

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Day for Life. Sunday 21st June 2026.

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

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Weekly Reflection.

Fear Not

Have you ever felt completely isolated, wondering whether standing up for what is right is worth the trouble? Maybe you've experienced a moment when doing the honest thing at work made you unpopular, or when sharing your faith left an awkward silence at the family dinner table. Fear is an incredibly familiar companion. We live in a world saturated with it. We worry about our health, our finances, our children's future, and the fractures we see in our society. Sometimes we even fear others' judgment just for trying to live an authentic Christian life. Fear has a way of shrinking our world, paralysing our lips, and silencing our witness. It is a quiet whisperer, telling us to blend in, stay quiet, and keep our heads down.

But today's scripture readings confront that fear head-on. Jesus looks directly into the eyes of his disciples—and into ours—and repeats a radical command three times: "Do not be afraid." He isn't saying, "Cheer up, everything will be fine." He invites us into a deep, unshakable reality that transforms how we face life's terrifying moments. If the God who holds the galaxies also holds the sparrow and knows the exact number of hairs on your head, what is there left to fear?

Fr. Vitus

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Sat 20th June.	11.00am.	Month's Memory: Patrick McCahey, 26 Cloughvalley.
Saturday 20th June.	6.00pm.	AM. Joey Gartlan & deceased members of the Gartlan, McMahon, McEaney & O'Connor families, Corduff. AM. Barney Malone, Bridge Street. AM. Peter & Roseanne Gilsean, Aghalile, Carrickmacross. AM. Hugh & Mary Halpin & deceased members of the Halpin family, Ardee.
Sunday 21st June.	9.30am.	AM. For the Deceased Members of the Callan family, Lurgans & the McCabe, family, Lossetts. AM. Teresa McCarthy, remembering her husband Jim & her sister Margaret & brother Eddie & deceased family members. Remembrance Mass for the Deceased Members of the St Joseph's 9.30am. Choir & remembering Annie McMahon, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal.
Sun 21st June.	12Noon.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Mon 22nd June.	10.00am.	AM. James, Mary, Paddy & Annie Rafferty, Greaghnarogue, Bridgie McMahon & May Clarke.
Tues 23rd June.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Wed 24th June.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Thurs 25th June.	10.00am.	1st AM. Irene Rouse, Lisanisk.
Friday 26th June.	10.00am. 7.30pm.	Morning Mass. Month's Memory: Patricia Margaret Carroll, Lisanisk.
Sat 27th June.	11.00am.	Month's Memory: Paddy Martin, Drummond Heights.
Saturday 27th June.	6.00pm.	AM. Michael & Peggy Conlon, their son Shane, 1 Emmett Villas. AM. Patrick & Bridget Cunningham, Bridge Street, Carrickmacross.
Sunday 28th June.	9.30am.	AM. Tom & Madge Cassidy, Carrickmaclim & deceased members of the Cassidy & Connolly families.
Sun 28th June.	12Noon.	AM. Eugene, Kathleen, Pat & Philip Traynor, St Macartan's Villas. AM. Jim & Elizabeth Doherty, Nafferty, their son Peter & their grand-daughter Eibhlin. AM. Frank Hughes, St Macartan's Villas & deceased members of the Hughes family, Ballybay. AM. Molly Farrelly, Pearse Avenue, remembering her husband James, her parents Pete & Alice, her sisters Ali, Bridgid & Teasie, her brothers Peter James & Patrick & deceased members of the McConnon, Farrelly & McEaney families.

Recently Deceased.

Barbara Jones, London & Church Street, Carrickmacross.
John Callaghan, England & Mullinary, Carrickmacross.
John Cahill, Belfast & Carrickmacross.
Gerard Goodman, Blackrock, Dundalk.



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 every Saturday after the 11am Mass – and the Eve of the First Friday (Thursday) after the 10am Mass.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh. Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 21st June.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Elizabeth & Owenie McCaul & deceased members of the McCaul, family. AM. Peter & Mary Ward, Lisnafeddly & deceased members of the Ward family.
Sunday 28th June.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.

Day for Life - Sunday 21st June 2026. The theme marking *Day for Life* this year is:

The Wonder of the Child in the Womb - Reflecting on the humanity of the unborn.

Pope Leo XIV sends prayerful good wishes to those participating in the 2026 Day for Life, celebrated across England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland. He was pleased to learn of the theme chosen for this year, focused on the wonder of the full humanity of the child in the womb, as well as supporting mothers and fathers who have suffered the loss of an infant. Indeed, as he recently reminded us in the Encyclical *Magnificent Humanity*, from the very moment of conception every human being is endowed with an infinite dignity "simply by virtue of existing, of having been willed, created and loved by God" (No 52).

This divine love fills the life of every person with meaning, and, far from ending with death, invites us to a new fullness in eternity. Pope Leo prays that all parents grieving the loss of a child, especially an infant, may find comfort and peace in the knowledge of God's love for them and for their child, "for to him all of them are alive" (Lk 20:38).

In commending and thanking all who continue to bear witness to the marvellous gift of life in all its grandeur and inherent dignity, Pope Leo assures all taking part in *Day for Life* 2026 of his prayerful closeness and cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of comfort, strength and peace in Christ.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season 2026: The traditional **Three-Day Pilgrimage** Season opened last weekend, with the first of the pilgrims arriving on Friday May 29th. **A new offering this year is the opportunity to stay overnight on the Island on the evening prior to beginning either the Three-Day Pilgrimage or a One Day Retreat.** This is in response to a practical difficulty that many pilgrims have raised in recent years, particularly for those travelling long distances, the gradual decline in bed and breakfast accommodation in the Pettigo and surrounding area, making it increasingly difficult to secure a suitable place to stay the night before the pilgrimage begins. Pre-pilgrimage accommodation to stay on the Island the night before the pilgrimage begins can be booked by contacting the office directly by email info@loughderg.org or by phone 071 9861518. Further information in relation to the pre-pilgrimage accommodation is available on www.loughderg.org or by phoning the above number. Places are limited, and early booking is advised.

Faith & Light: Sunday 21st June at 3.00pm. in Steadfast House. All are Welcome.

2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: For all pilgrims travelling to Lourdes there will be meetings to collect your travel packs on **Wednesday 24th June** in Parish Centre Lisnaskea at 8pm and on **Thursday 25th June** in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre Monaghan at 8pm. Light refreshments will be served, and it will be an opportunity to discuss final travel arrangements. For further information contact John Hueston at 028 67724329 (from north) & 048 67724329 (from south)

Clogher don Óige will host a Summer Camp under the patronage of Carlo Acutis at St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Monaghan, from Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th July 2026, running daily from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This promises to be an engaging "Carlo Camp" filled with fun, faith, and friendship, specially designed for children aged 10 to 13 years. The cost is €15 per child. Booking is available online at: www.clogherdonoige.org

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Cemetery Sunday – The Blessing of the Graves.

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 – 'Blessing of the Graves'

This year's 'Blessing of the Graves' will take place on Sun 5th July '25 @ 1.15pm approx.

The Cemetery Workers will be hard at work over the coming weeks, preparing the Cemetery to its usual high standard for this occasion. Volunteers are welcome to join this effort on Saturday 27th June '26 from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

The Cemetery & Liturgy Committees are finalising arrangements for this event, which includes; The Blessing Liturgy, PA System, Traffic Management & Car Parking, among others.

As per usual, we are expecting a large crowd on the day of the 'Blessing of the Graves, consequently, we must deploy a number of additional safety measures this year as follows:

- Carparking within the Cemetery during the 'Blessing of the Graves' will be severely curtailed this year.
- No car parking will be permitted along the roadway from the main gate to the Cemetery Building.
- Only vehicles displaying the official 'Blue Badge' will be permitted to enter the Cemetery – spaces will be limited.
- No vehicle will be permitted to enter the Cemetery on the day, between 12.30pm and 2.45pm.
- Car Parking will be available in the field adjacent the Cemetery.

As there will be many visitors to our Cemetery on the day, who are not resident within the Parish, please bring this notice to their attention. Signed: Cemetery Committee.

Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa: Part-time cleaner required for Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa, Carrickmacross (Monday to Friday). Interested applicants should forward their CV to Valerie Norton (Principal) at office@bunscoil.ie

Join us in the Carrickmacross Library on Tuesday 23rd June at 6.30pm as we host celebrated Monaghan author Mary O'Donnell as she reads excerpts from her new novel Sweep the cobwebs off the sky. All welcome.

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

St. Pio Healing Mass at St. Tierney's Church, Roslea on Friday 26th June at the 7pm Mass. Exposition from 6pm to 7pm. Celebrant Fr. Bryan Shortall, Capuchin Priest. The St. Pio relic will also be there.

South Monaghan Pioneer Council AGM will take place on Monday 13th July 2026 in Teach Ui Bhriain at 8 pm. (Inside Church Grounds of St Joseph's Church Carrickmacross)

National Synodal Pathway Update: Preparations for the National Synodal Assembly, scheduled for October, are ongoing. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland. To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please follow the link. <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage: The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is on Sunday, 26th July 2026 at Knock Shrine. It commences at 2.30 pm with the Anointing of the Sick. A day of Grace and Blessing for the whole family as we honour grandparents and the elderly. All are welcome. Visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

NESA- North East Sepsis Awareness are hosting an Information Evening on **Monday 22ND June @ 7.30pm** in **National Learning Network, The Diamond Building Monaghan H18WN90** "One Town, One Talk, One Chance to Save a Life" Everyone Welcome.