

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



25th January 2026. Sunday of the Word of God.

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

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Weekly Reflection.

Catholic Schools Week

The theme for Catholic Schools Week is – 'Normal lives, called to holiness.' Most of us are familiar with the exemplary life of the student Carlos Acutis, who through his devotion to the Eucharist inspired so many young people along the path of faith. The late Pope Francis when speaking of Blessed Carlos said, 'holiness does not mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith.' He will be the first teenage saint of our times, and an example to all generations of holiness.

Holiness begins in prayer where our personal relationship with God develops in the rituals of the Church, especially in Sunday Eucharist. The Eucharist nourishes and enables us to be people of service and courage, joy, and mission. Holiness is not an achievement; it is a gift that is offered to each one of us.

Catholic schools are special communities where staff and students discover that our lives matter for in the words of St Paul we hear 'that the life of each one of us has its influence on others.'

As we close the celebration of Catholic Schools Week, we pray that our schools may be places of faith and charity, where the witness of Blessed Carlos Acutis may be the inspiration that turns ordinary lives to holiness.

Fr Shane.

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| Sat 24th Jan. | 11.00am. | Morning Mass. |
| Saturday 24th January. | 6.00pm. | <p>1st AM. Mary Conroy, Beech Drive.</p> <p>AM. Anna & Thomas Coleman, & deceased family members, 21 Cloughvalley.</p> <p>AM. Mary Cullen, St Macartan's Villas.</p> <p>AM. Matthew & Mary Tully, Drummond Otra.</p> |
| Sunday 25th January. | 9.30am. | <p>AM. Jane, James & Nuala McKeown, Rockdaniel Road & deceased members of the McKeown & Callan families.</p> <p>AM. Eilish Goodman, Kingscourt Road & the McCartney family, Farney Street.</p> <p>AM. John & Susan McNally, Main Street & their daughter Angela Guinan & deceased members of the McNally & McGinnity families.</p> <p>AM. Gerry & Mary O'Reilly, Lisgall & Deceased Members of the O'Reilly Family, Carragartha & Marron Family Leggiomore.</p> |
| Sunday 25th January. | 12Noon. | <p>Month's Memory: James Meehan, Cavanageeragh, Carrickmacross.</p> <p>AM. Edward O'Neill & deceased members of the O'Neill family, Mullinny & deceased members of the Keenan family, Latton.</p> <p>AM. Anna Clinton, "An Gleann", Cloughvalley & deceased members of the Clinton family, Comertagh.</p> <p>AM. Kathleen Reilly, Ardee, & deceased members of the Crawley family, Dunogue.</p> <p>AM. Seamus Cassidy, Donaghmoyne Road & his daughter Ciara Walsh.</p> <p>AM. Seamus Cunningham, 50 Cloughvalley & deceased members of the Cunningham family.</p> <p>AM. Joe O'Reilly, Castleblayney Road.</p> <p>AM. James Fox, 71 Cloughvalley.</p> |
| Mon 26th Jan. | 10.00am. | AM. James & Katie Kerley, Leggiomore & deceased members of the McKevitt & McKitterick families, Creevy. |
| Tues 27th Jan. | 10.00am. | AM. Peter McGuigan, Drumcargy, Magheracloone. |
| Wed 28th Jan. | 10.00am. | Mass for the People of the Parish. |
| Thurs 29th Jan. | 10.00am. | AM. Barney, Kitty & Mark Busby, Farney Street. |
| Fri 30th Jan. | 10.00am. | Morning Mass. |
| Sat 31st Jan. | 11.00am. | Remembrance Mass: Chloe McGee and Family, Barnadonagh. |
| Saturday 31st January. | 6.00pm. | <p>Remembrance Mass for recently deceased Chrissie Duffy, England & formerly Donaghmoyne.</p> <p>AM. John Dolan, Castleblayney Road.</p> |
| Sunday 1st February. | 9.30am. | <p>Mass for the Feast of St Brigid. St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at this Mass.</p> <p>AM. Olive Fahey, Ardee Road.</p> |
| Sunday 1st February. | 12Noon. | <p>Mass for the Feast of St Brigid. St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at this Mass.</p> <p>AM. Phyllis, Tony & Jim McEvoy & deceased members of the McEvoy & Kelly families.</p> <p>AM. Peter Crosby & remembering his wife Kitty, 36 St. Macartan's Villas.</p> <p>AM. Martin Cunningham, Watford, England, formerly Beaghmagherross.</p> <p>AM. James & Mary Brady, Longfield & deceased family members.</p> |

Recently Deceased: **Rose Hand**, Annaglog, Ardee.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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| Sunday 25th January. | Raferagh. 11.00am. | St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at this Mass. AM. Anne Monaghan, Corlea, Carrickmacross. AM. Frank Campbell, Raferagh. |
| Sunday 1st February. | Corduff. 11.00am. | Mass for the Feast of St Brigid. St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at this Mass. AM. Peter Connolly, Carragartha. AM. Pete & Bridie Clinton & 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. | |

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.

Feast Days for the Month of February 2026.

Sunday 1st February 2026 - **Feast of St. Brigid**, Secondary Patron of Ireland - celebrated at all of the Sunday Masses.

Monday 2nd February 2026 - **Feast of The Presentation of the Lord** (Candlemass Day) - Mass in St. Joseph's at 10am.

Tuesday 3rd February - **Feast of St Blaise** - 'two' Masses in St. Joseph's, 10am & 7.30pm, with the Blessing of Throats at both Masses.

Wednesday 18th February - **Ash Wednesday** - Masses in St. Joseph's 7.15am., 10am & 7.30pm. and in St. Michael's Corduff at 7.30pm.

Mass Duties for February in St Josephs.

Weekend Readers: **6.00pm.** Catherine McHugh. **9.30am.** Michael Callan.

12Noon. Christina Farnan.

Weekday Readers: **Mon:** Teresa Linden. **Tues:** Carmel McCarthy. **Wed.**

Thurs: Rosaleen Haworth. **Friday am.:** Michael Gavaghan.

Friday pm.: Ann McPhillips. **Saturday 11am.:** Maureen Flanagan.

Collectors: **6.00pm Mass:** Terry Kiernan, Paul Martin, and Patrick Shields.

9.30am Mass: Peter Drumgoole, Bernard McGinnity and Terry O'Neill.

12Noon Mass: Jim Halligan, Anthony Boylan and Harry Boylan.

Feast of St Brigid: Sunday 1st February. St. Brigid Crosses will be available at Mass on Sunday 25th January in St John's Raferagh, Sunday 1st February in St. Michael's Corduff & Sunday 1st February in St Joseph's. All donations received from the sale of St Brigid's Crosses will be donated to Carrickmacross Cancer. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

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

Mass-goers are asked to return Missalettes & Parish Newsletters to the tables at the porches after the Masses, by way of assisting with the tidy-up. Thanking you.

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Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa are now accepting enrolments for the academic year 2026/2027. Please see www.bunscoil.ie for more information and an enrolment form or contact the school on 042 9661808 or by emailing office@bunscoil.ie

St. Joseph's National School: Enrolment for September 2026 opens on Monday 26th January. Application forms are available by emailing: stjcmx@gmail.com or contact the school office by telephone: 0429661134. An open evening will be held at the school on Wednesday 25th February 2026 from 5.30pm to 7pm. All are welcome."

Mary's Meals: provides life-changing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The meals make it possible for hungry children to come to school and give them the energy they need to concentrate and participate in class. It costs just **€22 .00** to provide a child with meals in a place of education for a whole school year. We would like to express our thanks and acknowledge the most recent donations totalling **€3140.00** this donation will be matched by the T C Foundation and the donation value is now **€6280.00**. Our yearly total for 2025 was **€6725.00** to Mary Meals. Making a total of **€13,005.00** to date. Anyone who wishes to give to this Charity can leave their donation in the Parish Office.

Carrickmacross Bridge Club: Beginner bridge classes starting in February. For further details, please contact: Lucy 086 1743238 or Angela 087 6290836

HSE Free Suicide Prevention Awareness Training: The HSE have a range of free awareness training taking place in a number of locations in Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Meath between January and June of this year. For more information on dates, times and bookings, please visit: <https://bookwhen.com/suicidepreventiontraininglouthmeath> or see notices on parish noticeboard.

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.

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.

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.

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

Aughnafarcon National School & Aspire Breakfast Club & Afterschool A75Y934. -
Enrolment for September 2026 is now open. The School will be open for viewing on Thursday 29th January 3pm-4pm and 7pm-8pm. Application forms are available on request by emailing aughnafarcon.n.s@hotmail.com or contact the school office on 042 9743639.

St Enda's Prayer Group Killanny 2026: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: with Fr Nelson Obibueze as Spiritual Director. 15th -22nd July 2026. Price €745, (the price increases to €795 after 30th January) per person sharing Single room supplement €170 not including travel insurance; €35 up to 79 years, €70 for those 80-94 years. Includes return flights from Dublin, 7 nights' Accommodation near St Jame's Church with Breakfast and Dinner, a Marian pilgrimage Guide and 24-Hour support throughout your stay, all Airport and local taxes. For more information on joining the group please contact Martin Callan 0872345930.

Divine Mercy Conference: A coach will travel from the Old Magnet Cinema Dundalk to the RDS in Dublin on Saturday, February 28th, 2026. Further details: please phone Laurena - 0851833110.

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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.

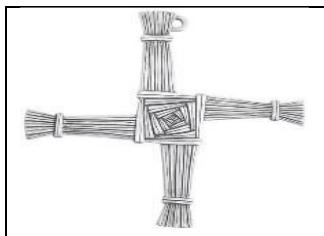
Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 – Compensation Claim - The Diocesan Lourdes Committee is working with the Consumer Council to pursue compensation for the delay experienced on the return journey of the 2024 pilgrimage. In order to do this, authorisation is required from each pilgrim to be returned by the end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

Alzheimer Society of Ireland Support Group is a place for family members or carers of a person with Dementia to meet and support each other. The group is facilitated by the Monaghan Dementia Adviser and it is held on the second Monday of each month from 6 - 7.30 pm in Carrickmacross Library. For more information, please contact Elaine Tel: 0879783959.

Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage 2026 takes place from 22nd – 29th September in the footsteps of St. Blaise and Medjugorje. We will be based at Hotel Astarea in the charming coastal town of Mlina just 10km from the historic town of Dubrovnik. The cost is €1350incl, of day return flights with Aer Lingus, checked in luggage, transfers, seven nights half board, day trips and a full spiritual programme. Enquiries to Kingscourt Parish Office on 042 9667314, and bookings with Navan Travel on 046 9068600.

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

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.



Prayer to St. Brigid.

O Glorious St. Brigid, Patroness of Ireland, protect the Irish Church and preserve the true Faith in every Irish heart, at home and abroad. Obtain for us the grace to walk faithfully in the path of Christian perfection during life, and so to secure a holy and happy death, with life everlasting, in your blessed company, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Be Alert: There continues to be fraudulent scams and alerts via telephone calls, emails etc. Please continue to be aware and cautious of any unexpected activity or communication to you and to your vulnerable family members.

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