

# Parish of Machaire Rois



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*We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.*

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## **Arrangements for Christmas 2016**

### **Confessions for Christmas:**

#### **Penitential Service for Christmas:**

On **Sunday 18th December at 5pm** with Visiting Priests for Individual Confessions.

Confessions: On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 10.30am – 12 Noon.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 11.30am- 1 o'clock.

#### **Mass times for Christmas 2016:**

**Vigil: For Christmas Day:** 9pm.

**Mass on Christmas Day:** 9am, 10.30am and 12 Noon.

**Mass Times Monday 26th to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December** 11am each day.

**Parish Newsletter** As next weekend is Christmas weekend, there will be no weekly newsletter, a Christmas nativity booklet has been designed for this weekend. There will be a copy of Mass Intentions for week 25<sup>th</sup>- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> January available in the Church.

**Parish Office** The Parish office will be closed from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Any items for newsletter for weekend 31<sup>st</sup> Dec to be submitted by Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### **A Christmas Blessing**

**Once again Christmas is upon us. It all comes and goes in one day, and yet that day has a profound importance in our lives, the day God came to live among us, as one like us. And more importantly, he still lives among us, as we come together to celebrate Mass at Christmas (Christ's Mass). On behalf of Fr Larry Duffy and Fr Michael Jordan Fr Matthews Semba, and the Lay Groups who help within the Parish, we wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.**

**Online Advent Calendar** In this busy season, take time out to visit the Advent Calendar for the Irish Catholic Church which may be accessed via this link <http://www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar/>. It contains audio and video messages, music and reflections together with Mass Readings and prayers for each day of the liturgical season. Also included are quotations from the writings of Pope Francis.

### **Ideal Gifts for Christmas:**

**St. Joseph's Church 1866-2016 The commemorative book on St Joseph's Church** would make an ideal gift for family and friends abroad. Available from the Parish Office and local book shops at 10 Euro. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to Charity, also **St Joseph's Machaire Rois 1866-2016 DVD** Copy of dvd is also available in Parish Office and Local shops and would make that perfect gift.

**Starling Blue** presents "Carols by Candlelight" with Hannah, Lieba, Lorraine, Louise and Patrice. In the Old Church, St Louis Secondary School on Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9pm. Tickets are on sale in Keegans and Birdys tickets 15 Euro including Festive Treats!

**Cantemus Chamber** will perform Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols and other Christmas favourites in Laragh Church Sunday December 18th at 7pm.

**12th St. Stephen's Day 10K/Fun Run/Walk in aid of St. Mary's Comfort Fund.** Starting from and finishing at St. Mary's, Castleblayney. Walkers 10.30 a.m and Runners 11.00 a.m. Refreshments Afterwards, All Welcome. Approved by AAI. Supported by Castlecool. Donations Greatly Appreciated.

**The Carrickmacross Annual "GOAL Mile"** will take place on St Stephens Morning (Mon the 26th Dec) at 11am at the Carrick Aces Athletic Club Running Track (Oriel Road, Carrickmacross). The GOAL MILE involves running or walking 4 laps with an opportunity to make a donation to this worthwhile cause. Everyone is very welcome to this fun run/walk with a cup of tea or coffee afterwards. Further information about GOAL can be found on [www.goalglobal.org/](http://www.goalglobal.org/)

**Steadfast House** would like to thank all those who attended "Santa's Magical Grotto" and making it a special day for all, and would like to thank you for your continued support.

**Prayer around the Christmas Tree**

Dear God, As we light this tree today may we be reminded that you are the light of the world. May we be true lights in the lives of the people we meet each day.

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	M.M. Kathleen Brady, Drumconrath Road.
	<b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Margaret And Anthony Finlay and Peter Finlay, Rockdaniel Road. Gene , Kathleen and Pat Traynor.  <b>Penitential Service at 5pm (Visiting Priests For Individual Confessions)</b>
	<b>12Noon</b>	O'Gorman and O'Brien families, Dundalk Road. Teresa Mc Mahon , Church Grove. Linda and Laura Crossan , Greaghdrumitt. Michael and Peggy Curley Patrick and Katie Allen and Costello family, Drumgoan, daughters Patricia , Rose and Elizabeth, Scotland. Pat and Katie Steele, Drumgur and Mc Gahon and Steele families Inniskeen, and Baby Patrick - Paul Allen, Ballymena.
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Patrick and Julia Ward, Parnell Street. Evan Rouse, Lisanisk, Carrickmacross.
	<b>7.30pm</b>	
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Sarah Finnegan and Richard and Mary Callan, Drumgowna. Breda Mc Mahon, Lurgans, Carrickmacross.
	<b>7.30pm</b>	
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Bridie Morris and deceased members of the Morris family, Gorey, Co wexford. Michael and Bridget Woods and deceased family members, 3 St Joseph's Terrace.
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Deceased members of the Curley and Harney families( Crann Nua) <b>Confessions from 10.30am – 12 Noon</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Eileen and Kevin O'Brien, Mullinary.
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>M.M.</b> Maura Brennan, Drumgowna, Carrickmacross. <b>Confessions from 11.30am-1 O'Clock</b>
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Lithuanian Mass at 4.30pm</b>
	<b>9pm Vigil Mass</b>	<i>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 9am.</i>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day</b>		<i>Christmas day Mass at 9am , 10.30am And 12 Noon. Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.</i>

**Recently Deceased:** Paddy Mc Caffrey, Rossinver. Co Leitrim, formerly 21 Rockdaniel Road. Bridget Martin Drumass, Inniskeen. Brendan Duffy , Boyle, Co Roscommon, ( Late of Magheracluone).

