

The Parish Of Machaire Rois

Faith
Hope
Love

Sunday 18th January 2026.
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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

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Weekly Reflection.

Pointing towards the Lord.

Today's Gospel reading portrays John the Baptist as pointing away from himself towards Jesus. When he saw Jesus coming towards him, he publicly declared, 'Look, there is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'.

Following in the footsteps of John the Baptist, we as the Church of today are called to point towards the Lord. If, as a Church, we become too self-absorbed in internal Church affairs, then we have lost our way. As a Church, we need to be always outward looking, constantly proclaiming before all, 'There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'.

Our faith in the Lord gives us a whole outlook on life, a purpose for living, that is worth passing on to others. It is a treasure in the field, a pearl of great price, that we are invited to share with others. Our faith in Jesus, our coming to know him, is ultimately a gift from God. It is God the Father who has drawn us to his Son. It is a gift to be grateful for, to value, and, to bear witness to with confidence before others.

Fr. Owen Joe.

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Saturday 17th January.	11.00am.	AM. Patsy Ward Lisnaguiveragh & his parents Patrick & Annie & remembering his brother Mickey & his sister-in-law Bridie. AM. Seamus Hamilton, Ballybay Road & deceased members of the Connolly & Hamilton families.
Saturday 17th January.	6.00pm.	1st AM. Elaine O'Reilly, Convent View. 1st AM. John Conlon, Crossroads, Mullinary & remembering his sister Margaret Neilis. AM. Susan Finnegan, Ardross Avenue & her husband Peter & deceased members of the McDermott & Finnegan families. AM. Jim & Brian Cunningham, Mullinary & Brendan Larney, 14 Crann Nua. AM. Seamus Hanratty, Kingscourt Road.
Sunday 18th January.	9.30am.	AM. Peter & Rosaleen O'Hanlon, Creevy & Vincent Shields, Cross Street, Athenry.
Sunday 18th January.	12Noon.	AM. Felix O'Donoghue, Dundalk Road. AM. Gerry McGee & remembering his parents John & Josephine & his sister Teresa McGee. AM. Tom & Mary O'Brien, 39 Rockdaniel Road. AM. Andrew Campbell, Drummond Radhairc. AM. Mick Gormley, Cloughvalley & his sister Ann Loy. AM. Kevin & Kitty O'Rourke, Ballybay Road.
Monday 19th January	10.00am.	AM. Frank & Annie Fealy, Magheross & Thomas & Mary Duffy, Dundalk & their daughter Catherine Hanratty, Crossmaglen & their son Seamus Duffy, England. AM. Remigijus Bunys.
Tuesday 20th January.	10.00am.	AM. Gene & Letita McArdle, Main Street & the deceased members of the Durkin & Pearce families, Main Street, Carrickmacross.
Wed 21st Jan.	10.00am.	AM. Ann Lang, Drumcargy, Magheracloone.
Thursday 22nd January .	10.00am.	Remembrance Mass: Kathleen Carolan, Kilmactrasna. AM. Patsy Martin, Cloughvalley.
Frid 23rd January.	10.00am.	AM. Tom & Nan Kelly & Bridget, Joe & Joseph Hornyak & Mark & John Bonner & deceased members of the Kelly family, Lisanisk.
Sat 24th Jan.	11.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 24th January.	6.00pm.	1st AM. Mary Conroy, Beech Drive. AM. Anna & Thomas Coleman, & deceased family members, 21 Cloughvalley. AM. Mary Cullen, St Macartan's Villas. AM. Matthew & Mary Tully, Drummond Oтра.
Sunday 25th January.	9.30am.	AM. Jane, James & Nuala McKeown, Rockdaniel Road, & deceased members of the McKeown & Callan families. AM. Eilish Goodman, Kingscourt Road & the McCartney family, Farney Street. AM. John & Susan McNally, Main Street & their daughter Angela Guinan & deceased members of the McNally & McGinnity families.
Sunday 25th January.	12Noon.	Months Memory: James Meehan, Cavanageeragh, Carrickmacross. AM. Edward O'Neill & deceased members of the O'Neill family, Mullinary & deceased members of the Keenan family, Latton. AM. Anna Clinton, "An Gleann", Cloughvalley & deceased members of the Clinton family, Comertagh. AM. Kathleen Reilly, Ardee, & deceased members of the Crawley family, Dunogue. AM. Seamus Cassidy, Donaghmoyne Road & his daughter Ciara Walsh.

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Sunday 25th January.	12Noon.	AM. Seamus Cunningham, 50 Cloughvalley & deceased members of the Cunningham family. AM. Joe O'Reilly, Castleblayney Road.
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Recently Deceased.

Bridget Carolan, Glasnevin, Dublin & Carrickmacross.
Margaret (Peggy) McConnon, Sreenty, Corduff.
Thomas Haughey, Great Yarmouth, England. (brother of Chris Higgins)
Bridgeen Marron, Australia & formerly Pearse Avenue.
Cathal Quinn, Corrintra, Castleblayney.
Margaret Nelis, Strabane (née Conlon) formerly Crossroads, Mullinary.

Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 18th January.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Benny & Nancy Ann Gartlan & deceased members of the Gartlan family. AM. Thomas & Patrick Gartlan & deceased members of the Gartlan family, Sreenty. AM. Larry & Maggie Callan, Corbane & their son Lorcan & their daughter Rosemary Rafferty & deceased members of the Callan family. AM. Katie Cooney, Carrickartagh.
Sunday 25th January.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. Anne Monaghan, Corlea, Carrickmacross. AM. Frank Campbell, Raferagh.



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.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools Week 2026

18th to the 24th of January.

Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness

"Holiness does not mean performing extraordinary things but doing ordinary things with love and faith."

Pope Francis on Blessed Carlo Acutis

Catholic Schools Week 2026 celebrates the extraordinary call to holiness in the midst of ordinary life. Inspired by Pope Francis's reflection on Blessed Carlo Acutis—soon to be canonised as the first millennial saint—this year's theme invites pupils, teachers, families, and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible. Holiness is not for a few, but for all; not reserved for religious professionals or mystics, but for every student, teacher, parent (and grandparent!) aunt or uncle living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ. Catholic schools exist to form individuals who know that their lives have a purpose and a calling. This year's theme, *"Normal Lives, Called to Holiness,"* resonates with the central conviction that education is a path not only to knowledge and maturity but to sainthood.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 will take place from 18 to 25 January. The theme this year is **"One Body, One Spirit"**, based on Ephesians 4:4. It reminds us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere. The theme and the prayers and reflections for this year have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, in collaboration with the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches.

Prayer for Unity – Lord Jesus Christ, show us how to be patient with one another in humility and gentleness. May the light You shine on our path lead us towards unity and help us heal the wounds of division and indifference that often break communities apart. Amen.

Corduff/Raferagh Parish Bazaar: A Big Thank You to all who organised, gave donations, and supported on the night the recent Bazaar in Corduff & Raferagh Community Centre. A total of €13,000.00 was donated to the parish.

St. Macartan's Cathedral – Nationwide Broadcast: We were very fortunate that the RTE Flagship programme ***Nationwide*** featured St. Macartan's Cathedral during 2025. It coincided with Heritage Week. The wonderful craftspeople who have been working on our beautiful Cathedral were featured and it gave us an in-depth insight into the talent, craft and expertise that is helping restore our Mother Church of the Diocese. A link to this programme is now available for viewing on www.clogherdiocese.ie/ourcathedralourlegacy.

From the first weekend of Lent February 21st/22nd 2026: Weekend Mass times will change in Magheracloone Parish:

St Patrick's Church will have the 7pm Saturday evening vigil Mass

St Peter/St Paul's will have the 9.30am Mass on Sunday mornings.

These Masses will rotate on a yearly basis from the 1st weekend of Lent each year if we have two priests in the Parish.

2nd Annual Procession for St. Bridget's Day takes place on Sunday, February 1st at St. Patrick's church, Bawn, A75 FY98. Gathering at 11.20am and processing into the church for Mass at 11.30am

ACCORD Monaghan – Volunteers Needed: ACCORD, the Catholic Marriage Care Service, invites volunteers to train as Marriage Preparation Facilitators. We are looking for people with a positive outlook on marriage, a strong volunteer spirit, and a warm, welcoming manner. Full training is provided, with a Special Purpose Certificate from Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth awarded on completion of the course. For more information, please contact monaghan@accord.ie and one of the team will get back to you.

Monaghan Charismatic Prayer Group are organising a bus to **The Divine Mercy Conference** in RDS on Saturday 28th February. Bus leaving Monaghan at 7am via Clontibret, Castleblayney, Carrickmacross. Tickets will be issued on the bus. Bus fare and Tickets €50. Booking essential by contacting 087 9717447.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje direct from Dublin 15th July to 22nd 2026, €745 if deposit of €200 is paid before 30th January 2026 otherwise price increases to €795. For more information contact group leader Marian Kane 0872713260.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 – Compensation Claim - The Diocesan Lourdes Committee is working with the Consumer Council to pursue compensation for the delay experienced on the return journey of the 2024 pilgrimage. In order to do this, authorisation is required from each pilgrim to be returned by the end of January 2026. More information at www.clogherdiocese.ie/lourdes2024

Depression & Anxiety Support Group – Corduff: A professionally facilitated 6-week support group for depression and anxiety will begin on Wednesday 4th February in Corduff. This group is suitable for adults experiencing low mood, depression, or anxiety and will be facilitated by Susan Byrne, Psychotherapist (CBT). Places are limited. For further information or to book a place, please contact: 085 107 6821 susan.a.byrne01@gmail.com

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