

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



29th March 2026.

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Weekly Reflection.

The 'Clappers'

We recently carried out significant structural repairs in the bell tower to ensure the continuation of the most appreciated sounds of the bells as they ring out across our community. Bells by their nature are joyous and as they ring out the Angelus and other hymns, those hearing the sounds have minds turned instantly to God.

As we approach Holy Week, my mind returns to my Altar Serving days when the 'Clappers' made their annual liturgical appearance. On Holy Thursday following the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the church bells would fall silent and the 'clappers' were used until the Celebration of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday night. The sombre rhythmic sound of wood on wood focused our attention on the solemnity of the Passion of our Lord. The word 'clapper' comes from the Latin term 'crotalus' meaning 'rattle' and reminded the faithful of the earthquake that accompanied the death of Jesus on Good Friday.

The 'clapper' disappears with the ringing of bells at the Gloria at the Holy Saturday Vigil, and the joyful bells swing back into life, for another year.

Fr Shane.

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Sat 28th March.	11.00am.	AM. Elizabeth Hand, Ardee Road. AM. Rita Cesniene, Lithuanian.
Saturday 28th March.	6.00pm.	Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday. AM. Kevin Conroy, Beech Drive, Carrickmacross. AM. John O'Reilly, Ashley House, Shercock Road.
Sunday 29th March.	9.30am.	Mass of Palm Sunday. Mass For the People of the Parish.
Sunday 29th March.	12Noon. 5.00pm.	Mass of Palm Sunday. AM. Frank Marron, Ardross Avenue. AM. Jeanne McNally, Drumconrath Road. Easter Confessions - Penitential Service.
Monday 30th March.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Mass for Lent. AM. Elizabeth & Richard Brady & their daughters May & Doreen.
Tuesday 31st March.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Mass for Lent. AM. Alice McEntee, her husband Patrick & her daughters Susan & Kitty, Ardee Road.
Wednesday 1st April.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Mass for Lent. AM. Joan Corr, Dromiskin, formerly Magheross.
Holy Thursday 2nd April.	11.00am. 7.30pm.	Chrism Mass in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan. Mass of The Lord's Supper , ending with the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, concluding with Night Prayer at 10pm.
Good Friday 3rd April.	3.00pm. 7.30pm.	Celebration of The Lord's Passion. Celebration of The Lord's Passion.
Holy Saturday 4th April.	9.00pm.	The Easter Vigil. (Please note -No 6pm evening Mass)
Easter Sunday 5th April.	9.30am.	Easter Mass of the Lord's Resurrection. AM. Francis & Kitty Kieran, Tullynaskeagh. AM. Catherine & Joe Patton, Main Street & their daughter Frances Patton & great grandson Oisin Boyle.
Easter Sunday 5th April.	12Noon.	Easter Mass of the Lord's Resurrection. Month's Memory: Tommy Jackson, Tullynaskeagh East, Ardee Rd. AM. Patsy, Bernard & Margaret Jackson, Magheraboy & Anna Jackson, Rockdaniel Road. AM. Malachy Boyle, Castleblayney Road & deceased members of the Boyle, Donaghy & Finnegan families. AM. Dan Markey, his brother Tommy & James & Rita Dolan & deceased members of the Dolan Family. AM. For the Deceased Members of the Caulfield & Slevin families & baby Cian.

Recently Deceased.

Eamonn Boylan, Derryolam Court.

Bernard Jeffrey, Emmet Road.

Eileen Algar, née Callan, Athlumney Village, Navan & formerly Corbane, Corduff.

John Keenan, Drumberagh, Laragh.

Teresa Murphy, (née Dowd), Castleblayney **Noel Fox**, Tullyglass, Shantonagh.



Adoration in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. (St Joseph's.)

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel opening hours are as follows.

Monday: 9am. - 10am. Tuesday: 9am. - 7pm. Wednesday:

9am.10am. Thursday: 8am. - 10am. Friday: 8am. - 10am.

Saturday 10am. - 11am. and 5pm. – 6pm. Sunday 1pm. - 6pm.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh. Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 29th March.	Corduff. 11.00am.	<p style="text-align: center;">Mass of Palm Sunday.</p> <p>AM. Peter Byrne, Sreenty, his wife Kathleen & deceased members of the Byrne Family.</p> <p>AM. Peter Burns, Coraghy & deceased members of the Burns Family.</p> <p>AM. Tommy & May Marron, Umerafree & their grand-daughter Marie Capaldi.</p>
Wednesday 1st April.	Corduff. 7.30pm.	Mass for Lent.
Good Friday 3rd April.	Corduff. 7.30pm.	Celebration of The Lord's Passion.
Sunday 5th April.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	<p style="text-align: center;">Easter Mass of The Lord's Resurrection.</p> <p>AM. Eugene Cooney, Cargahogue & deceased members of the Cooney & Marron families,.</p> <p>AM. Brian & Paul O'Connor & deceased members of the O'Connor family, Lisdrumturk.</p> <p>AM. MaryAnn Dillon, Comertagh, Margaret King & her husband Thomas, Maudabawn & their daughter Briege Connolly, Navan & their daughter-in-law Kathleen King, Comertagh.</p> <p>AM. John Sharkey, Dungloe, Co. Donegal & deceased family members.</p>

Easter Confessions 2026.

**Penance Service in St Joseph's, Carrickmacross
this Palm Sunday Evening, March 29th at 5pm.**

Approximately eight priests will be available to assist with the individual confessions.

***Do not be afraid, I have redeemed you. I have called you by name;
you are mine. You are precious in my eyes.***

You are honoured and I love you. Do not be afraid, I am with you.

(Isaiah 43: 1-4)



St Joseph's Triduum 2026. Schedule Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th April and Friday 1st May. Mass 10am Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 7.30pm Wednesday & Friday. 7.30pm Thursday Eucharistic Healing. Confession each morning after 10am mass. St Joseph Candles on sale 9th April €2.50 each. Fr Maurice Colgan OP., will lead the Triduum. He is a Dublin based Irish Dominican friar and is involved in youth ministry.

Mass Duties for April in St Joseph's.

Weekend Readers: **6.00pm Mass:** Kathleen Murtagh. **9.30am Mass:** Laurence Jones.
12Noon Mass: Margaret Burke.

Weekday Readers: **Mon:** Christina Farnan. **Tues:** Paddy Gallagher. **Wed:** Kathleen Murtagh.
Thurs: Teresa Carolan. **Friday am:** Pat Kerrigan.
Friday pm: Ciara Nolan. **Saturday 11am:** Maureen Nwoko.

Collectors: **6.00pm. Mass:** Terry Kiernan, Paul Martin, and Patrick Shields.
9.30am. Mass: Tommy Swinburne, Jim Halligan and Jimmy Finnegan.
12Noon Mass: Jim Cumiskey, Raymond O'Hara and Patrick Quinn.

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Holy Week 2026 – Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday 29th March 2026.		
St Joseph's.	Sat. 6.00pm.	Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday.
St Joseph's.	9.30am.	Mass of Palm Sunday.
St Michael's, Corduff.	11.00am.	Mass of Palm Sunday.
St Joseph's.	12Noon.	Mass of Palm Sunday.
St Joseph's Church.	5.00pm.	Penitential Service / Confessions.

Palm will be blessed at each of the Masses, with parishioners bringing their own Palm.

Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week – Mass in St. Joseph's at 7.15am & 10am & Corduff on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Holy Thursday April 2nd 2026.		
St. Macartan's Cathedral.	11.00am.	The Chrism Mass.
St Joseph's.	7.30pm.	Mass of The Lord's Supper, ending with the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, concluding with Night Prayer at 10pm.

Trócaire Boxes / Envelopes will be part of the Offertory at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Good Friday April 3rd 2026.		
St Joseph's.	3.00pm.	Celebration of The Lord's Passion.
St Joseph's.	7.30pm.	Celebration of The Lord's Passion.
St Michael's Corduff.	7.30pm.	Celebration of The Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday April 4th 2026.		
St Joseph's.	9.00pm.	The Easter Vigil. <small>(Please note – No 6pm evening Mass).</small>

Easter Sunday April 5th 2026.		
St Joseph's.	9.30am.	Easter Mass of The Lord's Resurrection.
St John's, Raferagh.	11.00am.	Easter Mass of The Lord's Resurrection.
St Joseph's.	12.Noon.	Easter Mass of The Lord's Resurrection.

Trócaire 2026: Our Trócaire Box this year has a photograph of Uwamahoro and her family outside their crumbling home in Rwanda. **"We share one cup, one plate, one saucepan. we share everything"** Uwamahoro says. In Rwanda what used to be rare, once-in-a-generation storms now return every year, before families can even recover from the last. Your donation could help rebuild homes destroyed by floods – repairing storm damage, providing water tanks, planting kitchen gardens and supporting woman to diversify their income. It could supply stoves for cooking and gardens to keep children fed. **Please give what you can by donating online at trocaire.org/box, calling freephone 1800 408 408 or returning your Trócaire Box to your local school or parish by Easter Sunday, 5th April 2026.**

Scouts Cake Sale: Sunday 5th April after 9.30am and 12Noon Masses (on Church grounds). Also, after the 11.00am Mass in St John's Raferagh. Your support will be gratefully appreciated.

St Enda's Prayer Group: Monday 30th March Stonetown National School A91 X923. Confessions at 7.00pm and Mass at 7.30pm. Rosary and Divine Mercy. Contact 0872345930.