

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



Ascension of the Lord 17th May 2026.

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Weekly Reflection.

The Lord's empowering presence.

Leonardo da Vinci had started to work on a large canvas in his studio. Then suddenly he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to complete the work. The student protested that he was unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which the master had begun. But da Vinci silenced him. 'Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?'

Jesus our Master began to spread the Good News two thousand years ago by what he said and did, and supremely by what he suffered. Jesus illustrated his message by what he said and did, and it is this that now inspires us to finish the picture.

Significantly, Jesus did not say, 'I will be with you' but rather 'I am with you,' promising an always-current presence. And so, the disciples of Jesus will not be overwhelmed, but rather emboldened and empowered to carry out the commission they have received. And we, too, his disciples today, continuing his mission in these uncertain and difficult times will not be overwhelmed, for he who has sent us remains with us 'until the end of time.'

Fr. Owen Joe.

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Sat 16th May.	11.00am.	<i>First Holy Communion for the Children of Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa.</i>
Saturday 16th May.	6.00pm.	1st AM. Paddy McElroy, New Zealand & formerly Ardragh & Donaghmoine. 1st AM. Kathleen Dodd, Derryolam & Loughrea, Co Galway. AM. Syl Cunningham, Tividinna, Culloville & deceased members of the Cunningham family. AM. P.J. Donnelly & deceased members of the Donnelly family, Emmett Road.
Sun 17th May.	9.30am.	AM. Rosemary Rafferty, Lurgans & remembering her recently deceased sister Eileen Algar. AM. Noel Burns & deceased members of the Burns family, Radrumskeane.
Sunday 17th May.	12Noon.	AM. Rosemary Downey, Corcuillogue. AM. Peter & Rita Cogan & their daughter Rosarie, Patrician Drive. AM. Pat, Peggy & Ann Swinburne, Cloughvalley Lower & their parents Paddy & Mary Swinburne. AM. Sean & Nancy Devine. AM. Patsy & Gretta Dolan, Magheross & deceased family members. AM. Eugene Kellett, 76 Cloughvalley.
Mon 18th May.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Tues 19th May.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Wed 20th May.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Thurs 21st May.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 22nd May.	10.00am.	AM. Michael Goss, Cloughvalley, remembering his parents Margaret & Michael, his grandparents May & Patrick McArdle, his brother Francis & his niece Selina McMahan.
Sat 23rd May.	11.00am.	<i>First Holy Communion for the Children of St. Joseph's National School.</i>
Saturday 23rd May.	6.00pm.	1st AM. Patrick Dunne, 25 Cloughvalley, Carrickmacross. AM. Thomas, Annie & Seamus McNamee, Lurgans & Thomas, Margaret, Gerard & Mary Malone, Lurgans. AM. Tom, Nancy, Tim & Kevin McCartney, Ardee Road, Patsy & Mary McCabe, O'Neill Street, Jim & Eileen Oliver, Drummond Etra, Alan & Bridget Oliver, Ballybay & Patrick & Alice McCabe, Lisagoan. AM. Margaret Walsh-McMahon, Barleyhill, Kingscourt. Birthday Remembrance: Madeleine Birdy, Lurgans.
Sun 24th May.	9.30am.	Month's Memory: Trish (Patricia) O'Rourke, 13 Convent View.
Sunday 24th May.	12Noon.	AM. Pat Cusack, Cloughvalley Lower & deceased members of the Cusack & McCabe families. AM. Henry & Maisie Boylan & their daughter Mary Cordova, Trostan. AM. Donal & Irene McQuillan & their daughter Dearbhail McQuillan-Irwin. AM. Peter Rock, Mullinary & his parents Tim & Kathleen Rock-Barr. AM. Luke & Mary McEaney, Dunanny, Donaghmoine & deceased family members.

Recently Deceased.

Michael (Mick) Joyce, Drumgoan, Carrickmacross.

Alice Keeley, (née Byrne) Carnalogue, Louth Village & formerly Sreenty, Corduff


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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh. Sunday at 11am (alternating)
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Sunday 17th May.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	1st AM. Sean Monaghan, Drumconrath, Co Meath. AM. For the Deceased Members of the McEntee & Lynch families, Greaghwillan.
Friday 22nd May.	Corduff. 8.00pm.	Mass of Thanksgiving marking P.J. Finnegan's 90 th Birthday.
Saturday 23rd May.	Corduff. 11.00am.	<i>First Holy Communion for the Children of Scoil Phádraig.</i>
Sunday 24th May.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Philip & Alice Traynor, Drumgurra & deceased members of the Traynor family. AM. Bridie & Patrick Connolly, Corkishbane, their son Gerard & son in law Neil. AM. Molly Keelan, Greaghlatacapple.

Raferagh May Procession: The Annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place in Raferagh on **Wednesday May 27th at 7.00pm.** We encourage you to join the procession on the road to the Grotto. The Rosary will be recited and Hymns sung, **followed by Mass at 7.30pm.** We extend a special invitation to the children of the parish who made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation to join us in the Procession. **Please note** that the Mass on Wednesday 27th May in Raferagh at 7.30pm is available for the booking of Anniversaries.

Corduff Grotto: The Rosary will be prayed at our Lady's Grotto each evening at 8pm during the month of May.

	<p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>
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First Holy Communion.

St Joseph's Boys N.S.: Saturday 23rd May at 11.00am. - St Joseph's Church.
Scoil Phádraig Corduff: Saturday 23rd May at 11.00am. - St Michael's Church, Corduff.

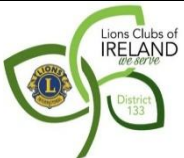
Cemetery Sunday – The Blessing of the Graves.

St Joseph's Carrickmacross: Sunday 5th July. (directly after 12Noon. Mass.)
 St John's Raferagh: Sunday 12th July. (directly after 11am. Mass.)
 St Michael's Corduff: Sunday 19th July. (directly after 11am. Mass.)

(Please bring Holy Water)

Mass of Thanksgiving to mark Bishop Larry Duffy's Golden Jubilee of Priesthood will be celebrated in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan on **Sunday 14th June** at 3pm. Everyone is welcome and each parish is asked to have representation at the Mass. Refreshments afterwards in the Hillgrove Hotel.

Machaire Rois Parish Liturgy Committee is organising a Bus to St. Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan for the Mass of Thanksgiving to mark Bishops Larry's Golden Jubilee of Priesthood on Sunday 14th June at 3pm. Bus leaving Carrickmacross at 1.30pm. Pick up points and times at a later date. To book your seat contact the Parish Office 0429661231 Monday to Friday 10am to 12.30pm, or Michael Callan on 0879648434 or Rosario Naughton on 0879373899.

	<p>Carrickmacross Lions Club: Are you interested in volunteering and getting involved with CMX Lions Club? We are holding an Open Night for interested potential volunteers, in Shirley Arms Hotel on Monday 18th May 7 – 8pm. Come along, hear what we do in our community and share with us how you might like to get involved.</p>
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Annual Procession with the Blessed Sacrament 2026.

This year's procession will take place on **Sunday next 24th May at 3pm**. We encourage you to join the procession and welcome you to decorate your homes and windows and to join us in prayer as we pass your household, or as you stand along the route, if you do not wish to walk the full route. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the children of our Faith Community, who celebrated the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year, to also join in the procession.

Procession Route 2026.

The route this year will be as follows, starting from St Joseph's Church, Carrickmacross at 3pm - turning left to Donaghmoyn Road, left via Cloughvalley, turning left on to the Castleblayney Road toward Main Street, turn left at Main Street towards O'Neill Street back to St Joseph's. Benediction will take place outside St Joseph's Church at approximately 4pm.

Pray for Life Novena, is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Charity Walk in Aid of the Irish Kidney Association Support Centre at Beaumont Hospital:

The Fr Noel Conlon Charitable Trust is hosting a charity walk on Sunday, 7th June, starting from the Inniskeen Community Centre. Registration: 10:30am. Walk Starts: 11:00am. Registration Fee: €25. All proceeds from the walk will go to the Irish Kidney Association Support Centre at Beaumont Hospital. Everyone is very welcome to come along and support this very worthwhile cause. Refreshments will be served in the community centre after the walk. For further information, please contact Fr Noel Conlon on 042 9378678.

Songs of the Stage & Screen featuring Starling Blue, The Farney Singers & An Lochrann Linn Brass Band. An entertaining evening of music & song with proceeds to Carrick Cancer Society. Tickets available in Birdy's Newsagents. Event takes place on Saturday June 6th in Nuremore Estate Hotel at 8pm.

Bus to Lough Derg for Clogher One Day Retreat led by Bishop Duffy next Saturday May 23rd. Cost (including lunch) €50. Places limited. Please ring Clare 0860886846 asap to book your seat.

Day of Friendship & Prayer, Lough Derg, will take place on Wednesday, 20th May. Guest speakers on the day will be Most Reverend Archbishop Eamon Martin and the Most Reverend Archbishop John McDowell.

Ecumenical Service for Pentecost, led by Bishop Larry Duffy and Bishop Ian Ellis, will take place at St Macartan's Church (the Forth Chapel), Springtown Road, Augher, Co Tyrone (Postcode BT77 0ES) on **Sunday 24th May** at 3pm. This annual moment of prayer recalls the birth of the Church and our shared mission to proclaim the Gospel and the peace of Christ in our world today. Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

Ballybay Charismatic Prayer Group are hosting an afternoon on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May from 3pm to 7pm in Cuan Mhuire A75 RX68. Everyone welcome to attend.

PTAA: The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association invite all Pioneers to an upcoming consultation meeting regarding the development of the Association following the change of structure of the Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). The meeting will be held in the Hotel Kilmore on Tuesday 19th May from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. visit www.pioneers.ie/consultation. **PTAA Meeting** will also take place in the Pastoral Centre Omagh on Saturday 23rd May from 2pm to 4pm.

Friends of Carrick Cancer Society 2026 Campaign. The Flora Mini Marathon will take place on Sunday, 31st May. To register to take part, contact any of the following committee members, *Pat McNally 0874130727 - Majella Hoey 0872975326 - James Lambe 087 6329620 - Doreen McNulty 0874826990 and Grainne McNally 0872506045.*

Cavan Institute Adult Learner Information Morning: Are you or someone you know considering a return to education or starting a new career path later in life? Come along to our **Adult Learner Information Morning** on **Tuesday, 26th May from 10:00 to 12:00**. This event is a great opportunity to explore our wide range of courses, meet our teachers, and learn about the supports available. It's the perfect opportunity to take that first step toward your next chapter!