

# The Parish Of Machaire Rois



**Second Sunday after Christmas.  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

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

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**St Vincent De Paul:** Contact - Free Phone **1800677777.**

## **Weekly Reflection.**

### **God's Word in human form.**

In the opening verses of today's Gospel from St. John, which are almost poetic in nature, the evangelist wants us to appreciate how much God has blessed us through Jesus, his Word, his only Son. At the beginning of today's second reading, St. Paul speaks of God the Father 'who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ'.

As we begin a new year, it can be good to remind ourselves of how much God has given us through his Son, how greatly we have been blessed and graced through the Word who was with God in the beginning, who was God, who became human in Jesus and who is with us always to the end of time as risen Lord in his glorified humanity.

The beginning of the year is like the beginning of a new journey, a twelve-month journey. Some of us may feel a certain anxiety or even foreboding as we face into that journey. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that God has given us the greatest possible resource for that journey. And we also remind ourselves that God never takes back the gift of his Son, but keeps holding him out before us, moving us to receive him into our lives, our homes, and, through us, into our world. As we wish one another well for the coming new year, we pray that we will have the wisdom to anchor ourselves firmly in Jesus, God's Word in human form.

Fr. Owen Joe.

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<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> January.</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>	<b>Remembrance Mass:</b> Tom McNally, Ardee Road.
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> January.</b>	<b>6.00pm.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Alice & Bernard Kelly, Ardee Road. <b>AM.</b> John Maguire, Nafferty, Ballybay Road. <b>AM.</b> P.J. Reilly, Cloughvalley & deceased members of the Reilly & McMahon families.
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup> January.</b>	<b>9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass for the People of the Parish.</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January.</b>	<b>12Noon.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Noeleen Keenan, her parents Kathleen & Ned Keenan, 33 St. Macartan's Villas. <b>AM.</b> Terry Cassidy, Mullaghmacatee. <b>AM.</b> Teresa & Brian Duffy, Emmett Street.
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Morning Mass.</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Morning Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.</b> <b>Birthday Remembrance.</b> Michael Downey, Patrician Drive. <b>Evening Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Morning Mass.</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Morning Mass.</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Morning Mass.</b>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January.</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>	<b>Morning Mass.</b>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January.</b>	<b>6.00pm.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Terry & Brian McMahon, Corduffkelly. <b>AM.</b> Michael Kelly, Clonseady & Carrickmacross.
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January.</b>	<b>9.30am.</b>	<b>Sunday Mass.</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January.</b>	<b>12Noon.</b>	<b>Mass for the People of the Parish</b>

## Recently Deceased.

**James Meehan**, Cavanageeragh, Carrickmacross.

**Patrick (Paddy) Reilly**, Faraghy, Shantonagh.

**Gerry Gallagher**, Loughbracken, Drumconrath.

**Annie Quinn**, (née Keenan), London & formerly Sreenty, Corduff.

**Eileen McClafferty**, Downings, Donegal.

**Oliver Carey**, Dublin, formerly

## **Feast of the Epiphany.**

There will be two Masses in St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 10am and 7.30pm.



## **Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany.**

Lord God of heaven and earth, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen.



## **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.**

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## Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

**Sunday at 11am (alternating)**

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<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January.</b>	<b>Corduff. 11.00am.</b>	<b>Month's Memory:</b> Margaret Traynor, Drumgurra, remembering her grandson Oisín Traynor & deceased members of the Traynor family. <b>AM.</b> Patsy, Josie, Mary & Michael Marron, Umerafree. <b>AM.</b> Bridgie, Tommy & Paddy Marron & deceased members of the Marron family, Umerafree.
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January.</b>	<b>Raferagh. 11.00am.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Kathleen Connolly, Cornalaragh. <b>AM.</b> Michael Slattery, Dublin & New York. <b>AM.</b> Packie & Frank Richards & their parents Katie & Michael & deceased Richards family, Raferagh.

**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.

**Give Hope this New Year with Double the Love:** Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. To donate, go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Anyone who wishes to give to this Charity can leave their donation in the Parish Office.

**Clogher don Óige** are holding a special young adult series event – The Chosen – a groundbreaking drama about the life of Jesus Christ, told through the eyes of those who knew Him. The event continues on Thursdays, until 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Monaghan. This is a wonderful opportunity for young adults aged 18-40 to watch the series, take part in group discussions and sharing and experience prayer and fellowship. **Registration is essential.** contact [info@clogherdonoige.org](mailto:info@clogherdonoige.org) or call 047 72784.

**Lourdes 2026** – Thinking of travelling to Lourdes 2026? Then why not give your loved one a Lourdes Gift voucher for the New YEAR. Available in £50, £100 or £200 vouchers. Contact Pilgrimage Secretary – John Hueston – 028 67724329 or at 62 Crom Road, Macknagh, Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh, BT92 0BD. Email [treasurer.lourdes@clogherparishes.ie](mailto:treasurer.lourdes@clogherparishes.ie)

**St Enda's Prayer Group Killanny 2026: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** with Fr Nelson Obibueze as Spiritual Director. 15<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026. Price €795 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 RDS Dublin – 2026:**

+A coach will travel from the Old Magnet Cinema Dundalk to the RDS in Dublin on Saturday, February 28th, 2026. further details: Phone Laurena - 0851833110.

**Mass Cards & Mass 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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**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.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Dublin direct to Mostar – Medjugorje (returning via Split) Departing from Dundalk on Wednesday, 10th June, and returning on Wednesday, 17th June 2026.. Price €845 per person sharing Duration 7 nights, half-board. Spiritual Director Fr. Paul Montague, Reaghstown Parish. For more information about joining the group, please contact James at 087-220-2173.

**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](mailto:fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org)

**Crocus Cancer Support Centre, Monaghan**, warmly invites anyone who has lost a loved one to cancer to join our monthly support group — a safe space to share and grieve, to mourn and honour the heartbreak and experience the healing power of community. Please contact our office at 047 62565 to book your place.

**Tusla Foster Carer:** Have you ever thought about fostering? Change a child's life by becoming a Tusla Foster Carer. Talk to Tusla Fostering today by freephone 1800 226 771 or visit [www.fostering.ie](http://www.fostering.ie) to learn more.

**Minor Injury Unit at Monaghan Hospital - PLEASE NOTE LAST PATIENT CHECK IN IS 7PM** – patients will not be seen if they arrive after 7pm. – Closed 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> December. Please see website [www.hse.ie/injuryunits](http://www.hse.ie/injuryunits) to see list of injuries that we can treat or contact 047 38835 for any queries. Patients 5 years and over.

**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.

## Sacramental Dates 2026. The Parish of Machaire Rois.

**Confirmation:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11.00am in St Joseph's Church, Carrickmacross.

### First Holy Communion.

**Scoil Rois:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am. - St Joseph's Church.

**Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am - St Joseph's Church.

**Corcreagh National School:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am. - St John the Evangelist Raferagh.

**St Joseph's Boys N.S.:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11.00am. - St Joseph's Church.

**Scoil Padraig Corduff:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11.00am. - St Michael's Church, Corduff.

**Safeguarding Review:** If you wish to report a child safeguarding concern, please contact Deirdre Boyle 0044 777 5507445, or Anne Molloy 0044 787941 3855 or An Garda Síochána 00353 1 663430, · PSNI 028 90650222, · TUSLA 00353 47 30475 · Western Health and Social Care Trust 028 7131 4090.