral Unit are welcome.

**Pre-Easter Day of Reflection:-** Fr. Duhig is holding a Day of Reflection in preparation for Easter in the Community

Centre in Monagea on Saturday, April 12 th . Hopefully, this will help people to prepare spiritually for Holy Week.

The day will begin at 11.00am and end at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch and there will be a small charge of €10

to cover heating etc. To book your place contact Trish at the Parish Office in Newcastle West at 069-61816.

### Ardagh Carrigkerry Bereavement Group

**Ardagh :** Bernard Kennelly / Chuck Lee

**Carrigkerry:** Sr. Margaret O' Sullivan / Helena King / Kathleen Hayes / Marie Culhane / Margaret King