

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Sunday 31st May 2026.

A copy of this weekend's readings are available in the church. (Beside Newsletter)

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Weekly Reflection.

Beyond the Theological Problem

A famous theologian died and was welcomed by God personally, and this ensued:

God: "My son, you've worked on your masterwork, The Complete and Exhaustive System of Divine Reality, for forty years. I must confess, I read all three thousand pages."

Theologian (blushing, deeply honoured): "Really, Lord? What did you think?"

God (scratches His head and confesses): "Honestly? I had absolutely no idea who you were talking about."

The mystery of the Holy Trinity, we must admit, is an ultimate theological puzzle. We have probably shocked God over the years with our feeble attempts to explain Him. The idea of "three persons in one God" is a bizarre piece of maths. However, if we stripped away the big theological terms of the Trinity, we would realise that it is a mystery that speaks directly to humans' deepest longings for connection and community. At the core of the Trinity is the claim that God is not a lonely monarch and that Love requires an "Other." Thus, if God is love, God cannot be an isolated entity, because love requires a beloved. This feast, therefore, invites us to reject individualism and embrace community. It reminds us that the universe is not built on isolated power, but relationships.

Fr Vitus.

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| Sat 30th May. | 11.00am. | Month's Memory: Eddie Martin, 48 Drummond Etra & late of Derrynascobe, Magheracloone & remembering his sister Margaret Felton, England. |
| Saturday 30th May. | 6.00pm. | AM. Patrick & Evelyn Mooney, Corduff. AM. Mae & John Kiernan & their son Martin Kiernan & Mary Ann Shevlin, Mullinary. AM. Christopher Fealy, Aghalile, Carrickmacross. AM. Eilish Swinburne, 3 Ballybay Road. |
| Sun 31st May. | 9.30am. | Mass for the People of the Parish. |
| Sunday 31st May. | 12Noon. | AM. Joe & Christina Rooney, Shercock Road. AM. Teddy & Molly Baldwin, their son Tom & daughters Frances & Joan, Bridge Street. AM. Francie Walsh, Dundalk Road. |
| Mon 1st June. | 10.00am. | Morning Mass. |
| Tues 2nd June. | 10.00am. | Morning Mass. |
| Wed 3rd June. | 10.00am. | Morning Mass. |
| Thursday 4th June. | 10.00am. | AM. Patrick & Alice McCahey & their deceased family, Claire Carson, John McEntee & deceased members of the Carroll family. |
| Friday 5th June. | 10.00am. | Morning Mass. |
| Friday 5th June | 7.30pm | AM. Joe & Jeanie Scotson & deceased family members, Donaghmoyne Road. AM. Dan & Kathleen Byrne, Mullinary, their daughters Mary Byrne & Ann Kelly & Ann's husband Tom. AM. Claire Mulligan (née McNally), Magheraboy. AM. Michael McMahan, Magheraboy & deceased members of the McMahan family, Phil, Maureen, Jimmy & Rose McDonald, Magheraboy & deceased member of the McDonald & McVeigh, families. |
| Sat 6th June. | 11.00am. | AM. Francie Montague, Alderwood, Patrick & Cissie McCloskey, Magheracloone & their daughter Mary Carolan, Ballyjamesduff. |
| Saturday 6th June. | 6.00pm. | 1st AM. P.J. Lambe, Dunogue. AM. The Deceased Members of the Ward family, Kilmactrasna. |
| Sunday 7th June. | 9.30am. | AM. Frank Joe & Mary Anne Callan, Drumbroagh & John & Katie Burns, 48 Ardross Avenue. AM. Mary & Gerry O'Reilly, Lisgall & deceased members of the McKeown Family, Drumbroagh & Ward Family, Leggiemore. |
| Sunday 7th June. | 12Noon. | Month's Memory: Michael Joyce, Drumgoan, Carrickmacross. AM. Maureen, Paddy & Paul Clarke, Mullinary Road, James & Ellen Clarke, Castleblayney Road, Maureen Clarke, Donaghmoyne Road & the Muckian family, Mullinary. AM. The Deceased Members of the Murray Family, Inniskeen. AM. Una, Michael & Thomas Jeffrey & recently deceased Bernard Jeffrey, Emmett Road, Bridgie & Paddy O'Brien, Emmett Road, O'Byrne & Lennon families, Roscommon & Bridgie & Kathleen Jeffrey, Mullinary. AM. Paddy Ward, Tulllynaskeagh East, Ardee Road. AM. Annie & Patrick (Packie) McEaney, Cuchullian Terrace. |

Recently Deceased.

Patsy Mc Cahey, 26 Cloughvalley, Carrickmacross.
Rita (Marita) McAuliffe, Tiragarvan, Carrickmacross.
Patricia Margaret Carroll, Lisanisk, Carrickmacross.
Patrick Martin, Drummond Heights, Carrickmacross.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh. Sunday at 11am (alternating)
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| Sunday 31st May. | Raferagh. 11.00am. | AM. Patrick, Alice, Joe & Teana Duffy, Carrickahogue. |
| Sunday 7th June. | Corduff. 11.00am. | Month's Memory: Alice Keeley, Louth Village formerly Sreenty. AM. Kathleen & Jim Joe Walsh & deceased members of the Walsh family, Lisnafedally & Mick & Katie Ward, Corduff. |



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.**

Prayer Before an Examination.

**Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value
 is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me.
 Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.
 Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come
 my way.**

**As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied
 and be gracious with what I have overlooked.
 Help me to remain focussed and clam, confident in the facts and in my ability
 and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me.
 Amen.**

Mass Duties for June in St Joseph's.

**Weekend Readers: 6.00pm. Gretta Murphy. 9.30am. Valerie Campion.
 12Noon. Maureen Nwokolo.**

**Weekday Readers: Mon: Joanne Mundy. Tues: Michael Gavaghan. Wed: Valerie Campion.
 Thurs: Joanna Mundy. Friday am.: Malachy Marron.
 Friday pm.: Thomas Mee. Saturday 11am.: Maureen Nwokolo.**

**Collectors: 6.00pm. Mass: Terry Kiernan, Paul Martin and Patrick Shields.
 9.30am. Mass: Paddy King, John McGlynn and Jim McNally.
 12Noon. Mass: Gerry Cassidy, Ollie Swinburne and Phil Gartlan.**

**Mass of Thanksgiving to mark Bishop Larry Duffy's Golden Jubilee of Priesthood will be
 celebrated in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan on **Sunday 14th June** at 3pm. Everyone is
 welcome and each parish is asked to have representation at the Mass. Refreshments afterwards in
 the Hillgrove Hotel.**

**Machaire Rois Parish Liturgy Committee is organising a Bus to St. Macartan's Cathedral,
 Monaghan for the Mass of Thanksgiving to mark Bishops Larry's Golden Jubilee of Priesthood on
 Sunday 14th June at 3pm. Bus leaving Carrickmacross at 1.30pm. Pick up points and times at a later
 date. To book your seat contact the Parish Office 0429661231 Monday to Friday 10am to 12.30pm,
 or Michael Callan on 0879648434 or Rosario Naughton on 0879373899.**

**Divine Mercy Mass and anointing of the Sick afterwards on, Sunday, July 12th at 3pm in St.
 Patrick's Church, Bawn, A75 FY98. Celebrant; Fr. Denis Luddy CSsR. Confessions available. All
 welcome.**

**The Padro Pio Glove will be at Cuan Mhuire, Ballybay on Monday the 1st June 2026 from 11am.
 Please contact Cuan Mhuire Ballybay for more details 0892044596.**

**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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Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas on Safeguarding the Human Person in the Age of Artificial Intelligence:

This is the first Encyclical of Pope Leo XIV. It is subtitled "On safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence." This is fitting, as Leo XIV uses this Encyclical to discuss AI ethics. He insists that AI ethics ought to become a core religious and moral imperative. Leo does not reject technology; rather, he considers it a product of human ingenuity that ought to be harnessed to serve the common good: "It is not enough to invoke ethics in the abstract; robust legal frameworks, independent oversight, informed users and a political system that does not abdicate its responsibility are required." Hence, he cautions that technology must not replace human dignity. Employing the image of the "Tower of Babel (Gen.11)", Leo warns that human beings are on the verge of constructing a new "Tower of Babel", a technology beyond control that will ultimately lead to society's disintegration. Additionally, in this Encyclical, Leo condemns anti-migration policies, criticises modern capitalism, and posits that environmental destruction is a moral crime. The full text can be downloaded from the Irish Bishops' Catholic Conference webpage.

Cemetery Sunday – The Blessing of the Graves.

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| St Joseph's Carrickmacross: | Sunday 5 th July. | (directly after 12Noon. Mass.) |
| St John's Raferagh: | Sunday 12 th July. | (directly after 11am. Mass.) |
| St Michael's Corduff: | Sunday 19 th July. | (directly after 11am. Mass.) |

(Please bring Holy Water)

St. Joseph's Cemetery: In preparation for the annual 'Blessing of the Graves' on Sun 5th July '26, the Cemetery Committee is organising four 'Volunteering Saturdays' in June '26 as follows:

- Sat 6th June '26 - from 9.00am to 2.00pm.
- Sat 13th June '26 - from 9.00am to 2.00pm.
- Sat 20th June '26 - from 9.00am to 2.00pm.
- Sat 27th June '26 - from 9.00am to 2.00pm.

Please mark in your diary and come along to the Cemetery on these dates to assist with strimming, weeding, lawning etc. as we continue to make St. Joseph's Cemetery a fitting resting place for our dearly departed loved ones. Many thanks in advance, Signed: Cemetery Committee

Seniors Citizens Party on Wednesday 3rd June in the Ceilidh Centre Cloughvalley, 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Lisdoonan Vintage and Heritage Club will be holding their annual Vintage Tractor Car run today Sunday 31st May. €20 a vehicle. Strictly vintage pre-2000. Leaving Lisdoonan community centre at 1pm.-Registration from 12noon.

The 41st All Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock will take place on Saturday 6th June. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin who will reconsecrate Ireland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For Bus details contact Eileen 0877659398 or Marian 0872709683.

2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Booking for the pilgrimage will close on **Friday 6th June.** Booking forms from Pilgrims and Assisted pilgrims should be returned to the pilgrimage secretary - John Hueston at 028677 24329 (from north) & 048 67724329 (from south) **before 31st May.** Pilgrim fare - €1,100 per person (excludes €40 coach transfer to/from airport). Assisted pilgrim fare €1,100 (Includes travel insurance & coach transfer to/from airport). Visit www.lourdes2clogher.com.

Charity Walk in Aid of the Irish Kidney Association Support Centre at Beaumont Hospital.

The Fr Noel Conlon Charitable Trust is hosting a charity walk on Sunday, 7th June, starting from the Inniskeen Community Centre. Registration: 10:30am. Walk Starts: 11:00am. Registration Fee: €25. All proceeds from the walk will go to the Irish Kidney Association Support Centre at Beaumont Hospital. Refreshments in the community centre after the walk. Contact Fr Noel Conlon on 042 9378678.

Songs of the Stage & Screen featuring Starling Blue, The Farney Singers & An Lochrann Linn Brass Band. An entertaining evening of music & song with proceeds to Carrick Cancer Society. Tickets available in Birdy's Newsagents. Event takes place on Saturday June 6th in Nuremore Estate Hotel at 8pm.