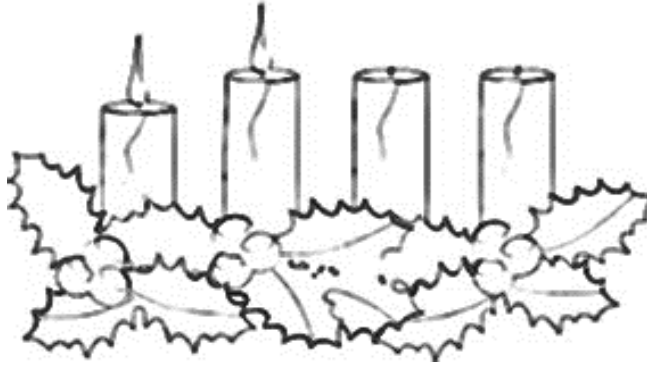


The Parish Of Malchaire Rois



Second Sunday of Advent **Sunday 10th December 2023.**

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

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www.churchservices.tv/carrickmacross [Parish Radio 92.1 FM.](http://www.churchservices.tv)

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Weekly Reflection.

'The Fairytale of New York'

The recent death and funeral of singer Shane Mc Gowan has highlighted the song that he made famous with the late Kirsti Mac Coll; a song recognised all over the world as an alternative Christmas anthem. It paints a picture of the bleak despair of a couple of Irish emigrants in New York, where drink and drugs and depression take away any potential for joy or happiness in the city that never sleeps. The glitzy commercial image of the New York Christmas contrasts with the dark, isolated, and hopeless lives of the individuals whose dreams have been taken from them.

Our Advent journey today presents a different anthem. 'The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light'. People who endure the hardships of loneliness and helplessness now have reason to hope for our God has sent joyful messengers to prepare the way for His son. The paths will be straightened, the mountains will be laid low, and all who dream of better times will see the glory of God in a manger in a stable in Bethlehem.

I prefer the stable in Bethlehem to the fairytale of New York.

Fr Shane.

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Sat 9 th Dec.	11.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 9th December.	6.00pm. Vigil.	Months Memory: John Crosby, Halftate, Carrickmacross. AM. Peter Shields, Nafferty. AM. John & Josie Meegan, late of 8. Cloughvalley. AM. Peadar & Sylvia Finnegan & their Son John, & their Daughter Dympna McGuinness, Rossdreenagh. AM. John & Margaret Kennedy, their Son Martin, & Daughter Patricia "Craighlea", Carrickmacross & Jim & Margaret McDonald, Clogherhead.
Sunday 10thDecember.	9.30am.	Mass for the Benefactors & Deceased Members of The St Vincent De Paul, Carrickmacross, Paddy Martin, Francie Cassidy, Alan Kent, Joe Meegan, & Macartan Murphy.
Sunday 10th December	12Noon.	AM. Peter & Rita Cogan, & their Daughter Rosarie Cogan, Patrician Drive. AM. Kathleen Campbell, Convent View.
Mon 11thDec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Tues 12th Dec.	10.00am.	Birthday Remembrance: Noel Martin, Ardee Road.
Wed 13th Dec.	10.00am.	AM. Peter & Ava Carolan & their Parents, Peter & Patsy Carolan. AM. Bridie & Packie McDermott, Farney Street.
Thurs 14thDec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 15th Dec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 15th Dec.	7.30pm.	Youth 2000 Mass.
Sat 16th Dec.	11.00am.	AM. Daniel Biroc, Drummond Radhairc.
Saturday 16th December.	2.00pm	Remembrance Service: 40 th Anniversary of the death of Garda Gary Sheehan, & wreath laying ceremony in St Joseph's Cemetery afterwards.
Saturday 16th December.	6.00pm. Vigil.	AM. Jacinta & Patsy Crosby, "The Glen" Donaghmoyne Road. AM. Annie & Pat Reynolds, Derryolam Park & Deceased Members of the Reynolds, Ryan, & Cavanagh families. Owen & Mary Keenan Crover, Broomfield & Deceased Members of the Keenan Family. AM. Evelyn Rouse, Lisanisk.
Sunday 17thDecember.	9.30am.	AM. Julia & Patrick Ward, Parnell Street. AM. Joe McNally, Creevy Swinburne.
Sunday 17th December	12Noon.	AM. O'Gorman & O'Brien Families, Dundalk Road. AM. Laura & Linda Crossan, Greaghdrumitt. AM. Sheila Callaghan, Ardee Road.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Holland, Clones, (Mother of Pat Holland Derryolam.)
Jim McNulty, Tullynaskeagh.
Jimmy (Jemmy) McCaffrey, Edengilreavy, Broomfield.
Elizabeth McGee, England, (late of Cavanageeragh, Carrickmacross.)

Our Prayer this Week.

"God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of the heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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Corduff / Raferagh Mass Intentions.

Sunday 10th December.	Corduff 11.00am.	<p>Months Memory: Paddy (Patrick) Keenan, Faraghy, Corduff.</p> <p>AM. Patsy & Maura McEnaney, Corduff, Kathleen, Patsy, Alice, Tommy, Michael & Phil McEnaney, Greagh.</p> <p>AM. Patrick & Ellen Keenan, Greaghlane.</p> <p>AM. Owen Larkin, Umerafree, & his Parents Margaret & Hugh, also Remembering Tina & Hugh, Moira & Peadar McGuinness & Deceased Family Members.</p> <p>AM. Patsy & Josie Marron, Umerafree, & Deceased Members of the Marron & Bishop Families.</p> <p>AM. Patrick & Alice Conlon, Shanco & their Daughter Alice Hughes.</p> <p>AM. Ann Finnegan, Lisnafeddly, & her Son Brendan, Lisnafeddly/ Amsterdam.</p> <p>AM. Eugene (Gene) Byrne, his Grandson Lee, & Sr Columba Byrne, Sreenty & Deceased Members of the Byrne Family.</p>
Wednesday 13th December.	Raferagh 7.30pm.	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Adoration 5.00pm until Mass at 7.30pm.</i></p> <p>AM. Peter Brennan, Carrickahogue.</p> <p>AM. Deceased Members of Our Lady of Truth Praesidium of the Legion of Mary.</p>
Sunday 17th December	Raferagh 11.00am.	<p>AM. Peter McCaul, Shercock/Corduff.</p> <p>AM. Gerry Crossan, Carraghogue.</p> <p>AM. Brendan McEneany, Ardragh.</p> <p>AM. Mary Smith & Deceased Members of the Smith & Clerkin Family, Corcreagh.</p>

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 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.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration Hours: The Adoration chapel has some additional Adoration slots. Thursday and Friday at 8am and Saturday 5-6pm. If you feel you could commit to any of these new hours, please call Teresa on 087-3117929.

Rosary In St Joseph's Church: Monday – Friday at 6.30pm.

Visitation of the House Bound will take place on Wednesday 13th December.

Ecumenical Carol Service: Tuesday 19th December at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to our Ecumenical Carol Service. Singing Christmas Carols and listening to scripture readings are an ideal way for the Christian to prepare for Our Saviour's Birth.

Christmas Day Planned giving Envelope: It has come to our attention that the planned giving Envelope for Christmas Day has been omitted from your box of envelopes. This envelope is used for Parish Purposes, and we would greatly appreciate if you would place your donation in an envelope with your envelope number on the front of the envelope. Your Donations are always appreciated and vital for the upkeep of our Churches.

St Vincent De Paul: Church Gate Collection Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th December.

Carrickmacross Emmets Christmas Day Swim 2023: Christmas Morning at 12.30pm. Sharp, at Creevy Lake.

Mass Cards, Mass Bouquets, and Christmas Bouquets: signed by the Priests of the Parish are available in the Parish Office cost €10.00.

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The AGM of the Carrickmacross Pioneer Council will take place on Monday.11th December at 8 pm in Teach Ui Bhriain, all pioneers are cordially invited to attend.

Youth2000 Prayer Meeting: Friday 15th December - Holy Hour led by youth in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Carrickmacross at 6:15pm. Mass at 7:30pm in St. Joseph's. For young people aged 16-35 to join for Reconciliation, Eucharist, prayer, reflection, music & fellowship.

Mary's Meal's: Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. We are already feeding 2,429,182 children every school day – and, together, we can reach the next hungry child waiting for Mary's Meals. It cost just €22 to feed a child for an entire school year. We would like to express our thanks and acknowledge the most recent donations totalling **€1572.00** to Mary Meals. Anyone who wishes to give to this Charity can leave their donation in the Parish Office.

On Thursday 14th December at 7.00pm we hope to erect Christmas Decorations in St. Joseph's Church you are welcome to join us.

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Christmas Schedule 2023

Penitential Service.

Sunday 17th December at 5.00pm. (St Josephs).
Confessions Mon: 18th Dec - Fri: 22nd Dec in St Josephs.
After Mass each Morning

Ecumenical Carol Service in St Joseph's.

Tuesday 19th December at 7.00pm.

Christmas Eve.

6pm & 9pm – St Joseph's Carrickmacross.
8pm – St John The Evangelist Raferagh.

Christmas Day.

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

Weekday Mass St Josephs.

Tuesday – 26th Dec – Friday 29th Dec at **10.00am.**

New Years Day.

Monday 10.00am. St Josephs, Carrickmacross
7.30pm – St Michael's Corduff.

The Feast of the Epiphany Saturday 6th January 2024.

Vigil for Feast of the Epiphany on Friday 5th at 7.30pm
Saturday Feast of the Epiphany 11.00am. in St Josephs.

Saturday 6th January 2024. Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 7th January 2024. 9.30am & 12 Noon.

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