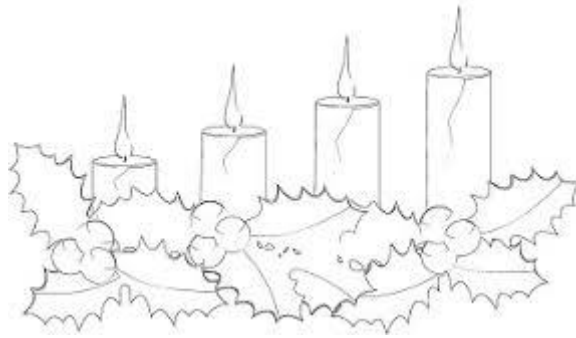


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**A copy of this weekend's readings are available in the church.
(Beside Newsletter)**

[St Joseph's Carrickmacross](#) [St Michael's Corduff](#) [St John's Raferagh](#)

Fr Shane Mc Caughey PP 042-9664367

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St Vincent De Paul: St Vincent De Paul Contacts- Local Helpline (087) 917 1371

18th December - 4th Sunday Advent.

Weekly Reflection

“Let’s make a difference.”

Most of us agree that the Church in our country has come through some very challenging times in the last twenty years or so. The scandals of abuse and the mishandling of issues associated with them have rocked the foundations. Social changes in how people live their lives have also had a significant effect. It is fairly obvious that the practice of the Faith is not as strong as in the past. Doomsayers point to a continuing decline in attendance, while others moan and complain that somebody should do something about it; the somebody they speak of are the Bishops or priests or whoever, anyone in-fact but themselves.

If that had been the attitude of Mary then the Incarnation, the birth of Christ would not have happened. Mary took on a difficult challenge when she said “Yes” to the Angel Gabriel. To make a difference we do not have to go beyond our families and our communities. We can respond like Mary to the challenges presented to us by saying “Let what you have said be done”. God asks us to be reconciled to our families and our neighbours.

If each one of us makes an effort, think of the difference that would make for all.

Fr Shane

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Saturday 17th Dec	11.00am.	Months Mind: Philip McMahon, 10 Cuchullain Terrace. AM. Oliver O'Rourke, also remembering his Wife Irene, Dunogue.
Saturday 17th Dec	6.00pm.	Months Mind: Brigid McNally, Derryolam. 1stAM. Jacinta Crosby, Donaghmoynne Rd. 1stAM. Joe Meegan, Remembering his Wife Anne Meegan, Tullynaskeagh. AM. Peter Shields, Nafferty. AM. Adele Zablockiene, Corran Fionn Barra.
Sunday 18thDec	9.30am.	AM. Julia & Patrick Ward, Parnell Street. AM. Joe McNally Creevy Swinburne.
Sunday 18th Dec	12Noon.	1st AM. Sheila Callaghan, Ardee Road. AM. Laura & Linda Crossan, Greaghdrumitt. AM. O'Gorman & O'Brien Families, Dundalk Rd. AM. Marion Marron her Daughter Ellen Marron & her Mother Bridie Coleman, Magheraboy Rd. AM. Catherine, Kathleen, Maura & Arthur McKeown & DM. of the Keenan, Collins & McCaul Families. Greaghdrumisk.
Sunday 18th Dec	5.00pm.	Penitential Service.
Mon 19th Dec	10.00am.	AM. Martin & Cassie Finnegan, Corduff. <i>Confessions after Mass.</i>
Tues 20th Dec	10.00am.	Mass for the People of the Parish. <i>Confessions after Mass.</i>
Tues 20th Dec	11.00am.	Scoil Rois: School Mass.
Wed 21st Dec	10.00am	AM. Richard & Mary Callan, Sarah Finnegan & Mary Cosgrove, Drumgowna. <i>Confessions after Mass.</i>
Thurs 22nd Dec	10.00am	Deceased Members of the McCann & Taylor Families, the Curran & Kane Families. <i>Confessions after Mass.</i>
Thurs 22nd Dec.	5.30pm.	Lithuanian Mass.
Friday 23rd Dec	10.00am.	AM. Francis Noel Duffy, Shercock Road. <i>Confessions after Mass.</i>
Friday 23rd Dec	7.30pm.	AM. Eileen & Kevin O'Brien, Mullinary.
Saturday 24th Christmas Eve.		<u>Christmas Eve Vigil at 6.00pm & 9.00pm.</u> Mass for the People of the Parish.
Sunday 25thDec Christmas Day		<u>Christmas Day Mass</u> <u>at 9.30am & 12Noon.</u> Mass For the People of the Parish.

Recently Deceased: David Crowe, Balls bridge, Dublin, brother of Fr Philip Crowe, Magheraclone.

Altar Servers: We make a very warm welcome and return to having our altar servers once again actively participating at the celebration of Mass. Altar servers have always played an important element, in assisting the priest at the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Pope Francis reminds us; Being an altar server is a call to prayer and mission. We reassure all, we adhere to the polices set in place for the protection and safeguarding of children and youth

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday Evening at 7.30pm (alternating)

* see updated schedule below for dates *

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Mass Intentions

Sunday 18th December.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. Peter McCaul, Shercock/ Corduff. AM. Gerry Crossan, Carrickahogue. AM. Mary Smith, Corcreagh. AM. Patrick, Alice & Joe Duffy, Carrickahogue. AM. Peter Marron & DM of the Marron Family, Ardragh. AM. John & Maureen Smyth, Raferagh, Lennon & Smith, Families, Beagh, Greaghlonge & Pete Finnegan, Raferagh. AM. Margaret Heath (nee Duffy) England formerly Carrickahogue.
Wednesday 21st Dec	Corduff. 7.30pm.	1st AM. Brendan Finnegan also remembering his Mother Ann, Lisnafeddly. <i>Confessions after Mass.</i>
Christmas Eve.		<i>St John The Evangelist Raferagh at 8.00pm.</i>
Christmas Day.		<i>St Michael's Corduff. 11.00am.</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Corduff/ Raferagh.

Will take place *each Wednesday evening* in Corduff/Raferagh 5pm until Mass at 7:30pm.

Adoration in Blessed Sacrament Chapel (St Josephs)

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel opening hours are: Monday 9-10am, Tuesday 9am-7pm, Wednesday 9-10am, Thursday 9-10am, Friday 9-10am, Saturday 10-11am and Sunday 1-6pm.

Rosary in St Josephs Church Monday – Friday at 6.30pm.

Safeguarding Review: If you wish to report a child safeguarding concern, please contact Martha Smyth 0044 777 5507445, Brendan Kelly 00353 42 9741383, or Anne Molloy 0044 787941 3855 or An Garda Síochána 00353 1 66343, PSNI 028 90650222, TUSLA 00353 47 30475 Western Health and Social Care Trust 028 7131 4090.

Carrick Emmet's Christmas Day Swim. Christmas Day at 12:30 sharp Creevy Lake.

"**Faith and Light, Carrickmacross,** had a wonderful Christmas Lunch and Party on Sunday 4th December. Our very sincere thanks to our hosts in Corduff Raferagh Community Centre, to the great team who served us both upstairs and downstairs, to Santa Claus for arriving with gifts and to Pauline who organised it all for us! Our first fiesta of 2023 is planned for Sunday February 12th in Steadfast House."

Anniversary Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Dublin direct to Mostar – Medjugorje (return via Split) Departing from Dundalk on Wednesday 21st - 28th June 2023

Early booking discount of €50 per person for all deposits of €100 received before 31st January 2023 price €775 pps included transport to the airport 7nights half board. Spiritual director Fr Paul montage

For more information on joining the group please contact Thomas on 0863597737.

Monaghan / Fermanagh Pilgrimage to Fatima: last remaining places Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9th-14th June 2023 visit Saint Anthony's Baptismal Font in Lisbon and house where he was born contact James Treacy 061921470 or 00353 61921470.

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Mary's Meals – Big Family Christmas: International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas celebrations. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one, but will also provide life changing school meals for a child living in poverty. For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available; from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at www.marysmeals.ie or can be sent via post by calling 01 853 5163.

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Christmas Schedule 2022

Penitential Service.

Sunday 18th December at 5.00pm. (St Josephs)
Confessions Mon 19th - Dec Fri: 23rd in St Josephs
After Mass each Morning

Ecumenical Carol Service in St Finbarr's.

Thursday 22nd December at 8.00pm.

Christmas Eve.

6pm & 9pm – St Josephs Carrickmacross.
8pm – St John The Evangelist Raferagh.

Christmas Day.

9.30am. & 12 Noon - St Josephs Carrickmacross
11am – St Michael's Corduff.

Weekday Mass St Josephs.

Monday – 26th – Friday 30th at 10am

New Years Eve.

St Josephs Church at 6.00pm

New Years Day.

9.30am & 12Noon St Josephs, Carrickmacross
11.00am – St John's The Evangelish Raferagh

The Epiphany.

10.00am. & 7.30pm in St Josephs

Please Note: The Gates to the Church Car Park & gates to the Holy Family Hall, will be closed on St Stephens Day 26th December from 1pm-5pm

On behalf of Fr Shane & Fr Kevin and the Parish Team, may we wish all our Parishioners, a peaceful Christmas and a New Year filled with Many Blessings.