



# Our Lady's Pastoral Unit

Ardagh/Carrickerry

17th May, 2026

## The Ascension of Our Lord

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Assistant Retired Priests Fr. Tom Crawford, Canon

Frank Duhig, & Fr. Muiris O'Connor

Our Lady's Parish Office 069 61816



## St. Mary's Church Weekend Mass

Saturday 6.30pm

### Weekday

Tues & Thurs 9.30am

Sacristan: Mary 086 8408006

All Query's contact 069 61816

## St. Molua's Church Weekend Mass

Sunday 10.30am

### Weekday

Mon 9.30am. Fri 6.30pm

Sacristan: Bernard 087 6235699

All Query's contact 069 61816

Priest on call this weekend: Rev. J. Cussen 087 7810960

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

### Upcoming Masses:

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

Sun 17th May	<b>The Ascension of Our Lord</b> Tom & Peggy Conway R.I.P. (Av)	10.30am
Mon 18th May		9.30am
Fri 22nd May	Jack "Bett" Enright R.I.P (Av) Michael, Peg, Leonard & Kittens Moloney R.I.P. (Av)	6.30pm
Sun 24th May	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	10.30am

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

Sat 16th May	<b>Vigil: The Asension of Our Lord</b> Nora and Michael Flaherty & grandson Michael R.I.P. (Av) Pat Nally R.I.P. (Av)	6.30pm
Tues 19th May		9.30am
Thurs 21st May		9.30am
Sat 23rd May	<b>Vigil: Pentecost Sunday</b> Moss O' Connor R.I.P. (Av) Nell and Joe Flynn R.I.P. (Av)	6.30pm

### † St. Mary's Church: Saturday 23rd May, 2026

**Reader:** Teresa Hayes  
**Eucharistic Minister** Marie Doody  
**Altar Server/s :** Christina O'Donoghue.

### † St. Molua's Church: Sunday 24th May, 2026

**Reader:** Dympna Mangan  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Pat O' Mahony  
**Altar Server/s:** Joseph O' Donoghue

Thank you

## From Baptised and Sent The Ascension of the Lord

### 17 May 2026 • World Communications Day

- At the heart of the synodal conversations lay the continued call for co-responsibility; a vision of Church in which all the baptised share in leadership, mission, and ministry. 'Shared responsibility is vital for the future of our Church. While it needs careful and gentle guidance, it is not optional and must progress steadily.'
- This theme was consistently linked to lay ministry, baptism, clericalism, and leadership reform. As one submission noted, 'the number of clergy is declining and consequently the future of the Church will require increased lay involvement.'
- Participants emphasised that the Church must not depend on priests alone; that 'both laity and clergy are needed,' and that 'for this to be meaningful, clergy must be willing to share responsibility, and the laity must be prepared to accept responsibility.'
- Only in this way, they said, 'can there be true ownership of the Church by all its members, allowing the Kingdom of God to flourish more fully.'
- Calls for shared responsibility were matched by recognition that laity must feel empowered and supported, with investment needed in faith formation and training for all – clergy and laity

## **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.

### **Communion Ardagh/ Carrickerry**

Congratulations to all the Children who made their communion in Carrickerry last week !

We wish all the Communion children making their communion this week in Ardagh the very best wishes on such an important blessed sacrament..

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

**This week Fr Patrick Cahill reflects on 'Why do we suffer'.**

**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

The West Limerick Branch of the **Irish Red Cross** plan to run a first aid responder course in Newcastle-West early next month.

For further information contact

Tommy—087 9050694 or

Danny — 087 6863726

**The Knitted Bible** exhibition will be on display around the altar at St. Bartholomew's Church, Athea from 20th April until 25th May. It features 28 unique and colourful knitted scenes from the Bible. This is the first Church to display this exhibition in the Mid West.

**Parish Teams:-** a meeting of all Parish Teams in Our Lady's Pastoral Unit takes place on **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm to 8.30pm** at the Parish Centre, Newcastle West. All members are requested to attend. We will be reflecting on Christmas and Easter Liturgies in how best to co-operate as a Pastoral Unit .

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.

### **Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima Feast 13 May**

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Amen.



**Weekly Collections 17th May, 2026**

**Monies to be tallied next week**

**Thank You.**

### **National Epilepsy Week**

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek](http://www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek)

### **Ardagh Carrickerry Funeral Group**

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

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