



Ardagh/Carrickerry



Fourth Sunday of Lent 15th March, 2026

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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

All Welcome.

Upcoming Masses:

ST MOLUA'S CHURCH, ARDAGH:

Sat 14th March

Vigil: Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Bernie Geoghegan R.I.P. (1st Av)

Patsy Sheehan & Parents R.I.P. (Av)

6.30pm

Mon 16th Mar

Vigil: St Patricks Day

6.30pm

Fri 20th Mar

6.30pm

Sat 21st Mar

Vigil: Fifth Sunday Of Lent

6.30pm

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CARRICKERRY:

Sun 15th March

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Moss Geoghegan R.I.P. (Av)

10.30am

Tues 17th March

St Patrick's Day

10.30am

Thurs 19th March

9.30am

Sun 22nd March

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

10.30am

† St. Mary's Church: Sunday 22nd March, 2026

Reader: Teresa Hayes

Eucharistic Minister Marie Doody

Altar Servers : Christina O'Donoghue.

† St. Molua's Church: Saturday 21st March, 2026

Reader: Marie Neary

Eucharistic Minister(s) : Pat O' Mahony

Altar Servers: Joseph O' Donoghue

Thank you

Mary's Food Aid to Kenya

Thanks to everybody who donated to Mary's food Aid to Kenya

Your contribution is greatly appreciated!!

Lens of The Gospel

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- The Gospel of John (3:1-6) records the meeting between Jesus and Nicodemus, who comes under cover of darkness to speak with him. When Jesus declares that one must be born again, Nicodemus asks how a grown man can be born again: 'Can he go back into his mother's womb?' Jesus responds that one must be 'born through water and the Holy Spirit.'
- The candidates for baptism who have received biological life in the womb of their mothers now receive new life in Christ and are born again as daughters and sons of God through water and the Holy Spirit. That is why the baptismal pond is referred to as a womb which begets people spiritually.
- According to Genesis 1, creation took place in seven days. The eighth day, then, was considered the day of the new creation. During the early centuries, baptisms were often celebrated in specially constructed buildings or baptisteries. Many were octagonal in shape. This was to give architectural expression to the belief that in baptism the catechumens are born again and become a new creation. Many contemporary fonts are octagonal in shape (e.g. the new font in St Mary's Cathedral in Kilkenny!).

Also on 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

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.

€2000.00 BINGO Fundraiser

Parish Fundraiser for the Community Centre

Ardagh Community Centre is holding a Bingo in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday 1 st April 2026** to raise funds for the community centre. We would like to see the parish come and support this fundraiser as it is a parish community project. The game will start at **8.00 p.m.** sharp, and the prize fund is €2,000 in prize Money. There is a Raffle and lots of prizes. So keep this Date in your Diary and come along and have a family night out.

If anyone would like to donate spot prizes, it will be gratefully appreciated.

Come and See Inspirations

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

This week, **we are joined by Michael Keating as we reflect on St Patrick** Text 087 4668950 email comeandseeinspirations@gmail.com

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

Prayer for Mother's Day •



Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the gift
of mothers, through whom Your love is revealed in
so many ways.
Bless all mothers:
those who are joyful, and those who are burdened,
those expecting new life, and those who mourn a
loss,
those who nurture children now, and those who lov-
ingly remember.
Grant them strength, patience, and joy in their voca-
tion.
May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord,
be their guide and consolation.
Let their sacrifices be honored, their love returned,
and their hearts filled with peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Teams

Parish Teams:- The former Parish Pastoral Councils are now renamed as Parish Teams and meet four to five times a year.

The role of the **Parish Teams** is to help organise Liturgies in their parishes assisted by the priests of Our Lady's Pastoral Unit.

A brief report on these meetings will be in the bulletin after each meeting. We need to pool our resources so, if you have any suggestions on how best to do this as a Unit, please contact the Pastoral Unit Office at 069-61816 or any of the priests where any ideas/concerns will be noted. We are also hoping to look at how best to celebrate and enhance some of the Church ceremonies (St. Patrick's Day, Easter and Christmas 2027) as a Unit.

Youth Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Youth (16 years +) Pilgrimage to **Rome & Assisi**, from October 24th to 29th 2026. This is a big Jubilee year in Assisi on account of the 800th anniversary of the death of Francis (October 1226). Please contact James Connerly (Director of Youth and Lifelong Faith development Email. James.connerly@limerickdiocese.org or call +353 61 350000 /+353 86 6071021

Weekly Collections 8th March, 2026
Offertory € 605
Diocesan Needs 55
Thank You.

Ardagh Carrigkerry Funeral Group

Ardagh : Linda Daly, Bernard Kennelly & Chuck Lee

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