

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 7th September 2025. A copy of this weekend's readings are available in the church. (Beside Newsletter.

Carrickmacross St Michael's Corduff St John's Raferagh

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Weekly Reflection.

The Cost of Discipleship.

"Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem as he spoke these words. While everyone around him thought he was headed for a kingdom, he knew he was headed for the cross. He made it clear in the most dramatic way possible that anyone following him is not headed for worldly glory and power, but rather a life of pain and sacrifice of the most valuable things in life. It is not enough to offer quick prayers and lousy comments about our faith. He wants us to make thoughtful and calculated decisions with an open mind.

We are not left to make this decision on our own. Our first reading from the book of Wisdom tells us we are given the gift of understanding and the Holy Spirit to help us along the way. If we feel intimidated by the costly expectations of Christ, let us be reminded that we are not the only ones who must fulfil them. The person who summoned us to the steep path will accompany us at every turn and meet us at the finish line.

Fr Vitus.

0-11	11.00	Managed Managed Challe Committee of the
Saturday	11.00am.	Memorial Mass for the recently deceased Sheila Comer,
6 th September		Middletown, Co Cork, (née Duffy) Corcuillogue,
<u> </u>		with burial of Ashes after Mass.
Saturday	6.00pm.	Remembrance Mass: Kathleen Dodd, Derryolam Park & Athenry,
6 th September.		Co Galway.
		Month's Memory: Gundars Dzinternieks, Drummond Etra.
		AM. Margaret & Larry Hand & deceased family members, Beech Drive & Susan McMahon.
		AM. Jimmy Ross & deceased members of the Ross & Healey
		Families.
		AM. Teresita Kelly, Tiragarvan.
Sun 7 th Sept.	9.30am.	AM. Jim & Annie Conlon, Patrician Drive.
Sunday	12Noon.	1 st AM. Kitty Crosby, St Macartan's Villas.
7 th September.	12110011.	AM. Deceased members of the Murray & Carroll families, Derrylavin.
Sun 7 th Sept.	4.00pm.	Annual Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick.
Mon 8 th Sept.	10.00am.	Mass for the people of the Parish.
Tues 9 th Sept.	10.00am.	Birthday Remembrance: Harry Nolan, Kilmactrasna.
Wed 10 th Sept.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Thurs 11 th Sept.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Fri 12 th Sept.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday	11.00am.	1 st AM : David Callan, Creevy Oliver & remembering his father Owen
13 th September.		Callan, his sister Yvonne Callan and deceased members of the
		Callan & Hoey families.
		AM. Brendan McMahon & his parents Bernadette & James
		McMahon, Lisanisk & deceased members of the McMahon &
		McCourt families.
Saturday	6.00pm.	AM. Luke Brennan and Tom & Elizabeth Callan, Drumgowna.
13 th September.		AM. Seamus Brady, Derryolam Court.
•	0.00	AM. Brendan & Shane Cashell, Cloughvalley.
Sunday	9.30am.	AM. Michael & Ellen Ward & their daughters Anne, Margaret, Eithne
14 th September.		& Helen & deceased members of the Ward Family Monaghan St.
Sunday	12Noon.	AM. Danisa Marron, Dundally Boad & decoased members of the
Sunday 14 th September.	TZNOON.	AM. Denise Marron, Dundalk Road & deceased members of the Marron & Derivan families
14 September.		AM. Cecilia Marron, Highfield & her parents Bridget & James
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Recently Deceased.

Joe McConnon, Corcrin, Carrickmacross.

John Ryan, Pallasgreen, Limerick.

May (Mary) Callan, Creevy Oliver, Carrickmacross.

Brendan (Bernard) Sheridan, Gleann Droimnín, Ballybay Road & Beagh, Tullynahinera

Prayer for Healing: Lord, you invite all who are burdened to come to you. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with your compassion for others. Touch my heart with your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim your praise. Teach me to reach out to you in my need and help me to lead others to you by my example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve you with all my strength. Touch gently this life which you have created, now and forever. Amen.

Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday	Raferagh.	AM. Michael McEnaney, Ardragh.
7 th September.	11.00am.	AM. Kathleen King, Comertagh.
Sunday	Corduff.	Month's Memory: Teresa McCabe, Cornasassonagh.
14 th September.	11.00am.	AM. Barney Clinton, Greaghlane & deceased members of the
-		Clinton & Kerr Families.
		AM. Peter McNally, his wife Ellen, daughter Margaret Rooney, son
		Peter James & deceased members of the McNally & Gollogly
		families, Corkishbane.
		AM. Philip Marron, Corbane.
		AM. Michael, Rose & Teresa Reilly, Faraghy.
		AM. Patrick & Bridie Connolly, their son Gerard & son-in-law Niall
		& deceased members of the Connolly family, Corkishbane.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's, Corduff every Wednesday evening from 5-7pm, finishing with Rosary at 6:30pm.



Adoration in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. (St Joseph's.)

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel opening hours are as follows.

<u>Monday</u>: 9am. - 10am. <u>Tuesday</u>: 9am. - 7pm. <u>Wednesday</u>: 9am.10am.

<u>Thursday</u>: 8am. - 10am. <u>Friday</u>: 8am. - 10am. <u>Saturday</u> 10am. - 11am. and 5pm. - 6pm. <u>Sunday</u> 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.



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025 Invitation to the Annual Healing Mass.

As we journey through the **Jubilee Year of Hope**2025, the parish warmly invites all parishioners,
family, friends, and members of the wider community
to come together for our **Annual Healing Mass with**the **Anointing of the Sick**, which will take place
today Sunday, 7th 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.

Annual Padre Pio Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: A Coach will leave from Shirley Arms Hotel Carrickmacross on Sunday 21st September 2025 at 8.00am. for Knock Shrine. Contact Kathleen Joyce at 0429661654.

A Millennial in Paradise: Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) was an ordinary teenager with an extraordinary love for God. A self-described "computer geek," he enjoyed video games, films, and comics, yet he placed the Eucharist at the very center of his life. Using his technical skills, he created a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles from around the world so that others might grow in devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. When diagnosed with leukaemia at just fifteen, Carlo faced his illness with remarkable faith, offering his suffering for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church. His witness touched countless lives, and in recognition of his holiness, Pope Francis beatified him in Assisi in October 2020. Today Sunday September 7, 2025, Pope Leo XIV will canonize Carlo, making him the first Millennial Saint. Today, Carlo continues to inspire young people and adults alike to live joyfully, courageously, and authentically as disciples of Christ in a modern world often indifferent to faith. May his example encourage us especially our young people to put Christ first, to love the Eucharist deeply, and to live our faith with joy and sincerity. "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." — Blessed Carlo Acutis

Ordination of Deacon: We congratulate Gary Carville on his recent ordination, by Bishop Larry Duffy, to the Permanent Diaconate which took place Friday 5th September in St Michael's, Annyalla. Please continue to keep Gary in your prayers as he continues his sacred ministry of service.

Lough Derg: The popular **One Day Retreats**, now running for more than 30 years, continue to facilitate a wide range of people who want to come on pilgrimage to Lough Derg. The One Day Retreat is open to adults and not suited to children. Fasting and walking barefoot is not required. Prayer and contemplative reflection were central to the life of Saint Patrick. It was his trust in the Lord, guided by prayer that allowed him to come to understand the presence of the Lord in his life. The spiritual reflection from the Confession of Saint Patrick guides the One Day Retreat:

Remaining Dates for September: Tuesday 9th, Saturday 13th, Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st. For further information contact: Email <u>info@loughderg.org</u> Telephone 071 9861518.

The Annual Faith and Light Day trip to Lough Derg takes place on Sunday 14th September. Bus will leave from the Main Street at 9am. Cost €50.00. Everyone welcome and as always there will be a few spare seats if others would like to join us for a great day out. Contact Pauline on 087 7872695

<u>St Enda's Prayer Group Killanny</u>: **Monday 8**th **September** Confession 7.00pm and Holy Mass 7.30pm. **Venue**: Old Parish Hall, Killanny, Co Monaghan A81 Y096.

Relics of St. Therese and Family Mass. There will be a Mass for families and individual blessings afterwards with the relics of St. Therese of Lisieux on Sunday, September 28th at 11.30am in St. Patrick's Church, BAWN, Co. Monaghan A75 FY98. Celebrant: Fr. Bryan Shortall. A number of priests will be available for Confessions. Tea afterwards. All welcome.

<u>3 Day Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo</u>, Italy, where St. Padre Pio spent most of his life departs Friday 24th of April 2026. To book and for further details contact Eleanor: 086 8455455

<u>Carrickmacross Library</u> is holding a Talk on Age-Friendly AI on Mon 8th Sept at 6pm. Guest Speaker Dr Dympna O'Sullivan founded and leads the Digital Futures Research Hub at TU Dublin. Her research is in Human-Centred Artificial Intelligence (AI). All welcome.

<u>Carrickmacross Bridge Club</u> resumes in The Shirley Arms Hotel on Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7.00pm. New members are very welcome.

Shercock Killann Cancer Support Group held our annual Cake Sale on Saturday 16th August which raised an amazing €11,955. We would like to acknowledge the wonderful support from our own and neighbouring communities. Special thanks to our bakers for the beautiful cakes and buns, the businesses for lovely raffle prizes and to the people who came and bought cakes and raffle tickets and gave generous donations. We are very grateful for your support.

<u>Samaritans Calls for Volunteers</u>: We are currently seeking volunteers to join our new team in Monaghan. Samaritans provides full training and ongoing support to every volunteer. Interviews and training will take place in Carrickmacross in October. **How to Get Involved**. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please visit https://www.samaritans.org/ireland/branches/drogheda/ or contact Drogheda branch recruitment@samaritans.org for more information. Samaritans welcomes volunteers from all walks of life and is committed to fostering an inclusive, supportive environment for everyone who joins our team. Together, we can ensure that no one has to face life's challenges alone.

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<u>Crocus Cancer Support Centre, Monaghan</u>, 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. All Blood Donor Clinics are by appointment only.

Family Carers Ireland is the National Charity Supporting 500,000+ Family Carers Nationwide, we are currently recruiting for Community Homecare Workers to provide support to clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Own car and Full Driving Licence essential. Please send your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more information.

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 25th & 26th December. Please see website 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.

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.

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.

<u>Mass Cards, Mass Bouquets, and Get-Well Mass Bouquets:</u> 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.

<u>Carrick Rovers Bingo</u>: Every Monday night 19.30 to 21.00. in St. Louis's Convent Hall. Great Prizes to be won.

Samaritans Calls for Volunteers -The Samaritans are reaching out to members of the public with an important opportunity to make a difference. We are currently seeking volunteers to join our new team in Monaghan and help provide vital emotional support to people in need. Every day, Samaritans volunteers offer a listening ear to individuals experiencing distress, loneliness, or crisis. By giving their time, volunteers play a crucial role in preventing feelings of despair from becoming overwhelming and, in some cases, a single conversation can save a life. No previous experience is required—Samaritans provides full training and ongoing support to every volunteer. Interviews and training will take place in Carrickmacross in October.

