

**Our Lady's Pastoral Unit - (Ardagh/Carrickerry, Mahoonagh,
Monagea and Newcastle West)**

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 10th & 11th 2025

Masses for the coming week:

	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	12.00	6.00	6.30	7.30
Mon 12th		ARD	NCW						MG
Tues 13th	CM	CK	NCW						
Wed 14th		MG	NCW						
Thurs 15th	FH		NCW						
Fri 16th	CM							ARD	NCW
Sat 17th			NCW				NCW	CK	CM
Sun 18th	NCW		MG	ARD	FH	NCW			

Ardagh (ARD) Carrickerry (CK)

Castlemahon (CM) Feohanagh (FH) Monagea (MG) Newcastle West (NCW)

Mass Intentions

Newcastle West Monday 10.00am For the people of the Pastoral Unit Tuesday 10.00am Mary & Emma O'Doherty Friday 7.30pm Pat Massey (Month's Mind) Saturday 10.00am Patrick, Annie, Bridie & Connie McAuliffe 6pm Jerome & Nora Histon/Marie Anderson Sunday 9am Mary O'Flaherty 12noon John & Phil Conway, Eileen Mannion & Bridget Whiteside/Thomas Danaher (Month's Mind)	Mahoonagh Saturday 7.30pm Michael Raleigh (First Anniversary)/John (Bob) Kelly (Month's Mind) Sunday 11.00am Ardagh/Carrickerry Saturday 6.30pm Deceased members of O'Connor Family/Deceased members of Flynn Family/Christy Moore 10.30am Sunday Jack Bett Enright Monagea Sunday 10.00am Phil & Kit Sexton/John Cotter (Month's Mind)
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Confessions:- will be heard in Newcastle West church - 10.30am to 11.30am and 2.00pm to 3.00pm on Saturday, May 17th.

Eucharistic Adoration - Newcastle West Church:- on Fridays from 2pm to 7.15pm for the month of May.

Feast Days:- Tuesday, May 13th – Our Lady of Fatima
 Wednesday, May 14th – St Matthias, apostle

Graveyard mass:- the annual mass in the graveyard in Aglish on Friday, May 16th at 7.30pm.

Rosary:- at Churchtown Grotto every evening at 6pm during May. All are welcome.

Ordination:- please keep **Deacon Tim Collins** in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination to the Priesthood on this **Sunday, May 11th** at St. John's Cathedral at 3pm.

Sabbatical:- Bishop Brendan recommends as priests we will 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 will return to my ministry on December 15th. 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*

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Faithful God, you guide us on the path of life
 and your goodness is our constant companion.

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church.
 Fill him with the power of your Spirit, the peace of your presence
 and the compassion of Christ.

May he walk with you in wisdom and humility,
 and lead us, together with all God's people,
 to embody your love for the world. Amen.

Invitation to Volunteers in Our Lady's Pastoral Unit:- Church Ministry Volunteers in Our Lady's Pastoral Unit are invited to dinner on Friday, May 23rd as an acknowledgement and appreciation for your help in the various churches in our Unit. Please contact the church Sacristans to collect your invitation card as we will need to confirm numbers.

First Holy Communion- Congratulations and Every Blessing:- we wish every blessing on the 2nd class pupils of **Courtenay, Scoil Iosaf and Ardagh National Schools** who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10th. We remember them in our prayers.

Confirmation- Congratulations and Every Blessing:- we wish every blessing on the pupils of 6th class in Ardagh and Carrickerry National Schools who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 7th.

First Holy Communion:- on Saturday May 17th the pupils of 2nd class in **Carrickerry National School** will receive their **First Holy Communion**. Please remember them and their families in your prayers at this special time. The ceremonies take place at 11.00am.

Holy Hour for Vocations:- takes place at St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday, May 21st at 7.30pm. All parishioners are invited to come together and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Lectio Divina:- continues in the Parish Centre, Newcastle West on Mondays 8.00 to 9.00pm.

Limerick Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:- This year the pilgrimage dates are June 19th to 24th 2025- 5 nights/full board. There are a limited number of places for assisted pilgrims to travel. If you are interested please contact Karen Kiely at 061-350000. We are also looking for volunteer registered nurses to help in a working capacity with the pilgrimage.

Mary's Food Aid to Kenya:- we transferred €2,500 this week to Fr. Tom Laffan. Thanks for your ongoing support of 'Mary's Food Aid to Kenya'.

Date for your Diary:- Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock:- Bishop Brendan Leahy will lead a Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday, July 12th 2025.

Ita's Rambling House:- at the Desmond Complex, Newcastle West on Friday, May 16th at the earlier time of 7.30pm– come and join us to celebrate 12 years of Rambling.

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Sunday, May 11th: Fr. Denis Mullane 087-2621911

Monday (May 12th) to Friday (May 16th) incl: Fr. Raphael Okanumeh 087-949008