

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



Sunday 30th November 2025.

Carrickmacross St Michael's Corduff St John's Raferagh

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Weekly Reflection.

'A Sombre Silence'

On Saturday morning last as we assembled to celebrate the funeral Mass for Chloe McGee, I was struck by the sombre silence of the hundreds of people, young and old, who assembled in the Church, in the carpark, along the streets in the guards-of-honour, in the huge cortege that followed Chloe's coffin from Barnadonagh, to St. Joseph's Church. It was a deeply respectful silence, and carried a reluctance even to whisper, in case the fragile and delicate sense of grief which enveloped us, could be shattered. From the youthful tears of the Altar Servers to the stoic tears of the elderly neighbours, standing to attention on the Shercock Road, as the hearse passed their homes, all generations were as one with the traditional values of 'auld decency,' being handed on to the next generations. The intergenerational context of reverence for ritual and religion were evident as constitutional duty brought Uachtaran na hEireann to Carrickmacross, while the young adults were reacquainted with the melody of our liturgies, where they may have forgotten some of the words, but remembered the airs surrounding the practice of our faith in such testing circumstances.

The tragedy of the accident crossed all boundaries. Five families forever united in grief, four adjacent parishes numbed with the shocking loss of life, an almost impenetrable fog of devastation drifting across three counties and three dioceses, reaching across the Irish Sea to Lanarkshire, in Scotland. As we listened to parents speaking of sleepless nights, and grandparents wondering whether their grandkids would be safe, we took cognisance of the extraordinary resilience of the first responders, and were assured of heartfelt prayers for the families from the length and breadth of the country, Archbishop John Mc Dowell, the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh spoke to me of holding all of us in his mind and prayers, and our own Bishops and clergy brought the comforting compassion of Christ both to the family homes and to the Funeral Masses.

Our faith is central to our lives as we endeavour to walk the dark road of grief with the families involved. 'The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment will ever touch them.' As we begin our Advent journey today, we offer the grieving parents and siblings the assurance of our prayerful presence in the lonely times ahead.

Fr Shane.

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Saturday 29th November.	11.00am.	AM. Fintan & Mairéad McCourt & deceased family members, Dundalk Road.
Saturday 29th November.	6.00pm.	Month's Memory: Ann Scotson, The Splink, Mullinary. AM. Jim & Teresa McCarthy & deceased family members. AM. Maudie & Vincent Pettigrew, their son Peter & his wife Geraldine. AM. Eamon McBride, Trostan.
Sunday 30th November.	9.30am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Sunday 30th November.	12Noon.	AM. Seamus Brady, Longfield & deceased family members. AM. Michael & Rose Fay, Bunnoe, Cootehill, their daughter Rosaleen Edwards & son Sean Fay. AM. Patsy Martin, Rockdaniel Road & deceased family members. AM. Moya Kirkpatrick, Magheraboy Road. Remembrance Mass: Marie O'Reilly, Railway Road, Killeshandra. Remembrance Mass: James Allen, Drumgoan & Scotland.
Mon 1st Dec.	10.00am.	Mass for the People of the Parish
Tues 2nd Dec.	10.00am.	AM. Baby Dean Finnegan-Smith, Claddagh Park, Dundalk.
Wed 3rd Dec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Thurs 4th Dec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Fri 5th Dec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass for the First Friday.
Fri 5th Dec.	7.30pm.	AM. Baby James Gerard Quigley & his grandmother Mary Quigley (née McDonald), Carrickmacross. AM. Bridie & Packie McDermott, Farney Street. Remembrance Mass: For the deceased members & present auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary.
Sat 6th Dec.	11.00am.	AM. Kathleen Gilsenan, Drumbroagh.
Saturday 6th December.	6.00pm.	AM. Alan Woods, Kilkerley, remembering his mother Angela, Drummond Etra. AM. Bosco Malone, remembering his wife Philomena, Drumgowna & his brother Barney, Bridge Street, Patrick & Cissy Hogan, Michelle Moore, Gerald & John Martyn, Cecil McCullough & Tony Gill, Mullingar. AM. Patrick Malone, Drumbroagh. AM. Pádraig & Yvonne McCabe, Carrickmacross.
Sunday 7th December.	9.30am.	Month's Memory: Paddy McConnon, Stonetown & late of Monaghan Street, AM. Lisa (Lise) Marron, Southampton, London & formerly Peaste.
Sunday 7th December.	12Noon.	AM. Deceased of the Marron Family, Lisnaguivera. AM. Patrick & Teresa Callan & their son John, Carrickmacross, formerly Drumgowna. AM. Bernadette Murphy, Ardross Avenue & deceased of the Martin family Parnell Street & Anna & Nuala Martin, Castleblayney Road. AM. Jim & Gary Sheehan, Kingscourt Road. AM. Anne & Joe Meegan, Tullynaskeagh, their daughter Mirrian & remembering Vera Meegan. AM. John & Josie Meegan, 8 Cloughvalley. AM. Paddy & Margaret McKenna, Corcuillogue, Maura McKenna & Tom McKenna & Regina McKenna, Manchester.

Recently Deceased.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 30th November.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. Patrick, Maureen & Peter McKeown & Anna Manning, Coraghy. AM. Peter Marron, Ardragh & deceased family members. AM. Fr. Joe & Tommy McCluskey & deceased members of the McCluskey family, Carrickahogue.
Sunday 7th December.	Corduff. 11.00am.	1st AM. Ann Finnegan, Cornalaragh. 1st AM. Paddy Murray, Corbane & deceased members of the Murray, Daly, Gartlan, Kiahian & Cassidy families. AM. Maura & Patsy McEnaney & deceased members of the McEnaney & Connor families, Greagh. AM. Barney, Peter & Bridget Keelan, Greaghlatacapple. AM. Patrick & Alice Conlon, Shanco & their daughter Alice Hughes, Shercock.



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.

Adoration in Blessed Sacrament Chapel (St Joseph's) there will be Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Saturday 6th December 10am to 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.



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**The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the
“Prophet's Candle” reminding us that Jesus is coming.**

Advent Wreath Prayer: “Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas”. Amen.

Dates for Advent Liturgies 2025.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Monday 8th December 2025. The Feast will be marked by **two** Masses in St Joseph's – morning Mass at **10am** and evening Mass at **7.30pm**.

The Annual Ecumenical Carol Service will be in St Joseph's this year and will be held on Sunday 14th December at 4pm.

The Pre-Christmas penitential Service will be in St. Joseph's on Sunday 21st December at 5pm.

The Monthly Visitation with Holy Communion (December) will be on Friday 12th December.

Mass Times for the Christmas Masses will be published in the coming weeks.

Christmas Cards of St Joseph's Church Crib for sale in the Parish Office €5 for 6 Cards.

Mass Cards, Mass Bouquets and Christmas Bouquets: signed by the Priests of the Parish are available in the Parish Office with suggested offering €15.00 (this includes price of card). All Mass Intentions are celebrated individually.

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Mass Duties for December in St Josephs.

Weekend Readers: **6.00pm.** Patrick Waters. **9.30am.** Pat Kerrigan.
12Noon. Paula O'Hanlon.

Weekday Readers: **Mon:** Teresa Carolan. **Tues:** Michael Gavaghan. **Wed:**
Thurs. Joanne Mundy. **Friday am.:** Malachy Marron.
Friday pm.: Thomas Mee. **Saturday 11am.:** Maureen Nwokoo.

Collectors: **6.00pm. Mass:** Terry Kiernan, Paul Martin, and Patrick Shields.
9.30am. Mass: Paddy King, John McGlynn, and Jim McNally.
12Noon Mass: Gerry Cassidy, Ollie Swinburne, and Phil Gartlan.

St. Macartan's Cathedral Restoration: Bishop Larry Duffy wishes to express his gratitude to everyone for their generous support in the recent special collection in aid of St. Macartan's Cathedral Restoration. You can still contribute by placing your donation in an envelope, marked "Cathedral Renovation" and return at Mass. **Please note, if you are donating by cheque, make your cheque payable to Diocese of Clogher.** For more information, or alternative ways to donate, see : [://clogherdiocese.ie/cathedralrestoration-summer2025/](http://clogherdiocese.ie/cathedralrestoration-summer2025/) All donors will be remembered in a dedicated Mass of thanksgiving in St. Macartan's Cathedral (date to follow). Thank you.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party, in the Valley Lodge on Wednesday 3rd December. Tickets are available, €10 from the Centre on Monday mornings.

Faith and Light Christmas Party in Corduff Community Centre on Sunday the 7th December at 1 30pm. Lunch provided and Santa will make a visit.

Knock Night Vigil: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Bus leaving from the Shirley Arms, Carrickmacross at 6.00pm Sunday 7th December. For all details contact Maeve 0874139702.

Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa Christmas Carol Service: On Wednesday 10th of December, we look forward to 'Carols by Candlelight' in St. Joseph's Church at 6.30pm. Our fabulous choir will perform a variety of carols on the evening. We invite everyone in the school community and the community of Carrickmacross to join us during this time of Advent. All are welcome.

St Vincent De Paul: Church Gate Collection Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th December at St Joseph's Church, Carrickmacross and on Sunday 14th December at St John's Church Raferagh.

Carrickmacross Emmets 44th Christmas Day Swim: Christmas Morning at 12.30pm Sharp, at Creevy Lake.

Have Your Say about your Catholic School: For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

3rd Year Reaghstown Tractor Car & Bike Run: in aid of **Carrick Cancer Society & Ardee Hospice Homecare today Sunday 30th November at 1.00pm, at Westerns GFC ROOMS. A92 A99F. Entry Fee €20.** Registration from **12noon.** Run starts at **1.00pm.** Free draw for all participants. Refreshments, Raffles, Spot Prizes and Auction. Everyone Welcome.

Advent Service in St. Patrick's Church, Bawn, A75 FY98, on Friday, December 12th at 7pm. It's a lovely way to prepare for Christmas and we ask you to bring along your children and grandchildren to join in the carols on the night. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please come and join us on the night.

Padre Pio Healing Mass at St. Tierney's Church, Roslea, Co. Fermanagh at 7pm Friday 5th December. Blessing with the Padre Pio relic. Celebrant Very Rev. Stephen Joyce. Collection in aid of Pope John Paul II 2026 Lourdes Appeal. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm concluding with Benediction at 7.45pm. Everyone welcome.