

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 15th December 2024.

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

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Weekly Reflection

'What class of an eejit are you?'

This question was often asked by my father when I or one of my siblings who while trying to be useful, would have managed to do harm with a tractor or some piece of machinery on the farm. Until then I had not been aware that there were different classes of eejit!

There are different classes of Catholics too. The journey through Advent provides us with a similar type of question. What class of a Catholic are you? John the Baptist spelled it out for his listeners who included tax-collectors and soldiers, if you have two tunics then share with the person who has none. The time of Christmas festivities provides a wonderful opportunity to be generous not just with those whom we love, but also to those who have little. We must move beyond the bottom class of safe, cosy swapping of presents and strive for the top of the class in charity to those whose needs are greatest.

'What class of a Catholic are you?'

Fr Shane.

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Saturday 14th December.	11.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 14th December.	6.00pm.	AM. John, Francis, Bridget & Pat Conlon "Oriol" Mullinary. Peter & Eileen Goodman & Family, Dundalk, Mick & Mary Fitzsimons & Deceased Members of the Fitzsimons Family, Kingscourt Road.
Sunday 15th December.	9.30am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Sunday 15th December.	12Noon.	AM. Sheila Callaghan, Ardee Road. AM. John & Nancy McHugh, Magheross.
Monday 16th December.	10.00am.	AM. Daniel Biroc, 22 Drummond Radhairc.
Tuesday 17th December.	10.00am.	AM. Cassie & Martin Finnegan, Corduff.
Wednesday 18th December.	10.00am.	AM. John Lang, Drumcargy, Carrickmacross.
Wednesday 18th December.	11.00am.	Scoil Rois Christmas Service.
Thursday 19thDecember.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 20th December.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 21st December.	11.00am.	AM. Richard & Mary Callan, & Mary Cosgrove, Drumgowna. AM. Thomas Boyle, Carrick View. AM. Patsy & Jacinta Crosby, "The Glen," Donaghmoyn Road. AM. Marion Marron, (nee Coleman) Magheraboy Road, her daughter Ellen & her mother Bridie.
Saturday 21st December.	6.00pm.	AM. Martin Walsh & his parents Peter & Bridget, Cloughvalley. AM. Kathleen Keenan her husband Ned, her daughter Noeleen Keenan & Grandson Francis, 33 St Macartan's Villas. AM. Patsy Malone, Drumbroagh & Watford, England.
Sunday 22nd December.	9.30am.	AM. Julia & Patrick Ward, Parnell Street. AM. Joe McNally, Creevy Swinburne.
Sunday 22nd December.	12Noon.	AM. Laura & Linda Crossan, Greaghdrumitt. AM. O'Gorman & O'Brien Families, Dundalk Road. AM. Martin Donnelly, & Deceased Members of the Donnelly Family, 6 Castleblayney Road. AM. The Fealy Family, Coolfore, the Keenan Family, Inniskeen, & the Lawless Family Navan.
Sunday 22nd December.	5.00pm.	Penitential Service.

Recently Deceased: Paddy Murray, Corbane, Corduff



The Third Candle (this is the pink candle), is called the Shepherd's Candle, and represents the joy felt at the birth of our Lord, as well as the joy we have in anticipation of His return.

Advent Wreath Prayer: "Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Fr Vitus Adiita to the Parish of Machaire Rois. Fr Vitus is from the Diocese of Navrongo-Bolgatanga in Ghana. He is presently studying Liturgy in the University in Leuven and will be with us until the end of February.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 15th December.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. Gerry Crossan, Carrickahogue. AM. Peter McCaul, Shercock/ Corduff. AM. Patrick McCloskey, Carrickahogue. AM. Mary Smith, Crowley & Deceased Members of the Clerkin & Smith Families.
Wednesday 18th December	Corduff. 7.00pm.	Scoil Padraig Christmas Carol Service. in St Michaels Church.
Sunday 22nd December.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Ann Finnegan, Lisnafeddly. AM. Pat & Rose Marron, their sons Noel & Philip, Corbane.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Corduff/ Raferagh.

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

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



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.

Ecumenical Carol Service: Today Sunday 15th December at 7.00pm in St Finbarr'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.

Seirbhís Charúl Nollag: Tá Seirbhís Charúl Nollag as Gaeilge á reáchtáil ag Scoil Rois an Chéadaoin seo chugainn, 18ú Nollaig ar 11rn i dTeach Pobail Naoimh Íosaef, Carraig Mhachaire Rois. Fáilte ó chroí roimh gach duine.

Advent Penitential Service: in St Joseph's Church with Individual Confessions Sunday 22nd December at 5pm: You are encouraged to come and meet the Lord in the great healing Sacrament he gives us. We will have a number of neighbouring priests. Please come along.

Carrickmacross Emmets 43rd Christmas Day Swim: Christmas Morning at 12.30pm. Sharp, at Creevy Lake.

St Enda's Prayer Group Killanny: – (A81 Y096). Confession, Holy Mass, and Anointing in Old Parish Hall. Monday 16th December 2024 at 7.30pm.

Stedfast Shoes Brass Band: will be holding their annual Christmas Concert in The Shirley Arms Hotel on Sunday 15th December at 7.30pm. The concert will feature a variety of music to suit all ages. Special guest on the night will include The Farney Singers along with choirs from Inver College & St Louis Secondary School.

Advent Calendar: The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference are delighted to be bringing you our digital Advent Calendar again this year. Advent marks the beginning of the new calendar year for Christians. The digital Advent calendar offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season, while also preparing for the upcoming Holy Jubilee Year in 2025. To access the calendar please visit: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>

Christmas Cards of St Joseph's Church Crib for sale in the Parish Office €5 for 6 Cards.

Mass Cards, Mass Bouquets and Christmas Bouquets: signed by the Priests of the Parish are available in the Parish Office cost €15.00 (this includes price of card). All Mass Intentions are celebrated individually.

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Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 – Resources now available

Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy or Jubilee Year. A Jubilee Year is one set aside by the Church as a time of special grace, to encourage us all to embark on pilgrimages, to repent for our sins, to forgive and be reconciled with one another and to renew the spiritual life. The theme for this forthcoming Holy Year will be "**Pilgrims of Hope**", thus bringing to the fore the journey of life that we are all

on and our need to be people of hope, a hope rooted in the person of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Year will begin on Christmas Eve when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door at St Peter's in Rome. **Locally, it will be opened in our Diocese on Sunday 29 December – Feast of the Holy Family – when Bishop Larry will be Chief Celebrant of the 12.30pm Mass in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan.** Some online resources for the Jubilee Year are now available on www.clogherdiocese.ie/jubilee2025 .

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Christmas Schedule 2024.

Ecumenical Carol Service St Finbarr's.

Sunday 15th December at 7.00pm.

Penitential Service.

Sunday 22nd December at 5.00pm. in (St Joseph's).
Confessions Monday: 23rd December in St Joseph's
after 10.00am Morning Mass.

Christmas Eve Masses.

6.00pm. & 9.00pm. – St Joseph's Carrickmacross,
8.00pm. – St John The Evangelist Raferagh.

Christmas Day Masses.

9.30am. & 12 Noon - St Joseph's Carrickmacross
11.00am – St Michael's Corduff.

Weekday Mass St Joseph's.

Thursday 26th Dec & Friday 27th Dec at 10.00am.
Saturday 28th Dec at 11.00am.

New Years Day Masses.

Wednesday January 1st 10.00am. & 7.30pm. St Joseph's, Carrickmacross.

The Feast of the Epiphany Monday 6th January 2025.

Feast of the Epiphany on Monday 6th January 10.00am. & 7.30pm.
in St Joseph's.

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

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