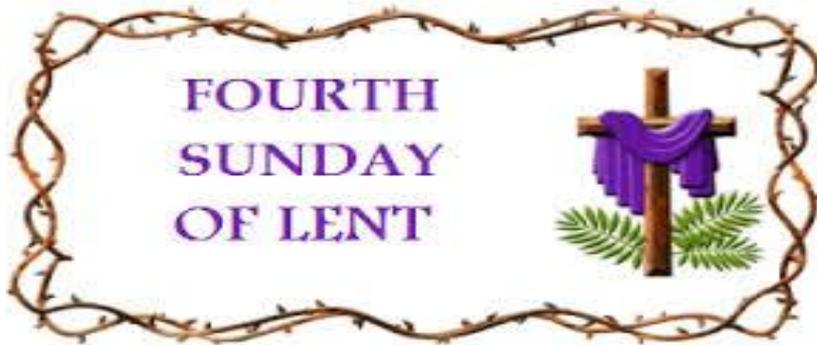


The Parish Of Machaire Rois



Sunday 15th March 2026.

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Weekly Reflection.

'Must do better'

Any of us who have had a school report where the teacher suggests that our endeavours in their subject were not to an acceptable standard would be familiar with the admonition 'must do better.'

On Monday evening last I attended a Downs Syndrome Awareness Exhibition in the Civic Offices arranged by Hub 21. The exhibition is a wonderful presentation of children and young people who participate in the Hub 21 activities here in Carrickmacross. The portraits and the CV's of the young people are professionally presented and provide a snapshot of these very gifted and talented individuals.

On the evening, the guest speaker was a young lady called Mei Lin Yop. She recently received an Honorary Doctorate in Law from Trinity College Dublin for her services to Downs Syndrome Ireland. She is an eloquent and enthusiastic advocate for equality, inclusivity, and opportunities for people with intellectual difficulties across society. She demands that our communities show respect for individuals with special needs, and she challenges employers and businesses, social and community groups, elected representatives, and social services, to improve participation for these people in all aspects of day-to-day life. Listening to her speaking I realised that our church too often has been remiss in this regard. I took the words she spoke as an admonition that all of society, especially our faith community, 'must do better.'

The exhibition runs in the Civic Offices for the month of March. World Downs Syndrome Day is 21st March.

Mai Lin Yop is a gifted speaker and a passionate advocate for people with intellectual difficulties, who happens to have Downs Syndrome. Fr. Shane.

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Saturday 14th March.	11.00am.	1st AM. Kevin (Ollie) Martin, Rossdreenagh. AM. Jimmy Scotson 'The Splink', Mullinary. AM. Mary Fennell, 1 The Bridge, Mullinary.
Saturday 14th March.	6.00pm.	AM. Kitty & Brian Hand, St Macartan's Villas & deceased members of the Hand & Keenan families. AM. Oliver Murray, Ardee Road. AM. Peter & Mary Malone, Drumbroagh & deceased family members, Phil, Katie & Paddy Callan, Cornasassanagh & deceased family members. AM. Mary McConnell, 11 Drummond Etra. AM. Paddy Dolan, Farney Street.
Sunday 15th March.	9.30am.	AM. John Malone, Woodlands, Brian & Josie Scanlon & their daughter-in-law Leslie Scanlon, England. AM. James & Teresa Fox, 21 Cuchullian Terrace & their son Thomas & deceased members of the Fox & McDaniel families. AM. Frank, Annie & Breda Cunningham & deceased members of the Cunningham & Culleton families, Tividinna, Donaghmoyne.
Sunday 15th March.	12Noon.	1st AM. Bernadette Slevin & remembering her husband Gerard & their son Carl, Lisgall. AM. Danny & Maggie O'Donoghue & deceased members of the O'Donoghue & Marron families, Corlea, Magheraclone. AM. Michael Murtagh, Leggiemore. AM. Jim Gartlan & remembering his wife Mary & his parents Pat & Elizabeth, Dundalk Road. AM. Paddy Marron, Donaghmoyne Road. AM. Seamus Hanratty, Dundalk Road. AM. Frank Carolan, 28 Emmett Street.
Monday 16th March.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Mass for Lent. Mass For Lent.
Tuesday 17th March. 	9.30am.	<i>Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick.</i> Remembrance Mass: Denise Marron & Fr. Paddy Marron. AM. Kate & Bernard Hand & deceased members of the Hand family, Drummond Etra. AM. Anthony Daly & deceased members of the Daly family, Granarogue.
Tuesday 17th March. 	12Noon.	<i>Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick.</i> AM. Mac Murphy & deceased members of the Murphy family & Mary Glynn. AM. Peter & Christina Marron, St Macartan's Villas & their sons Michael & Frank & their daughter Kay. AM. Selina McMahon, Coolfore remembering Margaret, Michael & baby Francis Goss, May & Patrick McArdle & Michael Goss, Cloughvalley. Mass for recently deceased Valentin Savciuc, Carrickmacross & Moldova. AM. Rose McKeown, 19 Highfield.
Wednesday 18th March.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Mass for Lent. AM. Peter & Mary Ward, 'Rosella', Donaghmoyne Road.
Thursday 19th March.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Mass for Lent. Mass For Lent.
Friday 20th March.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Mass for Lent. Mass for Lent.
Saturday 21st March.	11.00am.	AM. Anna McCabe, Ballybay Road, Fr. Eugene McCabe, Patrick & Margaret McCabe, Tonaneave & deceased members of the McCabe family.

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Sat 21st March.	11.00am.	AM. Tom Hughes, 11 Ardross Avenue.
Saturday 21st March.	6.00pm.	AM. Anne & Michael Martin, Kilmactrasna. AM. Micheál Downey, Patrician Drive & his son Michael. AM. Patrick & Minnie Byrne, Cloughvalley Lower & their parents Annie & Patrick & deceased family members. AM. Patrick & Kathleen McMahon, Rockdaniel Road & their parents Patrick & Margaret. AM. Detta Doyle & her husband John, formerly 19 Ardross Avenue. AM. Janey Callan, Drumconrath Road. AM. Julia Shields & deceased members of the Shields family, 40 Cloughvalley.
Sunday 22nd March.	9.30am.	1st AM. Sheila McArdle, 22 Highfield, Carrickmacross. AM. Paddy Burns, Corcrin.
Sunday 22nd March.	12Noon.	AM. Paddy O'Reilly, 24 Convent View. AM. James & Molly Duffy, Corcuillogue & their son Gerard & daughter Sheila Comer & her husband John. Also remembering Ann Stott & her daughter Cath & deceased members of the Duffy family. Mass for the deceased members of the Duffy & Hoey families, Main Street.

Recently Deceased: **Noramai Brady**, Cootehill & Naas. **Rebecca Daly**, Shercock Road.
Gerry Carolan, Barley Hill, Kingscourt.

Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh. Sunday at 11am (alternating)
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Sunday 15th March.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Pat Joe & Ellie Finnegan & deceased family members, Lisacullion. AM. Eugene & Bridget Connolly & their sons Fr. Eugene, John & Michael, Corkishbane.
Tuesday 17th March.	Raferagh 11.00am.	 <i>Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick.</i>
Wednesday 18th March.	Corduff. 7.30pm.	<p style="text-align: center;">Mass for Lent.</p> Remembrance Mass: Michael, Mick & Margaret McConnon, Greagh, Corduff & deceased members of the McConnon family. Mass for the deceased members of the Corduff/Raferagh Céilí Dancing Club.
Sunday 22nd March.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. Patsy & Kathleen Farrelly, Lisdrumturk & deceased family members.



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.

Confessions in St Joseph's Church.

Easter Penance Service (Confessions) in St Joseph's on Palm Sunday Evening, March 29th at 5pm
Confessions in St Joseph's on Saturdays after the 11am Mass – and the Eve of the First Friday (Thursday) after the 10am Mass.

Palm Sunday 29th March: Palm will be blessed at each of the Masses.
(Please bring your own Palm.)

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Masses for St Patrick's Day Machaire Rois Parish.

St Joseph's Church, Carrickmacross: Tuesday 17th March 9.30am & 12Noon.

St John's Church, Raferagh: Tuesday 17th March 11.00am.

Easter Confessions – St. Joseph's, Palm Sunday, March 29th at 5pm.

Our Lent will not be complete unless we avail of the Sacrament of God's mercy. Think of God's mercy waiting for you, like the Prodigal Son's father waiting for his child's return. Come in humble honesty to acknowledge your faults and failings. There is no need to torture yourself because God already knows your sins. By putting words on them, you are accepting responsibility for where you have fallen down. Humbly acknowledge the areas of life where you feel you should improve. Let the merciful Father embrace you. Relax in God's gentleness. Confession is not meant to be a torture chamber. It is the banquet of God's mercy. At the end of the banquet there is music and dancing. There is music in the wonderful words of absolution. And the dancing will be in the joy of your heart. (taken from Gospel *Reflections and Prayers* by Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.)



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.

The Celebration of the Scrutinies. Over the coming weeks of Lent, our parish will celebrate the Scrutinies for those in the RCIA process preparing for the Easter Sacraments. These ancient rites are a period of 'purification and enlightenment', during which the Church asks God to free those preparing for Baptism from the deceits of the world, filling them instead with the spirit of Christ and the strength of the Holy Spirit. They are designed to 'Scrutinise' the hearts of the Elect—not to find fault, but to uncover all that is upright and heal all that is weak. Please keep **Evita** and **Sara** in your prayers as they seek a deeper conversion to Christ.

St Brigid Crosses: A heart felt "thank you" to my loyal supporters/helpers, to the shops, the three local Churches, to anyone who helped out in anyway and to all who made such generous donations. You were all part of yet another very successful fundraiser. This year's St. Brigid's Crosses project generated a grand total of €3,530.00 for Carrick Cancer. Thanking you, Tess O'Connor.

Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa are accepting enrolments for Junior Infants for the academic year 2026/2027. Please see the school website at www.bunscoil.ie or contact the school at office@bunscoil.ie 042 9661808 for more details.

A Meeting of South Monaghan Pioneers will take place on Tuesday April 7th at 8pm in Teach Uí Bhriain (inside Church Grounds).

Pioneer Council: those who wish to take the Temporary Pledge for Lent can ring Pat on 0894916232 or email southmonaghanpioneers@gmail.com at any time.

2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Booking for the pilgrimage is now open. Pilgrims and Assisted pilgrims should contact the pilgrimage secretary - John Hueston at 028677 24329 (from north) & 048 67724339 (from south) or booking forms can be downloaded at website - www.lourdes2clogher.com. Pilgrim fare - €1,100 per person (excludes €40 coach transfer to/from airport). Assisted pilgrim fare €1,100 (Includes travel insurance & coach transfer to/from airport.)

Volunteers wanted for Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day on Friday 20th March 2026.

Carrickmacross Cancer Society is seeking helpers to support this important annual fundraiser for people affected by cancer. If you can spare some time, please contact Geraldine Oliver (PRO CCS) on 087 6329314. Thank you.

St Enda's Prayer Group, every Monday night (except Bank holidays) Stonetown National School at 7.30pm. A91 X923. Confessions at 7.30pm. Rosary and Divine Mercy. Contact 0872345930.

St Michael Little Scholars Preschool Open Night on Wednesday 25th of March from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Come along with your child and explore the service and meet some of our staff. Any queries please email donaghmoynescholars@hotmail.com or telephone 0429692720 or 0830561549. Please send me an RSVP if you can attend on the night.