



## *Ardagh and Moydow*

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	12noon	Ardagh	No Intention
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	Ardagh	Caroline Kiernan (recently deceased)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Ardagh	Mass followed by Holy Hour
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	7.30pm	Moydow	No Mass
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.00am	Moydow	No Intention
<b>Weekend Masses</b>			
<b>Holy Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.00pm	Moydow	Vigil Mass and blessing of the new Paschal Candle
<b>Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	6.00am	Ardagh	Dawn Mass. Village Square
	11.00am	Ardagh	Mary Jo Keenan (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	7.30pm	Moydow	Pro Populo Mass
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	Ardagh	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> Peter Kilduff and deceased family members Gerard Flood and deceased family members Lizzie Keegan (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

### **People on duty next weekend:**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Ardagh</b>	<b>Moydow</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anne Farrell	Fiona Scanlon
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Bernadette Shea	Mary Lenehan

### **Recent Bereavement's:**

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Moyra Coady whose funeral Mass took place in St. Brigid's Church, Ardagh during the week. Sympathy to all her loving family, relatives and good friends. May she rest in peace.

We also remember those who died outside our parish, but their family members reside in our parish. The happy repose of the souls of, Bridie Gray, mother of Ann Halligan, Teresa Fallon mother of Frank Fallon. Condolences to all of their families and relatives. May they also rest in peace.

## **Easter Sunday - Easter Joy - Easter Peace:**

Mary Magdalene cuts a lonely figure as she begins her Easter journey, the outer darkness merely reflecting her inner emptiness. He who had once found her, and brought purpose to her life, now seems lost himself and beyond all that matters. The one blessing in Mary's grief, perhaps, is that it seems to free her from the caution of those male disciples. They in fact, will require her prompting before venturing near the tomb of Jesus. Mary, in turn, is fittingly rewarded, becoming the first to encounter the Risen One. The disciple Jesus loved plays his own unique role in the unfolding drama. While Peter takes the lead in entering the tomb, his companion is the first to understand. "He saw and he believed". Peter in turn is not to be found lacking. The Easter scriptures place him at the centre of the preaching of the gospel. His hearers recognise, in Peter, no chronicle of past events, but one who speaks from the heart about a new life in which he himself shares. The witness of course, does not end with the stories of these three Easter figures. St Paul continues the mission of today's liturgy, inviting us, also, to that new life hidden with Christ in God. Committed to the things that are in heaven, we pray that our lives might better reflect the Christ who is risen and at work among us. It is surely fitting that we recall, this day, the promises of our own baptism. Happy Easter.



## **Trócaire - Lenten Campaign:**

Far from the media spotlight this Lent, families like Thandekiles in Zimbabwe are going days without eating, grieving with no one to notice, and their future's hang in the balance. The message of your Trócaire box this Lent is the chance of a better tomorrow shouldn't be lost because of forgotten crises from Covid to poverty to climate change that are taking a terrible toll on families worldwide. Please return your Trócaire box as soon as possible. Thanks for your generosity and the help you bring to them.

## **Baptisms:**

Congratulations to baby Kate Cassells who will be christened this Easter Sunday in St. Brigid's Church. Every good blessing to her parents, brother, godparents and grandparents. Also, congratulations to baby Senan Paul Stuart who was christened in St. Brigid's Church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Every good blessing to her parents, godparents and grandparents.

## **Easter Confirmation:**

Congratulations to Jenna Rose, Gavin and Clodagh who will be confirmed today Easter Sunday. Best wishes to them and their sponsors.

## **Sincere Thanks:**

Many thanks to all who were involved with me for the beautiful Holy Week ceremonies and Easter. Thanks to the various choir groups, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, collectors/ushers, parish council, sacristans, altars and flowers, cleaners, Catechist, the young people from the Confirmation class and the hospitality after the dawn Mass. May I wish all a very happy and beautiful Easter with your families and friends.