

# The Parish Of Machaire Rois



## *Second Sunday of Advent*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

[Carrickmacross](#)

[St Michael's Corduff](#)

[St John's Raferagh](#)

**Mgr. Shane Mc McCaughey:** PP 042-9664367

**Canon Owen Joe McEneaney:** 042-9661231

**Parish Office:** 042-9661231:

**Office opening hours:** 10am- 12.30pm Monday- Friday.

**Email:** [carrickmacross@clogherparishes.ie](mailto:carrickmacross@clogherparishes.ie)

**Website:** [www.carrickmacrossparish.ie](http://www.carrickmacrossparish.ie)

**Webcam – Live streaming:** This can be viewed by our own webpage

<https://www.carrickmacrossparish.ie/our-parish/web-cam/> or

[www.churchservices.tv/carrickmacross](http://www.churchservices.tv/carrickmacross) [Parish Radio 92.1 FM.](#)

**Should you have any difficulty accessing the live streaming please contact via email directly to**

**[Support@churchservices.tv](mailto:Support@churchservices.tv)**

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

### **Weekly Reflection.**

#### **Advent shoots of new life.**

If there are times when we need to hear the somewhat unsettling message of John the Baptist (today's Gospel reading), there are other times in our lives when we have a greater need of the hopeful message of Isaiah. If the only vision we had of ourselves was that of a tree that was fit for cutting down, we wouldn't get out of bed in the morning.

Therefore, we also need to be aware of those shoots of new life that are there within us. The Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts at Baptism and Confirmation. That Spirit of the Lord continues to rest on us, in the words of today's first reading. The Spirit may lie dormant within us but it never leaves us. We carry within us the spiritual seeds of new beginnings, which is why we should never give up on ourselves, or on others.

St Paul in today's second reading tells us that Scripture gives us examples of how people who did not give up were helped by God. Elsewhere, in that same letter to the Romans, he assures us that 'the Spirit helps us in our weakness'. The Spirit is always at work in our lives nurturing those shoots of new life. In this regard, the **Christmas Penance Service** (Confessions) in St. Joseph's on Sunday December 21st (5pm) can very powerfully enable the Spirit to nurture those shoots of new life within each one of us.

Fr. Owen Joe.

## The Parish Of Machaire Rois

<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Kathleen Gilsenan, Drumbroagh.
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December.</b>	<b>6.00pm.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Alan Woods, Kilkerry, remembering his mother Angela, Drummond Etra. <b>AM.</b> 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. <b>AM.</b> Patrick Malone, Drumbroagh. <b>AM.</b> Pádraig & Yvonne McCabe, Carrickmacross.
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December.</b>	<b>9.30am.</b>	<b>Month's Memory:</b> Paddy McConnon, Stonetown & late of Monaghan Street, <b>AM.</b> Lisa (Lise) Marron, Southampton, London & formerly Peaste.
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December.</b>	<b>12Noon.</b>	<b>Month's Memory:</b> Malachy Connolly, "Malkitt Cottage", Lurgans Hill. <b>AM.</b> Deceased of the Marron Family, Lisnaguivera. <b>AM.</b> Patrick & Teresa Callan & their son John, Carrickmacross, formerly Drumgowna. <b>AM.</b> Bernadette Murphy, Ardross Avenue & deceased of the Martin family Parnell Street & Anna & Nuala Martin, Castleblayney Rd. <b>AM.</b> Jim & Gary Sheehan, Kingscourt Road. <b>AM.</b> Anne & Joe Meegan, Tullynaskeagh, their daughter Mirrian & remembering Vera Meegan. <b>AM.</b> John & Josie Meegan, 8 Cloughvalley. <b>AM.</b> Paddy & Margaret McKenna, Corcuillogue, Maura McKenna & Tom McKenna & Regina McKenna, Manchester.
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>  <b>7.30pm.</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</b> <b>AM.</b> Tom Hand & Tom Neville & deceased members of the Old Monastery, Dundalk Road. <b>Evening Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</b>
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Morning Mass.</b>
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b> <b>6.30pm.</b>	<b>Morning Mass.</b> <b>Christmas Carol Service: Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa.</b>
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Morning Mass.</b>
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Birthday Remembrance:</b> Noel Martin, Ardee Road.
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>	<b>Month's Memory:</b> Conor Harrington, The Lurgans.
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>6.00pm.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Sheila Callaghan, Ardee Road.
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December.</b>	<b>9.30am.</b>	<b>Month's Memory:</b> Chloe McGee, Barnadonagh. <b>AM.</b> Peter & Ava Carolan, their son Peter & grandson Noel & Patsy Carolan & grandparents Peter & Margaret Carolan. <b>AM.</b> Peter Shields, Nafferty. <b>Mass</b> for the benefactors & deceased members of Carrickmacross St Vincent De Paul.
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December.</b>	<b>12Noon.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Annie Traynor, 6 Derryolam. <b>AM.</b> John & Nancy McHugh, Magheross.
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>4.00pm.</b>	<b>The Annual Ecumenical Carol Service.</b>

### Recently Deceased.

**Brian Nolan**, Aghabog, Co Monaghan – brother of Fr Sean Nolan PE.  
**Mgr. Sean Flynn**, Scotstown and a priest of the Diocese of Trenton, USA.  
**Michael McHugh**, Tullynacrunnat, Castleblayney.  
**Irene McDonnoll**, Perth, (née Meegan) formerly 3 Kingscourt Road.  
**Frank Walsh**, Sligo.

# The Parish Of Malchaire Rois

## Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

**Sunday at 11am (alternating)**

**Live streaming is now available to be viewed Via the Parish webpage.  
Should you have any difficulty accessing the live stream please contact via email  
directly to [Support@churchservices.tv](mailto:Support@churchservices.tv)**

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December.</b>	<b>Corduff. 11.00am.</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> AM.</b> Ann Finnegan, Cornalaragh. <b>1<sup>st</sup> AM.</b> Paddy Murray, Corbane & deceased members of the Murray, Daly, Gartlan, Kiahian & Cassidy families. <b>AM.</b> Maura & Patsy McEnaney & deceased members of the McEnaney & Connor families, Greagh. <b>AM.</b> Barney, Peter & Bridget Keelan, Greaghlatacapple. <b>AM.</b> Patrick & Alice Conlon, Shanco & their daughter Alice Hughes, Shercock.
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December.</b>	<b>Raferagh. 11.00am.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Gerry Crossan, Carrickahogue. <b>AM.</b> Brendan McEneaney, Ardragh. <b>AM.</b> Mary Smith, Crowley & deceased members of the Smith & Clerkin Families.



### 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.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Candle symbolizes Peace and is often called the "Bethlehem Candle". It represents the peace Jesus brings to the world, the prophecies of the "Prince of Peace," and the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

**Advent Wreath Prayer:** "Heavenly Father, You are the God who gives peace. This second week of Advent, cause us to remember that because of Jesus we can experience a Christmas free from turmoil and chaos. Regardless of our circumstances or our situations, you offer us peace that passes understanding".

### Dates for Advent Liturgies 2025.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm.

**The Pre-Christmas Penitential Service** will be in St. Joseph's on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 5pm.

**The Monthly Visitation with Holy Communion** (December) will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Faith and Light Christmas Party** in Corduff Community Centre **today Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1 30pm.** Lunch provided and Santa will make a visit.

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm we hope to erect Christmas Decorations in St. Joseph's Church and all helpers are welcome to join us.

**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.

# The Parish Of Machaire Rois

## THE PARISH OF MACHAIRE ROIS



### **Christmas Schedule 2025.**

#### **Penitential Service.**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 5.00pm. in St Joseph's.  
Confessions Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December in St Joseph's  
after 10.00am Morning Mass.

#### **Christmas Eve Masses. (Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December.)**

6.00pm. & 9.00pm. – St Joseph's Carrickmacross,  
8.00pm. – St John The Evangelist Raferagh.

#### **Christmas Day Masses. (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December.)**

9.30am. & 12 Noon - St Joseph's Carrickmacross  
11.00am – St Michael's Corduff.

#### **Weekday Mass St Joseph's.**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December, Feast of St. Stephen at 10.00am.  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December Feast of St. John the Evangelist at 11.00am.

#### **New Years Day Masses.**

Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00am. & 7.30pm. St Joseph's, Carrickmacross.

#### **The Feast of the Epiphany Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

Masses at 10.00am. & 7.30pm. in St Joseph's.

**Advent Penitential Service in St Joseph's Church with Individual Confessions Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 5pm:** You are encouraged to come and meet the Lord in the great healing Sacrament he gives us. We will have a number of neighbouring priests.

**Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa Christmas Carol Service:** On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Bazaar – The Annual Christmas Bazaar** will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 8.30 pm in Corduff Raferagh Community Centre. Proceeds from the Bazaar goes towards the parish. Your support will be very much appreciated. Come along and enjoy our annual Christmas tradition.

**Scoil Phadraig Corduff - Cash for Clobber (Clothes) collection** - Please help to organise your old unwanted clothes in bags and drop off at Scoil Phadraig Corduff from 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00 - 3.00 (school hours). Also accepted is paired shoes, bed linen, curtains, towels and handbags. Thank you for your help and support, Scoil Phadraig Parents Association.

**Stedfast Shoes Brass Band** are looking forward to performing in The Tin Church, Laragh on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. The program will include some well-known hits that the band have been working on in recent months along with a mix of seasonal favourites. Doors open at 7.30pm with the concert starting at 8pm. This is a free event, with donations welcome on the night.

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

**Carrickmacross Emmets 44<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Swim:** Christmas Morning at 12.30pm Sharp, at Creevy Lake.