

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



2nd Sunday of Easter 27th April 2025. Divine Mercy Sunday

Weekly Reflection.

Pope Francis, our holy Father.

From his first moment at the window in St Peter's when he said 'Buona sera' (Good evening), to his final blessing there on Sunday with his last words 'Buona Pasqua' (Happy Easter) Pope Francis truly was our holy Father. Many people could see in Francis a wise and generous, almost grandfather-like figure, who having lived a life of witness and dedication to the joy of the Gospel, could be depended on to provide sage and wise words of counsel and advice, to anyone with ears to hear. To our church he was the pastor who cared for his flock. To the world he was a powerful voice which challenged corruption and violence and power seeking. When he visited Lampedusa, early in his papacy he shone a spotlight on the plight of the poor, African refugees, men, women and children, whose bodies were being washed ashore there, hopelessly striving to find a better life in a Europe who tried to ignore their plight. With his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si*, he turned the spotlight on the environment disaster that threatens to overwhelm our very existence, but which the western world prefers to pretend is not happening. With righteous anger he has begged forgiveness for the clerical child abuse which has damaged the lives of so many and undermined the wholesome mission of the church.

When he visited Ireland in 2018 it was not to be feted by the high and mighty in Dublin, but to the down and out in the Capuchin day Centre, that he made his way. When challenged about the church's harsh condemnation of those who cannot fit into a narrow, rigid, simplistic code of behaviour, he famously replied, "Who am I to judge?"

Francis saw the church not as an institution to be defended, but as a community, a family where we all belong regardless of our faults and limitations. His moral leadership was based on empathy, tolerance, humility, and inclusiveness. He accepted his role as an 'alto Christus' while bringing other faith leaders along as co-workers for the Kingdom. His directness and simplicity, humility, and joy, were based on his genuine belief that the Hope of the Gospel, could never be extinguished and would bring us all together towards a better world.

Francis had a powerful devotion to Our Lady, and in the words of the Magnificat he may have found his vocation both in church and in the world, to 'pull the mighty from their thrones, and to raise up the lowly.' His profound theology was simply the Love of God, the Joy of the Gospel. Like St. Paul he can now say, 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.' May the Gates of Paradise now open to receive his gentle soul.

Fr Shane.

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Saturday 26th April.	11.00am.	Months Memory: Sheila McArdle, 22 Highfield. AM. Francis Connor, Annie Connor, Patrick Kerley & remembering Anna McMahon.
Saturday 26th April.	6.00pm.	AM. Paul Traynor, his parents John & Roseanne Traynor, 1 Bothar Eanna. AM. Patrick & Eileen Hand, Ardross Avenue. AM. Kevin & Elizabeth Marron, Shercock Road. AM. James & Josie Callan, Highfield. AM. Peter Finnegan, Ardross Avenue, his wife Susan & deceased members of the Finnegan & McDermott Families.
Sunday 27th April.	9.30am.	AM. Francis & Kitty Kieran, Tullynaskeagh. AM. Patrick & Teresa McNally, Nafferty. AM. Mena Marquis, Corcuillogue. Birthday remembrance: Peter McKeown, Coraghy, remembering the deceased members of the McKeown & Connolly Families.
Sunday 27th April.	12Noon.	AM. Barney & Margaret Tumulty, Derrylavin & their Daughter Margaret McNamee & deceased members of the Tumulty & Smyth Families. AM. Peter & Kathleen Jones, Greaghwillian & deceased members of the Jones Family, Mullinary & deceased members of the McCabe Family, Greaghwillian. AM. Kevin O'Farrell, his son Peter, Creevy & Maggie, Pat & Frank, Woods, Lisgall, Nicholas Swinburne & Annie & Benny Goodman, Creevy. AM. Agnes & James Halligan & deceased family members, St. Macartan's Villas. AM. Eugene & Kathleen Ward, Coolfore, their grand daughter Susanne Muirhead, daughter-in-law Patricia Ward.
Monday 28th April.	10.00am.	Mass for the people of the Parish.
Tuesday 29th April.	10.00am. 7.30pm.	Triduum Mass. Triduum Mass
Wednesday 30th April.	10.00am. 7.30pm.	Triduum Mass. Eucharistic Service of Healing.
Thursday 1st May.	10.00am. 7.30pm.	Triduum Mass. Triduum Mass.
Friday 2nd May.	10.00am.	Birthday Mass: Maureen Nwokolo.
Friday 2nd May.	7.30pm.	AM. Michael & Katie Marron, Corcrin. AM. Fiona Courtney, Cloughvalley. AM. Ann Connolly, 79 Cloughvalley. AM. Pete & Katie Marron, Pearse Avenue. AM. Thomas & Margaret Malone, Bridge Street, their son Bosco Malone, Drumgowna. AM. Dan & Kathleen Byrne, Mullinary, their daughters Mary Byrne & Ann Kelly & Ann's husband Tom. AM. Ann Teague, 27 Alderwood.
Saturday 3rd May.	11.00am.	Confirmation for the Boys and Girls of the Parish. We pray that the Holy Spirit will fill their young lives with wisdom and trust in God.

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Saturday 3rd May.	6.00pm.	1st AM. Michael Downey, Patrician Drive. AM. Tom, Nancy, Tim & Kevin McCartney, Ardee Road, Patsy & Mary McCabe, O'Neill Street, Jim & Eileen Oliver, Drummond Etra, Alan & Bridget Oliver, Ballybay & Patrick & Alice McCabe Lisagoan. AM. Teddy & Molly Baldwin, their daughter Frances Mirko, Bridge Street.
Sunday 4th May	9.30am.	AM. Patrick, Bridget, Joseph & Mary Ann Kiernan & John Clinton, The Lurgans, Bernard & Mary Doherty & Margaret Rouse, Castleblayney. AM. Bob & Kitty Irwin & James & Alice Logan, 29 Emmett Street. AM. Elizabeth Matthews, Derryolam.
Sunday 4th May.	12Noon.	AM. The Rooney family, Ardee Road & Frank & Annie Rooney, Woodlands. AM. Peter & Rita Cogan & their daughter Rosarie.

Recently Deceased.

Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 27th April.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Tommy, Bernard & Roseann McNally & deceased members of the McNally & Duncan Families. AM. Molly Sheridan & her deceased parents Francis & Rose, Carragartha.
Sunday 4th May.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.

Prayer for Pope Francis.

**O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,
whom you made successor of Peter
and shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Divine Mercy Sunday: will be celebrated in St. Macartan's Cathedral this Sunday 27th April at 3pm. The celebration will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and a relic of St. Faustina. A number of priests will be available for individual confession. Our Lord said to St. Faustina: "I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in my Mercy". Everyone welcome.

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Nicholas' Church, Bridge Street, Dundalk on Sunday 27th April 2025. Confessions from 2:00pm onwards. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm, followed by Holy Mass and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Come and receive God's blessing. All are welcome.

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St Joseph's Triduum.

The St Joseph's Triduum (3 days of prayer) in honour of St Joseph the Worker (Feast Day, May 1st) takes place in St Joseph's Church, Carrickmacross this coming week Tuesday 29th April to Thursday 1st May. A warm invitation is extended to all ages groups to come and be part of the Triduum in this Jubilee Holy Year 2025. The Theme for the three-days is "The Journey of Hope." Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, we place ourselves, our families and our parish in communion with God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, trusting that many graces will be bestowed upon us during these days of prayer.

Morning Masses on Tuesday 29th April, Wednesday 30th April and Thursday 1st May at **10.00am**.

Evening Masses on Tuesday 29th April & Thursday 1st May **7.30pm**. **A Eucharistic Service of Healing** will be celebrated on Wednesday 30th April at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity for **Confessions** on two of the mornings (Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th) after the 10.00am Mass.

Prayer Petitions can be placed in the petition box located at the front of the church beside St. Joseph's Altar.

St Joseph candles will be on sale at the weekend Masses, €2.50 each, and may be left in the church to burn for your intentions during the Triduum.

Fr. Robert McCabe who will lead the Novena this year, is from St Mary's Parish Navan. He worked at Lough Derg as part of the team during the Three-day Pilgrimage Season for many years and was for a time Chaplain to the Defence Forces. Fr Robert is presently the Central Spiritual Director of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association. We look forward to welcoming Fr Robert to our parish.

Mass Duties for May in St Joseph's.

Weekend Readers: **6.00pm, Mass:** Patricia Harkin. **9.30am, Mass:** Thomas Mee.
12Noon, Mass: Teresa Carolan.

Weekday Readers: **Mon:** Teresa Linden. **Tues:** Carmel McCarthy. **Wed:** Sr Pauline.
Thurs: Rosaleen Haworth. **Friday am:** Ann McPhillips.
Friday pm: Ann O'Reilly. **Saturday 11am:** Maureen Flanagan.

Collectors: **6.00pm, Mass:** Terry Kiernan, Paul Martin and Patrick Shields.
9.30am, Mass: Peter Drumgoole, Bernard McGinnity and Terry O'Neill
12Noon, Mass: Jim Halligan, Anthony Boylan and Harry Boylan.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE – Clogher Diocese celebrates Jubilee 2025 on Lough Derg. **Sunday 4th May**, a One Day Retreat with the participation of Bishop Larry Duffy and Papal Nuncio Archbishop Montemayor. Booking essential: www.loughderg.org Tel. 0(0353) 71 9861518

May Novena starting on Monday 5th to Tuesday 13th May in St Joseph's Church, Monaghan. Rosary at 7pm followed by the Holy Mass at 7.30pm. Special Mass on Sunday the 11th of May at 2pm for the sick.

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun and interactive and very popular with couples. Working as part of an enthusiastic, friendly and experienced team, facilitators typically provide three marriage preparation programmes per annum. Each team works from Accord centres which are located in every diocese around the country. Testimonials from facilitators who have completed our training programme: Successful applicants will receive free professional training during seven in person workshops at venues around the country and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in your local area. The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 30th May. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie

The Friends of Carrick Cancer Society 2025 Campaign: The 'Charity 5 Km walk / run': around Carrickmacross is on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May at 11am. It will start and finish at Eurospar, with stewards along the way. This event has been a great success over the years, with families and individuals doing their bit for this great cause,

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