

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



Sunday 15th February 2026
Temperance Sunday..

A copy of this weekend's readings are available in the church. (Beside Newsletter)

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Weekly Reflection.

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday many people come to Mass to receive the blessed ashes on their foreheads to mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent and as a reminder that we are called by God to remember from where we came and to what we shall return at the end of our earthly life. We are called each year to think about how we live our lives in relationship with God, with one another and with all of creation. The season of Lent is marked by three actions:

FASTING - PRAYING - GIVING.

The following prayer could act as a Daily Lenten Prayer.

Today Lord, I choose life. I choose your love and the challenge to live it and share it.
I choose hope, even in moments of darkness I choose faith, accepting you as Lord and God.
I choose to let go of some part of my burdens, day by day, handing them over to you.
I choose to take hold of your strength and power ever more deeply in my life.
May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth.
May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with you and rising to new life, day by day. Amen.

Fr. Owen Joe.

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Saturday 14th February	11.00am.	AM. Patrick & Mary Ellen McGinnity, Kathleen Gallagher, Alan Clarke & Kevin Rice. Remembrance Mass: Patrick Ward, Laragh.
Saturday 14th February	6.00pm.	AM. William, Mary, James & Brian Malone, Woodlands & the Shevlin family, Pennybridge, Mullinelly. AM. Noel, Colette & Martin Lonergan, Farney Street. AM. Jason Thornton, Killarue.
Sunday 15th February.	9.30am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Sunday 15th February.	12Noon.	1st AM. Paul Callan, Longfield. AM Cormac O'Donohue, Dunogue & his daughter Angela Dynan, Sligo. AM. Nancy Woods, Cloughvalley & deceased family members Cootehill. AM. Paddy & Kathleen Allen, & deceased members of the Allen & Costello families, Drumgoan & Elizabeth, Rose, James & Patsy Allen, Glasgow, Scotland. AM. Ann Boyle & deceased members of the Boyle family & Henry & Annie McAdams, Corduffkelly.
Monday 16th February.	10.00am.	AM. Deceased members of the McGivney family & Murphy family & Martin family & Jimmy Finnegan, Rose Lee & Kevin Sweeney.
Tuesday 17th February.	10.00am.	AM. Peter & Mary McMahon, Mullinelly & their sons Laurence & Noel & their daughter Kathleen.
Ash Wednesday 18th February .	7.15am. 10.00am. 7.30pm.	Mass for Ash Wednesday. Mass for Ash Wednesday. AM. Shane McMahon, Lisanisk. Remembrance Mass: Louisa Kieran, Martha McEntee, Margaret O'Reilly & Kate Doherty. *Ashes will be distributed at the 7.15am; 10.00am & 7.30pm. Masses*.
Thursday 19th February.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Mass for Lent. Mass for Lent.
Friday 20th February.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Mass for Lent. Mass for Lent.
Sat 21st Feb.	11.00am.	Mass for Recently Deceased Aleksandr Ermakov, Ukraine.
Saturday 21st February	6.00pm.	1st AM. Rose Callan, Drumgowna, Carrickmacross. AM. Harry Nolan & deceased members of the Nolan family, O'Neill Street. AM. Alan & Philomena Kent, Drumgoan. AM. Mary & Michael Rooney & Mickey Rooney & Chrissie Myles & Helen Rooney, Cloughvalley. AM. Alice & Kevin Connolly, O'Neill Street. AM. Margaret & Joseph Gartlan & deceased members of the Gartlan & McMahon families. AM. Bernadette & Patsy Connolly, 18 Cuchulain Terrace.
Sunday 22nd February.	9.30am.	Remembrance Mass Gerry & Gisela Petri, husband & daughter of Ann Coyle, St. Macartan's Villas.
Sunday 22nd February. .	12Noon.	AM. James & Mary Alice Finnegan, Drumcondrath Road, their daughters Nancy McCormack, Dublin, Eileen Duffy, Ardee Road, Marion Goff, Dublin & Clare Finnegan & the deceased members of the Finnegan family, Broomfield & the Woods family, Sheetrim & Kitty Ward, St Macartan's Villas.

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Sunday 22nd February.	12Noon.	AM. Clare McCaffrey, her son Paddy & grandson Jack, 21 Rockdaniel Road, Carrickmacross. AM. Enda McEneaney, Tullyallen. AM. Rosh Hopkins & deceased members of the Hopkins & Woods families, Mullinry. AM. Owen Flanagan, 65 Drummond Etra. Remembrance Mass: Margaret Hughes, Feltham, London.
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Recently Deceased.

Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 15th February.	Corduff. 11.00am.	Month's Memory: Paddy Reilly, Faraghy, Shantonagh & remembering his parents Rose & Michael Reilly. Month's Memory: Margaret (Peggy) McConnon, Sreenty, Corduff. AM. George McKitterick, Corlea. AM. Gene Marron, Sreenty.
Ash Wednesday 18th February	Corduff 7.30pm.	Mass for Ash Wednesday. *Ashes will be distributed at this Mass*
Sunday 22nd February.	Raferagh 11.00am.	AM. Phil McCluskey & his sisters Bridie & Anna, Raferagh. AM. Mary Ferguson, Sligo and deceased members of the Ferguson family.



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.

The BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL will be open directly after the 7.15am Mass on Thursday and Friday mornings during Lent.

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.

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 18th February 2026.

Ashes will be distributed at the 7.15am Morning Mass; 10am Morning Mass and the 7.30pm Evening Mass, in St Joseph's Carrickmacross and the 7.30pm Evening Mass in St. Michael's Corduff. Sachets of Ashes will be available for collection directly after each Mass from the Sacristy.

Masses for Lent in Machaire Rois Parish – beginning on Ash Wednesday February 18th.

St Joseph's Church Carrickmacross: Monday – Friday at 7.15am & 10.00am and Saturdays at 11.00am (7.30pm Ash Wednesday **ONLY**).

Corduff/Raferagh: Wednesday Evening Masses for Lent at 7.30pm – beginning in Corduff on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.

Please note that these Wednesday Evening Masses will be celebrated in the Church where Mass was celebrated the **previous** Sunday – and are available for the booking of Anniversaries.

Corduff: Wednesday Feb 18th & March 4th, 18th & April 1st.

Raferagh: Wednesday Feb 25th & March 11th & 25th.

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Temperance Sunday – 15th February 2026

This weekend, at three of the Sunday Masses, a number of the girls and boys who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, have decided to take **The Confirmation Pledge** as a way of supporting their decision around the avoidance of alcohol and drugs at this time in their young lives. As the parish community we are offering them the support of our example, our faith and our love.

The Confirmation Pledge.

(The priest invites the congregation to stand).

Before these young people take their pledge, they are entitled to know that they will have all the support we can give them.

Therefore, in the name of God, I ask you their parents, their family members, teachers, friends, neighbours and parishioners:

Do you promise to stand together from now on to promote temperance and moderation, responsible and respectful behaviour, as a support for the young people who today are making this courageous choice?

All: **We do.**

Can they count on the help of your prayers and example?

All: **They can.**

I invite you then to pray together with me, as a community of faith, the **Prayer of Commitment**:

God our Father, as a member of this parish family by our baptism and confirmation, and by the Eucharist we share, we accept our responsibility to do all we can to foster your love and your life among our families, in our parish and in our society today.

We wish to promote a more responsible attitude to alcohol use. We commit ourselves, with the help of your Holy Spirit, to support these young people by our example, our faith and our love. Amen.

Trócaire Boxes: Are now available and can be collected at the back of each of the Churches in the Parish.

Pioneer Council: take the temporary pledge this Lent. Applications to Pat 0894916232 or email southmonaghanpioneers@gmail.com at any time.

The Farney Woman's Group will resume their meetings this Monday 16th February at 7.30pm in Deery's Lounge. Looking forward to seeing all our members back and any new members who would like to join us are most welcome.

Aclint Drama Group will be performing "Widows Paradise" (a three-act comedy by Sam Cree) in Aclint Community Hall, A92 KA03 on Thursday February 19th & Friday February 20th. Tickets €15 (cash only) on the door. Door opens at 7.30pm; Curtain-up 8pm (sharp) (proceeds to Aclint Community Hall, Aclint Drama Group & The Order of Malta).

Trócaire School Volunteers: Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our School Talks Programme for Lent 2026 in the Clogher Diocese. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have time to volunteer during Lent, then we would love to hear from you! Full training and support will be provided. For more information call Fionnuala on 028 9080 8033 or email: fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org