

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



St. John's, Raferagh



St. Joseph's, Carrickmacross



St. Michael's, Corduff

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sunday 30th August 2026.

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Weekly Reflection.

"Quo vadis? (Where are you going?)

An ancient legend about St. Peter can help us reflect on this Sunday's gospel. It is said that at the time of the great persecution under Emperor Nero, the Christians of Rome told Peter to leave. ***"You're too valuable,"*** they said. ***"Get out of town! Find your safety! Go to another place and preach the Gospel."*** Peter hastily hurried out of town as fast as he could. But as he hurried along the Appian Way, ***away from*** the Eternal City, ***he was met by Christ, going toward the city.*** Peter said to him in Latin, ***"Quo vadis, Domine?" "Where are you going, Lord?"*** To which Jesus replied, ***"Back to Rome, to be crucified with my people. Where are you going, Peter?"*** Peter's eyes filled with tears of remorse, as he turned and walked back to Rome, where, according to tradition, he was crucified head downward, feeling that he was not worthy to die in the same manner as had his Lord.

The **cost of discipleship** involves **self-sacrifice and the cross**. Jesus said, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Matt 16,26). The question is ***"Are we going to carry our cross/crosses and follow Christ, or will we walk away His cross?"*** Ultimately, Christ always assures us that ***"take my yoke and learn from me ... for my yoke is easy and my burden is light"*** (Matt 11,30). Fr. Sylvester.

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Saturday 29th August.	11.00am.	Month's Memory: Elizabeth Gilsean, Aghalile. 1st AM. May Callan, Creevy Oliver & remembering her husband Owen, their son David & their daughter Yvonne & deceased members of the Hoey & Callan families. Remembrance Mass: Martina Scott, (née Murphy) Belfast & formerly Raferagh.
Saturday 29th August.	6.00pm.	AM. Joe & Molly O'Hara, Rockdaniel Road & deceased members of the O'Hara & Kelly families. AM. Kieran & Liam McGinn, 14 Derryolam Park.
Sun 30 August.	9.30am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Sunday 30 August.	12Noon.	AM. Patrick & Mary O'Donoghue, Mary & Oliver Babbington Mullinary, Philomena, Stephen & Frank Duffy, Warrenpoint. AM. Cecilia Marron, Highfield & her parents Bridget & James Loughlin. AM. Patsy & Mary McBennett, Corcuillogue. AM. Pat Joe Callan, 88 Cloughvalley & deceased members of the Callan family, St. Macartans Villas.
Mon 31st Aug.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Tuesday 1st September.	10.00am.	AM. Siobhan McConnon, Lisanisk & her grandparents Annie McConnon & Murtagh & Helena Montgomery.
Wednesday 2nd September.	10.00am.	AM. Charles & Helen Martin, Pearse Avenue & their daughter Marion Hand, Kingscourt.
Thurs 3rd Sept.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Fri 4th Sept.	10.00am.	Morning Mass for the First Friday.
Friday 4th September.	7.30pm.	AM. James & Annie Callan, 43 O'Neill Street & their son Sean Callan, Dublin & deceased members of the Fitzgerald family, Carlow. AM. Thomas & Margaret Murray, Kevin Murray, James Finnegan, Aidan Murray, Laurence & Annie McCabe, baby Margaret Murray & Andrew Maguire. AM. The Deceased McNally family & John Hughes, Bridge Street.
Saturday 5th September.	11.00am.	35th AM. Garda Joe Gillan, Ardross Avenue.
Saturday 5th September.	6.00pm.	1st AM. Gerry Kieran, 26 Valley Close. AM. Jim & Annie Conlon, Rockdaniel Road. AM. Philomena McConnon, Monaghan Street. AM. Kathleen Smith-Fowler, Cloughvalley. AM. The Deceased Kelly family, Monalty.
Sunday 6th September.	9.30am.	AM. Michael & Ellen Ward & their daughters Anne, Margaret, Ethna & baby Ellen & their daughter-in-law Catherine Ward, Dublin & deceased Members of the Ward family, Monaghan Street.
Sunday 6th September.	12Noon.	AM. Frank Mayes, Mullinary & remembering his wife Sally Mayes.
Sunday 6th September	4.00pm.	Annual Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick.

Recently Deceased.

Peter Smyth, Ardee Road, Carrickmacross.

P.J. Kiernan, England & formerly Derryolam.

Bridget Moran, (née Keenan) England & formerly of Drumberagh, Laragh.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh. Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 30th August.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. John, Pat & Katie King, Corduff. AM. Mary & Thomas Keenan, their son Thomas & deceased members of the Keenan family, Sreenty & deceased members of the Rushe family, Greaghlane. AM. Michael & Mary Hanratty, their daughter Bridget Greaghlatacapple & deceased members of the Hanratty & Duffy families.
Sunday 6th September.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. Michael McEnaney, Ardragh.

Season of Creation – 1st September to 4th October 2026.

The Season of Creation begins on Tuesday 1st September marking the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, which offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous work that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.

A Prayer for our Earth.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
 and in the smallest of your creatures.
 You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
 Pour out upon us the power of your love,
 that we may protect life and beauty.
 Fill us with peace, that we may live
 as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
 O God of the poor,
 help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
 so precious in your eyes.
 Bring healing to our lives,
 that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
 that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
 Touch the hearts
 of those who look only for gain
 at the expense of the poor and the earth.
 Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
 to be filled with awe and contemplation,
 to recognize that we are profoundly
 united with every creature
 as we journey towards your infinite light.
 We thank you for being with us each day.
 Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
 for justice, love and peace.
 Pope Francis *Laudato Si'*

Annual Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, which will take place on **Sunday next, 6th September at 4:00pm in St. Joseph's Church**. This special Mass offers the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** to anyone experiencing illness, frailty, or difficulties in body, mind, or spirit. It is a moment of grace, comfort, and strength for those carrying burdens of ill health in any form. We extend a special welcome to those who are visited on the **First Fridays** to join us on this sacred occasion, along with **anyone who feels they would benefit** from the healing and peace that this beautiful Sacrament brings. Following the Mass, **refreshments will be served in the Holy Family Hall**, offering a time for fellowship and community.

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Mass Duties for September in St Joseph's.

Weekend Readers: **6.00pm.** Bernard Marron. **9.30am.** Jimmy Hayes.
12Noon. Gus O'Gorman.

Weekday Readers: **Mon:** Gretta Murphy. **Tues:** Valerie Campion. **Wed:** Joanne Mundy.
Thurs: Pat Drury. **Friday am.:** Tracey Mac Ardle.
Friday pm.: Ciara Nolan. **Saturday 11am.:** Ann O'Reilly.

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.

The Annual November Remembrance for those who have died in our parish during the previous year will be held in St Joseph's Church on Sunday 22nd November 2026 at 4.00pm.

Senior Citizen Monthly Party takes place on Wednesday 2nd September 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Ceilidh Centre Cloughvalley. All are welcome.

St Enda's Prayer Group: Tuesday 1st September, Confessions at 7.00pm and Holy Mass at 7.30pm with Cardinal Sean Brady, in Stonetown National School A91 X923.

Faith and Light Regional Pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Sunday September 13th. All members and friends, past and present, invited. Bus leaving AIB, Carrickmacross 8.30am. Total cost €50. Please ring Clare 0860886846 to book your place. There will also be some extra seats available on a first come basis.

St Joseph Men's Camino: Join men from across Ireland on Saturday 12th September for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Confessions and fellowship, with after-dinner speaker Fr. Mark Quinn founder of Men of St Joseph. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student €55) including lunch and Dinner. Book now and find full details at: www.dominicans.ie/events

Lough Derg: Bus going on a **One Day Retreat** to Lough Derg on Saturday next the 5th September 2026. Due to the increase demand for seats, we have hired a larger bus, so we have some extra seats available. To book please contact Pauline O'Hagan on 0879499335 or Pauline Fox on 0863669875.

Depression & Anxiety Support Group – Corduff: A professionally facilitated 6-week support group for depression and anxiety will begin on Monday 7th September 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. Email: susan.a.byrne01@gmail.com

Fr Noel Conlon Charitable Trust – Date for Your Diary. The Fr Noel Conlon Charitable Trust is holding its annual walk in Carlingford on Saturday, 19th September 2026. Registration: 10:30am Walk starts: 11:00am. Registration fee: €25. Join us for a beautiful scenic walk, starting at the Marina, followed by a short walk to St Jude's Shrine. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join us on the day. For any further information please contact Fr Noel Conlon on 042 9378678.

Monaghan Charismatic Prayer Group are organising a bus to Lough Derg on Sunday 6th Sept a special day in honour of Carlo Acutis. Bus leaving Carrickmacross at 7am via Castleblayney /Clontibret/Monaghan. The Island fee is €50 and bus fare €25. Booking essential and ASAP with: Rosaleen 0879717447/ Philip 0872508043

Annual Family Mass and Blessings with relics of St. Therese , and her parents , St. Louis and St. Zelig Martin will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Bawn A75 FY98 , on Sunday, September 27th at 11.30am. Celebrant: Fr. Ben Hughes.

Clogher don Óige will host the second series of – **The Chosen** – a groundbreaking drama for young adults about the life of Jesus Christ, told through the eyes of those who knew Him. It will take place each Thursday , for 8 weeks, **beginning 10th September from 7:30pm to 9:30pm** in St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Monaghan. An opportunity for young adults aged 18-40 to watch the series, take part in discussions, group sharing and prayer. To register or for more information contact info@clogherdonoige.org or call 047 72784.