



# Ardagh/Carrickerry



## Fourth Sunday of Easter 11th May 2025

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### St. Molua's Church Weekend Mass

Sunday 10.30am

### Weekday

Mon 9.30am. Fri 6.30pm

### St. Mary's Church Weekend Mass

Saturday 6.30pm

### Weekday

Tues & Thurs 9.30am

Sacristan: Mary 086 8408006

Priest on call this weekend: Rev. D. Mullane 0872621911

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

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

Sun	11th May	Fourth Sunday of Easter Tom & Peg Conway R.I.P. (Av)	10.30am
Mon	12th May	St. Pancras (Memorial)	9.30am
Fri	16th May	St. Brendan (Memorial)	6.30pm
Sun	18th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter Jack Bett Enright R.I.P. (Av)	10.30am

### ST MARY'S CHURCH, CARRICKERRY:

Sat	10th May	Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter Pat Nally R.I.P. (Av) Michael & Nora and Son Michael Flaherty R.I.P. (Av) Nell Windle nee Flynn R.I.P. (Av)	6.30pm
Tues	13th May	Our Lady of Fatima	9.30am
Thurs	15th May	St. Carthage (Memorial)	9.30am
Sat	17th May	Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter Seán & Hannie, Margaret, Eileen O'Connor R.I.P. (AV) Flynn Family Glenatarr R.I.P. (Av) Christy Moore (Memorial Mass)	6.30pm

### † St. Molua's Church: Sunday May 18th, 2025

Reader: **Conor O' Donoghue**

Eucharistic Minister(s): **Pat O' Mahony  
Joan Copse**

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

### † St. Mary's Church: Saturday 17th May, 2025

Reader: **Margaret King**

Eucharistic Minister **Kathleen Hayes**

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

Thank you

## Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel

Sunday May 11th 2025

- To fully understand today's short Gospel (Jn.10.27-30) it's important to know how sheep were raised in olden times in the Middle East. They were raised mainly for the wool they produced and had therefore the prospect of a longer life span than sheep in Europe. The shepherd got to know his sheep roaming on the open terrain. So intimate was the relationship of shepherd and flock that they would recognise the voice of the shepherd calling them by name. Those who keep pet sheep know all about this. When Jesus claimed a similar relationship with those who believed in him, his listeners had experience of what he meant.
- The essence of the Christian life is to become attuned to Jesus' voice, gently drawing us towards becoming loving persons. We are aware that today there's the Evil one also tugging at our heart strings with a view to making us selfish. Self centred and less loving. Today's Gospel reading urges us to distinguish between these two discorded Voices—the more we choose to listen to the voice of our Shepherd, the gift of eternal life will never be stolen from us

*intercom Newsletter Resources—Veritas Publications*

Weekly Collections 4th May 2025  
 Offertory € 368      Diocesan Needs €67  
 Clerical Students €20      Limerick Youth Service €20  
 Emigrants Collection €20      Holy places €20  
 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.

### Sabbatical

Bishop Brendan recommends as priests we avail of sabbaticals. I am taking a short sabbatical this Autumn as I will be 75 years of age. I will begin on September 14th and I will be returning to my ministry here on the 15th of December. A Sabbatical is a time of prayer, a time of rest and renewal. I thank Bishop Brendan and especially the priests of our pastoral unit for facilitating the sabbatical.

God Bless, Fr. Joe Cussen.

**Invitation to Volunteers in Our Lady's Pastoral Unit:-** volunteers of Our Lady's Pastoral Unit are invited to a social evening (dinner and entertainment) on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 as an acknowledgement of our appreciation for your help and commitment. Please contact the Sacristans to collect your invitation card if you intend going.

### Mass Rotas

Mass Rotas are now available for collection for Mass readers and Eucharistic ministers in both Churches.

We hope all the children who made their **Confirmation** and **Holy Communion** this week had a lovely time and we wish all the children in Carrickerry who will be making their **Holy Communion** on Saturday the 17th the very best.

Could all parishioners who have not returned their Trocáire boxes and envelopes please do so as soon as possible to facilitate lodgement to charity. . Thanks.

### 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 are joined by Mother M Catherine, Prioress of Cobh Tyburn Convent in Co. Cork who shares here experience of monastic life in Ireland today

### Mary's Food Aid to Kenya

A group called Mary's food aid to Kenya was formed in our pastoral unit in June 2023, the aim is to provide food to those who are hungry.

Our contact in Kenya is a priest of the Kiltegan Fathers, Fr. Tom Laffan. Fr. Tom lives in the parish of Kokichoggin in the northern part of Kenya and is a native of Murroe/Boher Co. Limerick. All help will go directly to those in need. Where Fr. Tom lives many people suffer from hunger, when food is available many families cannot afford to buy it. Any donation is greatly appreciated and can be lodged at Desmond Credit Union Newcastle West and a receipt will be provided. The money is transferred directly to Fr. Tom and his team and there are no expenses involved.

We give an account during the year of the amount sent,

We transferred €2,500 this week to Fr. Tom Laffan.

Thanks for your ongoing support of 'Mary's Food Aid to Kenya



**MEN ON THE MOVE**

12<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY  
EVERY MON & WED  
8PM–9PM

ST KIERANS GAA CLUB  
ARDAGH V42XH94

€30 FOR 16 SESSIONS

*"I REALLY ENJOYED MEN ON THE MOVE. THE GROUP MOTIVATED ME TO GET OUT AN EXERCISE IN AN ENJOYABLE AND FUN WAY"*

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Ardagh Carrickerry Funeral Group  
Ardagh : Bernard Kennelly / Chuck Lee  
Carrickerry: Sr. Margaret O' Sullivan / Helena King / Kathleen Hayes / Marie Culhane / Margaret King