

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



St. John's, Raferagh



St. Joseph's, Carrickmacross



St. Michael's, Corduff

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sunday 9th August 2026.

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Weekly Reflection.

To help us reflect on the gospel passage today, Henri Noumen's **Little River** story is helpful. A little river once said, "*I can become a **big** river*". It worked hard to get big, but in the process, it encountered a **huge rock**. "*I won't let this rock stop me*", the river said. And it **pushed and pushed** until it finally made its way through the rock. Next the river encountered a **mountain**. "*I won't let this mountain stop me*", the river said. It again **pushed and pushed** until it carved a **canyon** through the mountain. The river, now large and powerful, finally arrived at the edge of a **vast desert**. "*I won't let this desert stop me*", the river said. Again, the river **pushed and pushed** its way across the desert, the **hot sand** begun soaking up its water until only a **few puddles** remained. This time around, the river was **quiet**. Then the river heard a **voice from above**. "*My child, stop pushing. It's time to surrender. Let me lift you up. Let me take over.*" The river replied, "**Here I am**". The **sun** then lifted the river up and turned it into a **huge cloud**. And the **wind** carried the river across the desert and let it rain down on the **hills and valleys** of the faraway fields, making them **fruitful and rich**.

To stay **afloat** in this stormy sea of life of the 21st century, we need to **fix our gaze** on Christ, have more Faith in **Him** than in **ourselves**, **obeying His will** even when it's **hard**, knowing that **no obstacle** will be too much for us.

Fr. Sylvester.

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Saturday 8th August.	11.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 8th August.	6.00pm.	Month's Memory: Jim Fowler, Scotland. AM. Kevin Murray, Dunogue. AM. Jim McNally, 23 Drummond Etra. AM. Hilda McCartney, Aghalile & remembering her sister Barbara Jones, who died recently.
Sunday 9th August.	9.30am.	AM. Mark & Mary Bridget Sullivan & deceased members of the Sullivan & Matthews families, Corduffkelly.
Sunday 9th August.	12Noon.	AM. Mairéad & Michael Connolly, Emmett Street. AM. Donna & baby Gerard Patrick Marron. AM. Joe & Rose Murtagh, Leggiemore, James Murtagh & Rose Finnegan, Rossdreenagh, Jim Hand, Shercock, Hugh McNally, Monaghan Town & deceased members of the Murtagh & Ward families. AM. Mary Duffy, Foxfield, Carrickmacross.
Mon 10th August.	10.00am.	AM. For the Deceased Members of the Moran & Moriarty families & Colm O'Reilly.
Tues 11th Aug.	10.00am.	AM. Mary Ann & Felix Rushe, Greaghlane.
Wed 12th Aug.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Thurs 13th Aug.	10.00am.	Remembrance Mass: Tom McNally, Ardee Road.
Friday 14th Aug.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 14th August.	7.30pm.	Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. AM. Johnny & Cissie Gartlan, Ardee Road.
Saturday 15th August.	11.00am.	Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. AM. Charles Rooney, Tucson, Arizona.
Saturday 15th August.	6.00pm.	Month's Memory: Noel Conlon, St Macartan's Villas. AM. Mary Kerr-Conlon, Highfield. AM. Bernard & Alice McMahon, Kingscourt Road & deceased members of the Gainford & McMahon families. AM. Peter, Rhona & Dermot Martin, O'Neill Street & Adrian & Helen Martin, Lattylanigan.
Sun16th August.	9.30am.	Mass for the People of The Parish.
Sunday 16th August.	12Noon.	AM. Felix & Margaret Marron, Nafferty, Patrick & Christina Kerley, Magheracluone, their daughter Sheila Ward & their son Patrick Kerley AM. Joe & Lizzie Cunningham, their son Martin, Beaghmagheross & deceased members of the Gilsenan & Conlon families, USA. AM. Jim, Elizabeth & Sheila Drury, Carrickmacross, the Markey family, Dublin, the Mohan family, O'Neill Street, the Drury family, Ballymote & the O'Neill family, Main Street. AM. Dr. Jimmy Carroll, Shercock Road. AM. Sam & Teresa Rogan, their infant son James & daughter Rebecca, Dundalk & deceased members of the Rogan & Ward families, Dundalk & Carrickmacross.

Recently Deceased.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday 15th August 2026.

The Feast will be marked by two Masses in St Joseph's – Vigil Mass on Friday evening 14th at 7.30pm and Mass on Saturday morning at 11am.

The Annual Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing will be held in St. Joseph's Carrickmacross on Sunday 6th September at 4pm.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh. Sunday at 11am (alternating)
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Sunday 9th August.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	Month's Memory: Maura Tobin (née Smyth) Raheny, Dublin & Corcreagh. AM. John & Kathleen Clarke, Corvalley & their grandson Patrick Cooney.
Sunday 16th August.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Tommie & Katie Larkin, Cornenty, their sons Patsy & Peter, their granddaughters Caroline & Jackline, & their great-grandsons Anthony & Liam Twine. AM. Tommy & Annie McPhillips & their sons Tom & Paddy, late of Umerafree.

	<u>Adoration in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. (St Joseph's).</u> The Blessed Sacrament Chapel opening hours are as follows. <u>Monday: 9am. - 10am. Tuesday: 9am. - 7pm. Wednesday:</u> <u>9am.10am. Thursday: 8am. - 10am. Friday: 8am. - 10am.</u> <u>Saturday 10am. - 11am. and 5pm. – 6pm. Sunday 1pm. - 6pm.</u>
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Rosary in St Joseph's Church: Monday – Friday at 6.30pm.

Confessions in St Joseph's every Saturday after the 11am Mass – and the Eve of the First Friday (Thursday) after the 10am Mass.

Bishop Liam S MacDaid (RIP) Third Anniversary will be held on Friday, 14th August @ 7pm, St. Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan.

Sr. Concilio is celebrating the 60th anniversary of the opening of the first Cuan Mhuire Treatment Centre for Alcohol, Drug, and Gambling addiction. A Healing Novena will take place in Cuan Mhuire Ballybay from August 7th until August 15th. Rosary nightly at 7 15, Mass nightly at 7 30, Holy Hour at 11am. Everybody welcome.

St Enda's Prayer Group: Monday 10th August an evening with Brother Thomas Paul at 7pm in Stonetown National School A91 X923.

St Moluas: An Open Air Service will be held today Sunday 9th August at 3.00pm. Refreshments Served. All are welcome.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 13th–16th August: Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

ALONE Volunteers Needed: Could you spare an hour a week to support an older person in your community? ALONE is looking for volunteers to provide friendship and companionship to older people who may be experiencing loneliness or isolation. Full training and ongoing support are provided, and volunteering can make a real difference in someone's life. For more information, please contact: Caroline Maguire. Volunteer Support Officer- ALONE. Phone: 083-4177119. Email: Caroline.Maguire@alone.ie

Mass Cards, Mass Bouquets, and Get-Well 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.

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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Trees at St. Joseph's Church Carrickmacross: You may recall that in January last we began a conversation around concerns about the safety of the trees on the Church grounds. Assorted options were considered and Monaghan Co. Council were consulted as to the most appropriate way of tending to the trees. Following discussions at the Parish Finance Committee it was agreed that the parish would employ an Arboriculture Consultant to give a professional opinion on the trees. Philip Blackstock provided a report which recommended the removal of one tree and the crowning, and shaping of the remaining trees, addressing issues of height, width, and ivy. The Committee accepted this report and sought tenders from Professional Tree Surgeons to conduct the project. Shane Mulligan, Tree Maintenance and Forestry Services, has been appointed to carry out the project and will be attending to the trees presently.

Carrick Cancer: The Friends of Carrick Cancer would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who took part in, supported, donated or sponsored the Croagh Patrick climb on Saturday the 1st August. Your support is much appreciated.

Shercock Killann Cancer Support Group are holding their annual Cake Sale and Coffee Day in Shercock Hall on Saturday 15th August from 8.30am to 3pm. Come and join us for coffee and sweet treats. All support welcome.

Save the Date! Sunday 23 August 2026 from 12pm – 5pm. Ramble at Lough Fea, All Proceeds to Carrick Cancer. Picnic Area, Pet Friendly, Light refreshments in The Great Hall, Historical Talks, Live music by Brendan McCahey & Friends, Nature Walks. Donations €10 per adult. Entry by Front Gate Kingscourt Road – A81F970. With kind permission of Philip Shirley and Family, in memory of Robert Henry. More details later.

Poker Classic in aid of the Monaghan Branch Parkinson's Group takes place in the Mountain Dew, Corduff on Saturday 8th Aug at 8.30pm. Admission €40. Your support is appreciated.

Lough Derg: Bus going on a **One Day Retreat** to Lough Derg on Saturday the 5th September 2026. To book please contact Pauline O'Hagan on 0879499335 or Pauline Fox on 0863669875.

August & September 2026 at Lough Derg.

A pilgrimage has a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our daily routines, and gives us time and space to encounter God more deeply. *Pope Leo XIV*

Three Day Pilgrimages – *In the tradition of prayer, fasting and keeping Vigil.* Last day to begin the Three Day Pilgrimage this coming Thursday 13th August. Admission €85. Discounts available for Groups, Seniors & Students.

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 31st September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th and 20th Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential.

Includes Special Themed Retreats: 23rd August - St Peregrine. 5th September – Pioneer Pilgrimage 6th September – St Carlos Acutis. 9th & 12th September – Vocations Monstrance. 19th September – Divine Mercy Pilgrimage.

Heritage Day Tours – *Explore one of Ireland's most enduring and authentic spiritual destinations.* Thursday 20th August. 11am & 2:30pm. As part of National Heritage Week celebrations visitors will enjoy a guided boat trip on the lake, guided tour of Station Island and refreshments. Admission €15. Student & Child discounts available. Advance Booking Essential.

Lakeshore Pilgrim Path Pilgrimage – *In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries* Sunday 30th August. 8km & 12km routes, fully guided. Outdoor Mass weather permitting. Admission €25. Advance Booking Essential.

NEW FOR 2026 SEASON – Overnight accommodation available on Station Island the night before beginning a Retreat or Pilgrimage. **Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 PC60. Tel. 0719861518. www.loughderg.org email. info@loughderg.org**