

Third Sunday of Advent Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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

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### Weekly Reflection.

#### `Ceasefire'

John the Baptist was a man of principle and strong conviction who had no fear of calling people to repentance. He would call a spade a spade. His voice would be useful now.

I listened to a spokesperson for Israel Defence Forces stating that civilian deaths in Gaza were simply collateral damage. The horror of the Hamas attack on Israel was rightly condemned by everyone. The condemnation of Israel for the slaughter of the innocents in Gaza must also now happen. The nightmare scenes of innocent and defenceless men, women and children being killed must stop. There is an irresistible case for an immediate ceasefire.

The Holy Land, the birthplace of Jesus the Prince of Peace needs true peacemakers now.

Let us pray for a ceasefire.

Fr Shane.

Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	11.00am.	AM. Daniel Biroc, Drummond Radhairc.
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	2.00am.	<b>Prayer Service:</b> Remembering 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary,
		Garda Gary Sheehan.
Saturday	6.00pm.	AM. Jacinta & Patsy Crosby, "The Glen" Donaghmoyne Road.
16 <sup>th</sup> December.	Vigil.	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.
Sunday	9.30am.	AM. Evan Rouse, Lisanisk. AM. Julia & Patrick Ward, Parnell Street.
17 <sup>th</sup> December.	9.50am.	<b>AM.</b> Joe McNally, Creevy Swinburne.
		AM. Jim Brady, Bailieborough, Co Cavan.
Sunday	12Noon.	AM. O'Gorman & O'Brien Families, Dundalk Road.
17 <sup>th</sup> December		AM. Laura & Linda Crossan, Greaghdrumitt.
		AM. Sheila Callaghan, Ardee Road.
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	5.00pm.	Penitential Service.
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.00am.	AM. John Lang, Drumcargy.
		AM. Martin & Cassie Finnegan, Corduff.
		AM. Catherine, Kathleen, Arthur, & Maura McKeown, & Deceased
		Members of the Keenan, McKeown Collins & McCaul Families. Confessions after Mass.
Mond 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00pm.	St Joseph's Boy's School Christmas Carol Service.
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Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass. Confessions after Mass.
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	11.00am.	Scoil Rois, Mass and Christmas Service.
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	7.00pm.	Ecumenical Carol Service.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.00am.	AM. John Smith, Dublin.
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	10.00am.	Confessions after Mass. AM. Richard & Mary Callan, Sarah Finnegan & Mary Cosgrove,
Thuis ZI Dec.	10.00am.	Drumgowna.
		AM. Craig Shandon Froneman, Corcuillogue.
		Confessions after Mass.
Friday	10.00am.	AM. Annie Traynor, 6. Derryolam Park.
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.		Confessions after Mass.
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	6.00pm.	Lithuanian Mass.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	7.30pm.	Months Memory: Bernadette Conlon, Dundalk Road.
		<ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup> AM. Tom Boyle," Carrick View" Shercock Road.</li> <li>40<sup>th</sup> AM. Garda Gary Sheehan, &amp; Remembering his Father Jim.</li> </ul>
		<b>AM.</b> John & Mary Kay, Monaghan Street, Stephen Rice, Tom &
		Stevie McKenna, Corcuillogue.
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	11.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday	6.00pm.	AM. Martin Walsh, 75. Cloughvalley & his Parents Peter &
23 <sup>rd</sup> December.	Vigil.	Bridget Walsh.
		AM. Marion Marron Magheraboy, her Daughter Ellen & her Mother
		Bridie Coleman, Ardee.
		<b>AM.</b> Anne & Joe Meegan remembering Joe's Sister Vera Meegan,
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Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9.30am.	Sunday Mass.
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	12Noon.	Sunday Mass.
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec.		Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 6.00pm & 9.00pm.
Christmas Eve		

**<u>Recently Deceased</u>**: Katie (Catherine) McCoy Lisgall, (formerly Dunaree Laragh.) Mary Cawley, (nee McGarrell) Harrow, London. (formerly Bocks Lower.)

#### Corduff / Raferagh Mass Intentions.

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Raferagh	AM. Peter McCaul, Shercock/Corduff.
December	11.00am.	AM. Gerry Crossan, Carraghogue.
		AM. Brendan McEneany, Ardragh.
		AM. Mary Smith & Deceased Members of the Smith & Clerkin
		Families, Corcreagh.
Wednesday	Corduff	Scoil Padraig Carol Service.
20 <sup>th</sup> December.	7.00pm.	No Mass at 7.30pm.
Sunday	Corduff	AM. Pat & Rose Marron & Remembering their Sons Noel &
24 <sup>th</sup> December.	11.00am.	Philip, Corbane.
		Remembrance Mass Sadie Larkin.
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Raferagh	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.
Christmas Eve	8.00pm.	

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Corduff/ Raferagh. Will take place *each <u>Wednesday evening</u>* 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. <u>Tuesday</u>: 9am. - 7pm. <u>Wednesday</u>: 9am.-10am. <u>Thursday</u>: 8am. - 10am. <u>Friday</u>: 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.

#### **<u>Rosary In St Joseph's Church</u>: Monday – Friday at 6.30pm.**

**Ecumenical Carol Service:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**<u>Nativity Cantata</u>**: St Joseph's Choir will present in Readings and Song a short account of the Christmas Story before the 9.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. The Cantata will last about 20 minutes immediately before Mass.

**<u>Christmas Day Planned giving Envelope</u>:** 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.</u>

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

**Corduff / Raferagh Parish Bazaar:** A Big Thank You to all who organised, gave donations, and supported on the night the recent Bazaar in Corduff & Raferagh Community Centre. A total of €13,500.00 was raised on the night.

**Lithuanian Community Mass:** will take place in St Joseph's Church Carrickmacross on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.00pm.

**Special Monaghan / Fermanagh Pilgrimage to Fatima:** last remaining places only 5 places left Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 visit Saint Anthonys Baptismal Font in Lisbon and house where he was born contact James Treacy 061921470 or 00353 61921470

<u>Mass Cards, Mass Bouquets, and Christmas Bouquets</u>: signed by the Priests of the Parish are available in the Parish Office cost  $\in$ 10.00.

**The Pioneer Association:** A presentation of Pioneer Pins and Diplomas will be made after 6 pm Mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Pins for 10.25.50. Years Membership and Diplomas of the Pioneer Association. Diplomas for 40 years. Clasp and Diplomas for 60.70 years, all those who are looking for any of the above, contact Jim on 087 6734553. Pat on 089 4916232 for further information before the 9 January 2024 in order to give time to get all organised. Also, a Mass will be held in St Marys Church Navan Co. Meath on Wednesday 27 December at 10.00 am to celebrate 125 years of the Pioneer Association.



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