

Parish of Machaire Rois



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150 year Celebrations This Sunday 7th August 2016, the people of Carrickmacross and the entire South-Monaghan parish of *Machaire Rois* will celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of their beautiful parish church of St Joseph's, dedicated in 1866. The highpoint of the anniversary will be the celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist - a Mass of Thanksgiving at 6pm on Sunday, for one hundred and fifty years of worship and prayer. The chief celebrant of the Mass will be the Bishop of Clogher, Most Rev Liam S MacDaid, who will also deliver the homily. The priests and parishioners of the parish will extend a warm welcome to all who wish to attend and participate in the liturgy.

The foundation stone of St Joseph's church, Carrickmacross was laid by Bishop Charles McNally of Clogher on 3 July 1861 and it was dedicated to the service of God on Sunday 22 April 1866 by the then Bishop of Clogher, James Donnelly. The preacher on that occasion was the Dean Michael Kiernan PP, Dundalk, later to be Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland (1867-1869). The church was dedicated under the invocation of St Joseph by special indult from the Holy See. St Joseph's replaced another church located nearby, St Marys, which was dedicated in 1786 and served as parish church for eighty years. The parish priest who commissioned the building of St Joseph's and who led the parish throughout the project was Right Rev James Joseph MacMahon, a native of Aghabog, Co. Monaghan, PP of Carrickmacross 1854-1884 and Dean of the Diocese of Clogher 1862-1884. He had previously been the first principal of St Macartan's College Monaghan from its opening in 1848.

St Joseph's is described as 'a noble Gothic structure' designed by the famous architect of that form, J J McCarthy (1817-1882). He was an associate of the renowned English architect Augustus Welby Pugin and a close friend of the Monaghan-born Young Irelander, journalist and politician Charles Gavan Duffy. Among McCarthy's many other works of note are St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan, St Patrick's church, Dungannon, St Patrick's College Chapel, Maynooth, Holy Cross Church at

Clonliffe College, Dublin (his only work in Romanesque design) and the completions of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh and St Brendan's Cathedral, Killarney.

Artistic features of St Joseph's include some windows by the Harry Clarke Studios, one of which, the St Ceara window dating from 1925, was designed and partly created by Harry Clarke himself. Other Harry Clarke windows depict saints associated with Clogher diocese, Macartan, Tighernach, Fanchea and Enda. A set of Stations of the Cross by Richard King (1907-1974) were commissioned for St Joseph's for the Holy Year of 1950.

A history of St Joseph's, by local historian Larry McDermott, is forthcoming later in August. 'The Face of Suffering', a short book of reflections on Richard King's 'Stations' in St. Joseph's first written in 2009, is being updated and a limited number will be available in August to coincide with the celebrations. This year 2016 marks the 65th year of the first blessing and hanging of 'The Stations' in St Josephs. In addition, a small group of parishioners are working with local photographer Pat Byrne to record the life and history of the Parish on DVD. This is a very exciting project which will be available for viewing later in the year.

In honour of the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph's, we wish to tell the story of our church in a documentary film. You are invited to travel back with us in time to trace the roots of Catholicism in Carrickmacross from penal times to the present day - from mass rocks and caves to the awe inspiring St Joseph's church with its many priceless artistic features and magnificent architecture. There will be a public launch of the documentary DVD titled: St. Joseph's Church, Carrickmacross - a Sacred Place 1866 - 2016 in Hotel Nuremore, Carrickmacross on Sunday 25th of September 2016 at 7.00pm. All are welcome to this free showing. Copies of the DVD will be on sale at €15 each on the night.

Clogher Jubilee Year of Mercy Saturday 20th August. Bishop Mac Daid will lead the Clogher Jubilee Year of Mercy One Day Retreat on Lough Derg. **Friends of Lough Derg** have organised a bus to Lough Derg on Saturday 20th August, Shirley Arms Hotel, Carrickmacross

at 7.30am and Broomfield Church at 7.40am. Please contact Clare 086 0886846 or Pdraig 087 2332215 by Monday August 15th to secure a seat. Admission to Lough Derg €40 (includes refreshments on the island). As this is a diocesan event, bus is subsidised by parishes - see notice in Church porch. (People booked to travel on this bus do not need to book directly with Lough Derg).

Procession in Honour Of Our Lady of Fatima . The 5th annual procession of Our Lady of Fatima will take place on Sunday the 14th of August. Leaving Bully's Acre, Donaghmoynne Road at 3pm. The Stedfast Shoes Brass Band will lead the procession . Refreshments served after in the Stedfast Band Room. All welcome.

Saturday 6th August	11.00am	M.M. Michael Cullivan, St Macartan's Villas.
	6.30pm Vigil Mass	Deceased members of the Byrne and Butterly families. Kevin Murray, Dunogue. Pdraig Mc Cabe, Cashlan West, Lisdoonan.
Sunday 7th August	9.30am	Johnny, Elizabeth and Arthur Mc Daniel and deceased of family, Derrylavin. Bridgie , Tal and Sean O Carroll, Highfield. Mark and deceased of Sullivan Family, Corduffkelly.
	12Noon	Brigid Molloy and Eddie Molloy and the deceased of the Reilly family. Nancy and Eugene Callan, Kilabrick. Donna And Baby Gerard Patrick Marron
	6pm	<i>Mass for 150 Years of Worship and Prayer</i>
Monday 8th August	10.00am	
	7.30pm	Evening Mass
Tuesday 9th August	10.00am	Jim Mc Nally ,23 Drummond Etra.
Wednesday 10th August	10.00am	
	7.30pm	Evening Mass
Thursday 11th August	10.00am	
Friday 12th August	10.00am	
	7.30pm	Evening Mass
Saturday 13th August	11.00am	
	6.30pm Vigil Mass	Roisin Sherry, Magheraboy Road (1 st Anniversary) her husband Eddie, and son Eddie. Mairead Connolly, Emmett Street. Jim and Elizabeth Drury, Woodlands, Michael and Declan Markey, Dublin.
Sunday 14th August	9:30am	Thomas Mary and Martin Mc Mahon, The Lurgans and Stradeen. James Callan, Highfield and deceased of family, Monvallet.
	12 Noon	Felix and Margaret Marron, Nafferty and Patrick and Christine Kerley Magheraclone. Geraldine Mc Allister, 26 Crann Nua and her father Own Murnaghan, Chestnut Grove, and deceased of Murnaghan and Mooney families. Cassidy family, Nafferty. Joe and Rose Murtagh and deceased of Murtagh and Ward families.

Recently Deceased: Mary Kathryn Callen, Parnell Street. Eileen Carbery (nee Mc Aree) Monaghan, and Castleross.

