

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 17th August 2025.

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Weekly Reflection.

'Christians on Fire

Many well-known love stories are centred on couples who overcame formidable obstacles, such as societal norms and personal tragedies, to be together. These stories emphasise the power of love and its capacity to withstand the most trying situations. Shakespeare's tragic story of Romeo and Juliet is a perfect example which demonstrates a love that transcends social norms and family conflicts, ultimately resulting in their deaths, but also making their union an eternal symbol. A more modern example includes Titanic, where Rose despises her family and rich background to be with Jack, a poor country boy. These are examples of people on fire or burning with love for each other. To be "on fire" means to be enthusiastic, fervent, or "blazing" with passion. A Christian *on fire* is one filled with love and enthusiasm for God.

This is the kind of fire Jesus wishes "it were already blazing" in the gospel; that people are set on fire for God. All three readings today invite us to courageously live out our faith with commitment, as Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus did, despite the possibility that doing so might cause misery, death, and division in our families and society. If the quality of our devotion to Christ never offends anyone, then maybe we are not on fire enough for Christ.

Fr Vitus.

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Saturday 16th August.	11.00am.	Month's Memory: Michael Finnegan, Cloughvalley. 1st AM. Nancy McCormack, (née Finnegan) Dublin & Drumcondrath Road.
Saturday 16th August.	6.00pm.	1st AM. Mary Kerr-Conlon, Highfield. AM. Fran Byrne, Kingscourt Road.
Sunday 17th August.	9.30am.	AM. John & Delia Murphy, 18 St Macartan's Villas, formerly Lossetts.
Sunday 17th August.	12Noon.	AM. Joe & Lizzy Cunningham, their son Martin, Beaghmagheross & deceased members of the Gilsenan & Conlon families, USA. AM. Felix & Margaret Marron, Nafferty, Patrick & Christina Kerley, their daughter Sheila & son Patrick, Magheraclone. AM. Mark & Bridget Sullivan, Corduffkelly & deceased members of the Sullivan & Matthews families. AM. James & Kathleen Murray & their daughter Marie, Corduffkelly. AM. Elizabeth & Jim Drury, Woodlands, the Mohan family, O'Neill St, the Drury family, Ballymote & the Markey family, Dublin. AM. Mairead Connolly, Emmett Street.
Monday 18th August.	10.00am.	AM. Noel Martin, Ardee Road.
Tuesday 19th August.	10.00am.	1st AM. Mary Matthews, Ashbourne, also remembering her parents Annie & Owen McConnon, Siobhan McConnon, Lisanisk & her grandparents Murtagh & Helena Montgomery.
Wed 20th Aug.	10.00am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Thurs 21st Aug.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 22nd August.	10.00am.	AM. Frank Connolly, The Bridge, Mullinary & Peter, Nora & Pat Callan & Trevor McGovern, Dublin. AM. Matthew McCabe, London & his father Matt McCabe, Meath Hill.
Saturday 23rd August.	11.00am.	Month's Memory, Megan Duffy, 4 Convent View, Carrickmacross.
Saturday 23rd August.	6.00pm.	AM. Kathleen & James Lambe, St Macartan's Villas, their son P.J., Dunogue & deceased members of the Lambe & Agnew families. AM. Pat Conlon, "Oriel" Mullinary, John Francis & Bridgie Conlon & deceased members of the Goodman family, Dundalk & Mick & Mary Fitzsimons, Kingscourt Road. AM. Joe & Molly O'Hara & deceased members of the O'Hara & Kelly families, Rockdaniel Road. AM. Una McEntee, Patrician Drive. AM. Stephaine Sherry, Carrickmacross. AM. Jimmie Martin & deceased members of the Martin family, Drumgoan.
Sunday 24th August.	9.30am.	Remembrance Mass, James Donal McGee & deceased members of the McGee family.
Sunday 24th August.	12Noon.	AM. Angeline McEneaney, Mullinary. AM. Sam Rogan, his wife Teresa & infant son James & daughter Rebecca, Dundalk & deceased members of the Rogan family, Dundalk & Ward family, Carrickmacross.

Recently Deceased.

Rose Flanagan, (née Daly) Garrison, Fermanagh & formerly Granarogue.

Bridie Callan, Donaghmoyne Court.

P.J. Finn, Kingscourt, formerly Corduffkelly.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 17th August.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Mary & Thomas Keenan, their son Thomas & deceased members of the Keenan family, Sreenty & deceased members of the Rushe family, Greaghlane. AM. Patrick McCahery & deceased family members & Patricia Lennon, Lisserrill. AM. Owen & Kathleen Marron & deceased family members, Umerafree. AM. Owen Larkin, Umerafree & deceased family members.
Sunday 24th August.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. John & Kathleen Clarke, Corvalley & their grandson Patrick Cooney. AM. Finnegan & Devlin families, Lisdrumturk.

A Short Community Meeting will take place after Mass in St. Michael's Corduff today Sunday 17th August to discuss the development and maintenance of the graveyards and surrounding area.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's, Corduff every Wednesday evening from 5-7pm, finishing with Rosary at 6:30. Please drop in at any time to spend some time in quiet reflection.



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.



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 on:

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.

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Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza on Sunday, 24 August 2025

Bishop Duffy has joined with Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and President of the Irish Episcopal Conference, in calling for a Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza on Sunday 24th August across the Diocese of Clogher. In his letter Archbishop Eamon Martin states "ten weeks ago the Catholic Bishops of Ireland dedicated the month of June as a special time of prayer for peace and for solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza. This weekend I call on all parishes to once more set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East". Copies of the entire text of Archbishop Martin's letter are available in each of the three Churches (beside the newsletter).

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:

Dates for 2025: August: Tuesday 19th, Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th, Monday 25th, Saturday 30th.

September: Wednesday 3rd, Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th, Tuesday 9th, Saturday 13th, Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st. For further information contact: Email info@loughderg.org Tel 071 9861518.

Lough Derg Carrickmacross One Day Retreat to Lough Derg, marking the **Jubilee of Hope 2025**, will take place on Saturday 23rd August 2025. To book your seat please contact Pauline O'Hagan on 0879499335, or Pauline Fox on 0863669875. On the weekend of the 23rd to 25th August, pilgrims will have a unique opportunity to venerate one of the **Pilgrim Sacred Heart Statues** blessed by Pope Francis, associating themselves with a national **Sacred Heart Crusade** to renew our devotion and to draw closer to the Heart of Jesus.

ACN Pilgrimage to Knock: Papal charity **Aid to the Church in Need Ireland** invites people to join their national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday August 30th to highlight the plight of Christians who suffer persecution for their faith in many parts of the world. Mass is in the Basilica at 3pm – all welcome. For more info, see www.acnireland.org

Blood Donation Clinic –Castleblayney College on Monday 18th August & Tuesday, 19th August from 3.50pm – 8.00pm. Check your eligibility and book your appointment at www.giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 731137.

New Altar Handrails for St. Joseph's Church: We have recently installed four new handrails on the steps to the Altar, to provide assistance to anyone accessing the sanctuary. The design of the handrails is replicated from the rails on the steps of the pulpit. The colour scheme and texture of the rails matches exactly those of the pulpit. The wood on the handrail is recycled from one of the surplus seats from the church. May I say thank you to Ken Lonergan for the design and the positioning of handrails. Thanks to Michael Marron for making and installing the metal structures. Thanks to Michael Corrigan for making and installing the wooden sections.

Free Talk in Workhouse – Bath Estate during Great Famine: At 5pm this Thursday, 21st August, the Workhouse will host a free talk on the Bath estate during the 1840s Great Famine. From 1640s to 1880s, the Marquess of Bath owned approx. 23,000 acres in approx. 150 townlands throughout the parishes of Donaghmoyne, Inniskeen, Killanny and Magheross, including the eastern half of Carrickmacross Town. The talk will be delivered by published author and professional historian, Dr. Michelle McGoff-McCann. Booking not required - everyone welcome!

Carlingford to Omeath Greenway: By popular demand, we will once again have our annual fundraising walk along the beautiful greenway from Carlingford to Omeath on Saturday the 30th of August. If you wish to join us, there will be a bus leaving Eurospar, Carrickmacross at 9.30 and our walk will start at 10.45. Please contact committee members below for a sponsorship card to help raise funds or you can donate on the day. All proceeds go to Carrickmacross Cancer Society. Thank you. *Committee Members* Pat McNally 0874130727 - Majella Hoey 0872975326 - James Lambe 087 6329620 – Grainne McNally 0872506045 - Doreen McNulty 0874826990.