

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 14th December 2025.

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[St Michael's Corduff](#)

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Weekly Reflection.

'Are you the one?'

John the Baptist is described by Jesus in the most glowing of terms 'Of all the children born of women, there's no one greater than John.' High praise indeed. After all, John was the cousin of Jesus chosen by God to prepare the way for Jesus.

Yet, he is now in prison and maybe he is not so certain about Jesus, so he sends his disciples to pose the question, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we to wait for another?' It is a question borne out of the doubts and anguish he is experiencing in the darkness of his prison cell.

There are times in our lives when our faith is tested, when our hope seems shattered, when it is hard to cling on to the belief we have in a loving God. Even the greatest of all the saints, John the Baptist had troubled times.

John's response was to turn again to Jesus to seek reassurance. He did not expect miracles, nor do we. But like John in our darkest moments, we will get the courage to keep going, with faith renewed.

Fr Shane.

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Sat 13th Dec.	11.00am.	Month's Memory: Conor Harrington, The Lurgans.
Sat 13th Dec.	6.00pm.	AM. Sheila Callaghan, Ardee Road.
Sunday 14th December.	9.30am.	Month's Memory: Chloe McGee, Barnadonagh. AM. Peter & Ava Carolan, their son Peter & grandson Noel & Patsy Carolan & grandparents Peter & Margaret Carolan. AM. Peter Shields, Nafferty. Mass for the benefactors & deceased members of Carrickmacross St Vincent De Paul.
Sunday 14th December.	12Noon.	AM. Annie Traynor, 6 Derryolam. AM. John & Nancy McHugh, Magheross.
Sun 14th Dec.	4.00pm.	The Annual Ecumenical Carol Service.
Mon 15th Dec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Tues 16th Dec.	10.00am.	AM. Daniel Biroc. Birthday Remembrance: Cappy Costello, (née Fahey) & her son Dermot.
Wed 17th Dec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Thurs 18th Dec.	10.00am. 12.30pm.	AM. John Lang Drumcargy, Magheraclaone. Scoil Rois Christmas Carol Service.
Fri 19th Dec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 20th December.	11.00am.	Month's Memory: Tom Cumiskey, Skipton, Yorkshire & formerly Farney Street.
Sat 20th Dec.	6.00pm.	AM. Tom Boyle, Shercock Road & deceased members of the Boyle family. AM. Patsy & Jacinta Crosby, The Glen, Donaghmoyne Road. AM. Marion Marron, Magheraboy Road, her daughter Ellen & her mother Bridie Coleman. AM. Martin Walsh, Cloughvalley & his parents Peter & Bridget.
Sunday 21st December.	9.30am.	AM. Julia & Patrick Ward, Parnell Street. AM. Joe McNally, Creevy Swinburne. AM. Phil & Annie Gartlan & Martin Gartlan, & Anna Jackson & Molly Kerley.
Sunday 21st December.	12Noon.	AM. Laura & Linda Crossan, Greaghdrumitt. AM. The deceased O'Gorman & O'Brien families, Dundalk Road.
Sunday 21st December.	5.00pm.	Christmas Penitential Service.

Recently Deceased.

Anna McGardle, Lisgall, Carrickmacross.

Mary King, Crover, Broomfield.

Christmas Penitential Service in St Joseph's Church with Individual Confessions Sunday

21st December at 5pm: You are encouraged to come and meet the Lord in the great healing Sacrament he gives us. We will have a number of neighbouring priests.



The 3rd Sunday of Advent Candle symbolizes Joy and is often called the "Shepherd's Candle" and represents the joy felt at the birth of our Lord, as well as the joy we have in anticipation of his return.

Advent Wreath Prayer: "Lord our God, as we light the candle of Joy, we thank you for sending Jesus, our Savior, who brings gladness to our hearts. Help us to share this joy with others, living with kindness and generosity as John the Baptist taught, so that we may truly prepare our hearts for His coming. May the light of this candle fill us with hope and rejoicing, reminding us that salvation is near. Amen".

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 14th December.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. Gerry Crossan, Carrickahogue. AM. Brendan McEaney, Ardragh. AM. Mary Smith, Crowley & deceased members of the Smith & Clerkin families.
Wednesday 17th December.	Corduff. 7.00pm.	Scoil Padraig Christmas Carol Service in St Michael's Church.
Sunday 21st December.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Peter McCaul, Shercock & Corduff. AM. Patrick & Ellen Keenan, Greaghlane. AM. Ann Finnegan, Lisnafeddly, her son Brendan & Maggie Finnegan & Patrick Dupont. AM. Mick & Katie McCabe & their son Michael & deceased members of the McCabe & Carragher families. AM. Thomas & Mary Fox, Greaghlane, Bridget & Charles Gollogly & deceased members of the Gollogly family, Farthagorman, Rose & John Fox & deceased members of the Fox family, Bocks & Frank Curran, New Jersey & Eddie Lynch, New York & Larry, Lorcan & Emma Keenan, Bocks. AM. Pat, Rose & Noel Marron, Corbane. AM. P.J. & Ita Martin & deceased members of the Martin family, Umerafree. AM. Michael Heirty, Ardragh. AM. James & Julie McGardle & Hugh, Bridie & Rose & deceased member of the McGardle family Carrickamore.



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.

Rosary In St Joseph's Church: Monday – Friday at 6.30pm.

Confessions in St Joseph's on Saturdays after the 11am Mass – and the Eve of the First Friday (Thursday) after the 10am Mass.

St Vincent De Paul: Church Gate Collection Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th December at St Joseph's Church, Carrickmacross and on Sunday 14th December at St John's Church, Raferagh.

Fr Michael Jordan, Fr Kieran Danfulani and the Parish Mission Committee in Magheracloone, would like to thank our neighbouring parishes, priests and communities in Monaghan, Cavan, Louth and Meath for promoting our mission and allowing us to put up posters and for attending our '**Mission of Hope**' in such big numbers. '**It was a huge success.**' Thank you to our cluster priests for coming to our '**Sacrament of Reconciliation**' and '**Eucharistic Healing Service**'. Finally, **a very big thank you** to Fr Ben Hughes for his words of inspiration, guidance, hard work, commitment and dedication to our Parish over the days of the Mission and during the months leading up to it.

Christmas Cards of St Joseph's Church Crib for sale in the Parish Office - €5 for 6 Cards.

Mass Cards, Mass Bouquets and Christmas Bouquets: signed by the Priests of the Parish are available in the Parish Office with suggested offering €15.00 (this includes price of card). All Mass Intentions are celebrated individually.

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Christmas Schedule 2025.

Penitential Service.

Sunday 21st December at 5.00pm. in St Joseph's.
Confessions Tuesday 23rd December in St Joseph's
after 10.00am Morning Mass.

Christmas Eve Masses. (Wednesday 24th December.)

6.00pm. & 9.00pm. – St Joseph's Carrickmacross,
8.00pm. – St John The Evangelist Raferagh.

Christmas Day Masses. (Thursday 25th December.)

9.30am. & 12 Noon - St Joseph's Carrickmacross
11.00am – St Michael's Corduff.

Weekday Mass St Joseph's.

Friday 26th December, Feast of St. Stephen at 10.00am.
Saturday 27th December Feast of St. John the Evangelist at 11.00am.

New Year's Day Masses.

Thursday January 1st 10.00am. & 7.30pm. St Joseph's, Carrickmacross.

The Feast of the Epiphany Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Masses at 10.00am. & 7.30pm. in St Joseph's.

Have Your Say about your Catholic School: For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, **have your say before 16th December 2025.** See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love: Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. To donate, go to www.marysmeals.ie or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Anyone who wishes to give to this Charity can leave their donation in the Parish Office.

Carrickmacross Emmets 44th Christmas Day Swim: Christmas Day at 12.30pm Sharp, at Creevy Lake.

Lourdes 2026 – Thinking of travelling to Lourdes 2026? Then why not give your loved one a Lourdes Gift voucher for Christmas. Available in £50, £100 or £200 vouchers. Contact Pilgrimage Secretary – John Hueston – 028 67724329 or at 62 Crom Road, Macknagh, Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh, BT92 0BD. Email treasurer.lourdes@clogherparishes.ie

St Enda's Prayer Group 2026: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 15th -22nd July 2026. Price €745, the price increases to €745 after 30th January. For more information contact Martin 0872345930.