

# Parish of Machaire Rois



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## **St Vincent De Paul Contact number 0879171371**

**In preparation for the World Meeting of Families** we are having 3 Lenten evenings of reflection on the family in the world of today. These will be held in the Shirley Arms Hotel on Wednesday 28th Feb, Wednesday 7th March & Wednesday 14th March. We are inviting people to volunteer for these three sessions. They will begin at 7.30pm & finish around 9pm. Pope Francis has asked that we be inclusive in these gatherings so as to reflect the reality of family life in today's world

**The Meaning of Marriage- Marriage is a unique relationship different from all others.** Married love is a unique form of love between a man and woman which has a special benefit for the whole of society! The Catholic Church, with other Christians and those of no particular religious view, regard the family based on marriage between a woman and a man as the single most important institution in any society. To seek to re-define the nature of marriage would be to undermine it as the fundamental building block of our society. The Church seeks with others to reaffirm the rational basis for holding that marriage should be reserved for the unique and complementary relationship between a woman and a man from which the generation and upbringing of children is uniquely possible. This understanding of marriage is deeply rooted in all cultures. It is not intended to exclude or disadvantage anyone. **(From the meaning of marriage and a Pastoral statement of the Irish Catholic Bishops conference available at the rear of the Church) The Accord Course is the recognised and approved pre-marriage course in the Diocese.**

**Saint Valentine** In the *spirit of St Valentine*, couples who are married or engaged will be offered a blessing at each of the public masses on Saturday and **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February** in *St Joseph's Church Carrickmacross marking World Meeting of Families.*

**Temperance Sunday**, will be observed on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018. The confirmation Pledge will be taken at all public Masses on this weekend.

### **Week Day Masses for Lent 2018**

Early Morning: Mon – Friday **7.30am & 10am** .  
Saturday Morning **11am**.

**Mini Lenten Novena** in preparation for The World Meeting of families prepared by The Parish Pastoral Planning Team. The Novena commences on **Ash Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** and takes place at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kingscourt. All Welcome.

**The Pioneer Council** wish to inform you of the following meetings: A meeting of the *Clogher Diocesan Council* will be held in the Millennium Hall Donagh Co. Fermanagh Hall on Thursday 01 Feb 2018 at 8 pm. A meeting of the *Ulster Leisure Activities Committee* will be held in the Pastoral Centre Omagh on Sunday 04 Feb 2018 at 2 pm A meeting of the *South Monaghan Regional Committee* will be held in Corduff Community Centre Co. Monaghan on Thursday 8 Feb 2018 at 8pm.

**St. Louis Secondary School, Transition Year students present their musical 'Beauty and the Beast'** on February 7th, 8th and 9th at 8:00 pm sharp. Tickets are available from the school office, Keegan's Newsagents and O'Rourke's Oil. Tickets are €12 each Thursday and Friday night and €8 on Wednesday.

### **St Patrick Day Parade 2018**

**St. Patrick's Day** is coming upon us once again and we are now taking names of any organisations, businesses, bands etc. that wish to take part in this year's fun!! If you wish to take part, please contact the Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District Council on **042 9661236** or alternatively email us on [smceneaney@monaghancoco.ie](mailto:smceneaney@monaghancoco.ie) as soon as possible as the line up for the parade is growing rapidly and booking is essential! There will be lots of fun and giveaways on the day, including **best band** and **best float!!!!** €100 Prize Money for Best Dressed Window!!

**New Free Programme for 16-25yr olds who are not in Education, Employment or training** to start in Carrickmacross. It has great opportunities including goal setting, personal development, one to one support, free driving lessons and QQI accredited modules. January – Sept 2018. This programme is aimed at young people who may not be ready for employment or further education and need support, or perhaps are not sure what they want, and need a bit of routine etc. To get them back on track. For more information, please contact 0879057598 or [Melissa@ywimonaghan.ie](mailto:Melissa@ywimonaghan.ie)

**Social Services monthly party on Wednesday 7th February** at 8pm in the Day Care Centre. Sponsors I.N.T.O. , also a very important committee meeting at 7pm,

**Monaghan Charismatic Prayer Group Annual Spring Conference** will take place in the Four Seasons Hotel Monaghan Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Feb . Speakers Fr John Keane, Fr Billy Keogh, Sr Josephine Walsh. For further details 0872251124.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monaghan Town Scout Group** are set to work with Monaghan County Council to produce a booklet capturing 70 years of scouting history and heritage of the scouts in the Monaghan Town area. If you are a past or present member of the scouts and would be willing to share your guiding memoirs we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact [mmohan2@monaghancoco.ie](mailto:mmohan2@monaghancoco.ie) (087) 700 8613.

**Carrickmacross Emmets registration night** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 7-9pm in the Emmets Centre . All welcome.

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> <i>Feast of St Blaise</i>	<b>11am</b>	<b>M.M. Oliver Martin , 24 Crann Nua , formerly St Macartan's Villas , Carrickmacross. (Blessing of the Throats after Mass )</b>
<b><u>Blessing of the Throats after 11am and 6.30pm Mass.</u></b>	<b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	James and Alice Finnegan , Drumconrath Road, The Finnegan family, Broomfield and the Woods family, Sheetrim. Patrick and Mary Josephine Deery and deceased members of the Deery and Daly families. Patrick and Frances Gartlan , Rockdaniel Road. Brendan Mc Sharry, Mullinary, Carrickmacross. Pat and Patsy Mc Mahon, Dundalk Road. <b>(Blessing of the Throats after Mass )</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	
	<b>12Noon</b>	Paul Mc Goldrick Greaghdrummit ( 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Angela Dynan ( nee O'Donoghue) and Paddy Finnegan, Magheraclone. Angela Woods, Drummond Etra. Henry Boylan, Trostan. Jim Fox, 71 Cloughvalley.
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10am</b>	
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February January</b>	<b>10am</b>	Patrick and Mary Ellen Mc Ginnity and Kathleen Gallagher.
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Addolarata Vocella, Italy .
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>10am</b>	James and Roseanne Ward, Barnadonagh.
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>7.30</b>	
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>M.M. Dympna Murphy , 19 O 'Neill Street.</b>
	<b>6.30 Vigil Mass</b>	Francie Gartlan . Magheross. Paddy Kirke, 3 woodlands.
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February Temperance Sunday</b>	<b>9.30</b>	Eileen Mc Kenna and Michael Mc Kenna , Pearse Avenue.
	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>M.M. Annie Conway, Highfield, Carrickmacross.</b> James Boyle, Aghalile Road and Thomas and Kathleen Boyle, Mullinary.

**Recentley Deceased:** Kitty Daly ( nee Mc Gahon) England, late of Monvallet.  
Seamus Cassisy, 1 Cluain Aras, Donaghmoyne Road. Patrick Kierans, Railway Court, Donaghmoyne Road.  
Patsy Markey ( Late of Rossdreenagh) Seamus Carolan , Clonseady.

*"Kindness is my only guiding star. In its light, I sail a straight route, I have my motto written on my sail:  
'To live in love.'" ( St Therese of Lisieux)*

