



# Ardagh/Carrickerry



## Second Sunday of Lent

1st March, 2026

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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 W Russell 087-2272825

### 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

All Welcome.

### Upcoming Masses:

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

Sat 28th Feb Vigil: Second Sunday Of Lent  
Michael & Shane O Mahony R.I.P. (AV) 6.30pm

Mon 2nd Feb 9.30am

Fri 6th Feb 6.30pm

Sat 7th Feb Vigil: Third Sunday Of Lent  
Mary Griffin & her Parents  
Jim and Mary Byrnes R.I.P. (AV)  
Jack Mulvihill R.I.P. (Av)  
Michael O Neill R.I.P. (Av) 6.30pm

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

Sun 1st March Second Sunday Of Lent  
Eileen Behan R.I.P. (Av) 10.30am

Tues 3rd Feb 9.30am

Thurs 5th Feb 9.30am

Sun 8th March Third Sunday Of Lent  
Bernie O' Connor R.I.P. (Av)  
Irene Sheehy R.I.P. (Av)  
Pat Collins R.I.P. (Av) 10.30am

## Lens of The Gospel

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The Hebrew word 'Messiah' means 'anointed one'. It is translated as 'Christos' in Greek. Christ means 'anointed one' and Christians are the 'anointed ones' who share in the messianic mission of Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we who are reborn in the waters of baptism are anointed to proclaim the kingdom of God. The anointing 'Christifies' those who receive it as it bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Anointing with oil is a very ancient and important ritual in the Judeo-Christian tradition. The Jews anointed three categories of people: priests, prophets and kings. Christians, by contrast, anoint everyone in baptism.

Baptism gives all a shared, if differentiated, responsibility for the life and mission of the Church, and calls baptised and ordained to work together. All baptised members of the Church participate together in the prophetic or teaching office, in the priestly or sanctifying office, and in the kingly or governing office of Christ.

This participation in the threefold mission of Christ is not delegated from the ordained ministry but 'finds its source in the anointing of baptism, its further development in confirmation and its realization and dynamic sustenance in the Holy Eucharist' (*Christifideles Laici* 14)

Also on [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie), see 'Baptised and Sent in Lent' – an accessible and easily led prayer resource for groups and families with the Sunday Gospels during Lent.

(Intercom Magazine)

### † St. Mary's Church: Sunday 8th March, 2026

Reader: Margaret King

Eucharistic Minister Kathleen Hayes

Altar Servers: Christina O'Donoghue.

### † St. Molua's Church: Saturday 7th March, 2026

Reader: Conor O Donoghue

Eucharistic Minister(s): Noreen O Callaghan

Altar Servers: Joseph O' Donoghue

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.

### **1 March 2026**

'Lent is like a long "retreat" during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One.

It is a period of spiritual "combat" which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance.

In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.'

*Pope Benedict XVI*

Come and See Inspirations: Now Online and West Limerick 102fm each Sunday 9am & 11pm.

This week, We interview Jane Mellet who shares with us about the work of Trocaire Text 087 4668950 email [comeandseeinspirations@gmail.com](mailto:comeandseeinspirations@gmail.com)

**We can also be heard at Come and See Inspirations on Itunes, Spotify, Youtube and Facebook**

### **Trócaire**

Trócaire Boxes are available at the back of both churches, Please give what you Can!

### **Weekly Collections 15th & 22th Feb, 2026**

**Offertory including collections € 1050**

**Thank You.**

### **Ardagh Carrigkerry Funeral Group**

**Ardagh :** Linda Daly, Bernard Kennelly &  
Chuck Lee

**Carrigkerry:** Sr. Margaret O' Sullivan, Marie Doody,  
Helena King, Kathleen Hayes,

### **March 2026**

#### **The Pope's Monthly Intention**

*For disarmament and peace:* Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### **Mary's Food Aid to Kenya**

Thanks for your ongoing support of 'Mary's Food Aid to Kenya'. Fr. Tom Laffan has recently returned to Kiltegan due to ill health but Fr. Bosco, who is the Regional Director, will continue his missionary work. Recently we transferred €2,424 for this project for those in need of food. If you wish to donate

### **Limerick Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026**

Our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> June to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Again this year we are offering a 5 night or 6 night option. The 5 night option is primarily for assisted pilgrims and workers while the 6 night option is for pilgrims. If you wish to book a place or make an enquiry please contact the Diocesan Office on 061-350000 or [lourdespilgrimage@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:lourdespilgrimage@limerickdiocese.org).

This year we are especially looking to bring more assisted pilgrims – this option is for those who are not in a position to travel alone or require medical assistance. If there is anyone in your parish or family who you think would like to travel as part of our assisted pilgrim section please contact us for further details. This is an ideal option for people who would benefit from the support, care and companionship of others while on pilgrimage. We are also actively recruiting nurses and care assistants who may wish to volunteer with us for the duration of the Pilgrimage.