

1st Sunday of Lent Sunday 18th February 2024.

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

<u>St Joseph's Carrickmacross</u> <u>St Michael's Corduff</u> <u>St John's Raferagh</u>

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St Vincent De Paul: St Vincent De Paul Contacts- Free Phone 1800677777.

Weekly Reflection.

""Doing something for Lent!"

When people went to Mass years ago, most of them had to walk miles to the Church, in pleasant weather and severe weather. And when they arrived there was no heat, the Mass was in Latin, which they could not understand, and they could not hear the priest's sermon for there was no amplification. There was no padding on the kneelers, and they had to fast from the night before. Now things are different. We come in heated cars to warm churches, we have amplification and just a one hour fast for Holy Communion.

The reason I say this because we have become so used to comfort and convenience not only in practice of faith but in our lives generally, that I fear we have also lost any sense of fasting or self-denial. Some fast and go on a diet for health reasons, or to fit into a particular outfit, but the idea of fasting for penance or spiritual reasons has virtually disappeared.

Many of us have forgotten the true meaning of Lent – as a time of self-denial which puts us in touch with the centre of our faith – that Jesus died on the cross for each one of us. Lent 2024 gives us an opportunity. By doing something for Lent we change ourselves and our lives so that we may become what God would like us to be.

Let us do something for Lent!

Fr Shane.

Sat 17 th Feb.	11.00am.	Lenten Mass.
Saturday 17 th February.	6.00pm. Vigil.	 Months Memory: Mary O'Brien, 39 Rockdaniel Road. AM. William & Mary Malone, James & Brian Malone, Woodlands & the Shevlin Family Pennybridge, Mullinary. AM. Mary & Michael Rooney, Mickey Rooney, Cloughvalley, Helen Rooney & Crissie Myles. AM. Owen Flanagan, Drummond Etra. AM. Jason Thornton, Killarue, Carrickmacross. AM. Bernadette & Patsy Connolly, 18 Cuchulainn Terrace. AM. Kevin Connolly, O'Neill Street. AM. Peter & Rose Ann Gilsenan, Aghalile.
Sun 18 th Feb.	9.30am.	Remembrance Mass: Martin Ward, Letterkenny, Donegal.
Sunday 18 th February.	12Noon.	 Ist AM. Evelyn Shannon, Ballinagh, formerly Carrickmacross. AM. Harry Nolan, Kilmactrasna, & Deceased Members of the Nolan Family. AM. James & Mary-Alice Finnegan, Drumcondrath Road, their Daughter Eileen Duffy, Ardee Road, The Finnegan Family, Broomfield, the Woods Family Sheetrim, & Kitty Ward, St Macartan's Villas. AM. Claire McCaffery, her Son Paddy & Grandson Jack, Cloughvalley AM. Shane McMahon, Lisanisk. AM. Frank & Annie Cunningham, & Deceased Members of the Cunningham & Culleton Families, Tividinna, Donaghmoyne.
Mon. 19 th Feb.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Lenten Mass. Weekday Mass.
Tuesday 20 th February.	7.15am. 10.00am. 7.00pm.	Lenten Mass. Weekday Mass. Bun Scoil Lughaidh Naofa 1 st Confession.
Wednesday 21 st February.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Lenten Mass. Weekday Mass.
Thursday 22 nd February.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Lenten Mass. Weekday Mass.
Friday 23 rd February.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Lenten Mass. AM. James & Katie Kerley, Leggimore & Deceased Members of the McKevitt & McKitterick Families, Creevy.
Friday 23 rd February.	7.30pm.	1 st AM. Ann Kelly, Dublin, formerly Mullinary & Remembering her Husband, Tom Kelly.
Sat 24 th Feb.	11.00am.	Lenten Mass.
Saturday	6.00pm.	AM. Margaret & Joseph Gartlan, Cuchullain Terrace, & Deceased
24 th February	Vigil.	Members of the McMahon & Gartlan, Families. AM. Mary & Michael Kellett, Corcrin & Remembering Dickie Kellett Cloughvalley, Marie McEneaney, Tullydrum, & Deceased Members of the Kellett & Corrigan Families. AM. Pat & Patsy McMahon, Dundalk Road. AM. Hugh & Mary Halpin, & Deceased Members of the Halpin Family
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Sun 25 th Feb.	9.30am.	Sunday Mass.

Recently Deceased: Maureen Hamill, Coolreagh, Carrickmacross
Oliver Mullen, Beau Parc, Navan (Brother of Margaret Ludlow, Kingscourt Rd. Seamus McCabe, Church View, Broomfield.

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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Sunday 18 th February.	Corduff. 11.00am.	Months Memory: Kathleen (Katie) Cooney, Carragartha, Corduff. AM. Eugene Marron & Deceased Members of the Marron Family, Sreenty.
Wednesday 21 st February.	Raferagh. 7.30pm.	Lenten Mass.
Sunday 25 th February.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. Phil McCluskey, & his Sisters Bridie & Anna, Raferagh.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Corduff/ Raferagh.

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

Rosary for Lent - The rosary is recited each Wednesday evening at 6:50pm and each Sunday morning at 10:20am before Mass in Corduff & Raferagh. Consider making that extra effort for Lent to pray together with and for our local community; especially remembering our loved ones gone before us who belonged to a generation of people who valued their faith, with prayer nourished in the Mass & Rosary.



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. 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.

Lenten Masses: Monday – Friday at 7.15am in St Joseph's Church Carrickmacross.

St. Joseph's Cemetery Church Gate Collection: We would like to thank you for your kind generosity and financial support. A total of €2035.00 was collected. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved, the Collectors and the Counters for their time and dedication and the Cemetery Committee for their on-going work. Your continued support for the upkeep of our Cemetery is greatly appreciated.

Pioneer Council: Members are available in Teach Uí Bhriain on the first Sunday of each month after 9.30am Mass, for short term pledge, to replace a lost Pin, or for information on the Pioneer Association contact Jim on 0876734553 or visit www.pioneerassociation.org

<u>Prayer for Vocation</u>: Pope Francis encourages us to continue praying for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Prayer Cards are available at the entrance to the church please take one and continue to pray for vocations.

Permanent Diaconate: The Diocese of Clogher invites Expressions of Interest from men who feel called to the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese. All relevant information can be found on the Diocesan website www.clogherdiocese.ie/diaconate/ and the Diocesan Facebook page. The closing date for expressions of interest is 30th April 2024. Those interested should speak firstly to their Parish Priest before a referral is made to the Director of Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese.

Mass Cards, & Mass Bouquets: signed by the Priests of the Parish are available in the Parish Office cost €10.00 (this includes price of card). (Please note the price will increase to €15.00 from 1st March 2024.)

Sisters of St. Elisabeth, Minsk, Belarus: will visit our Parish on Tuesday the 20th and Wednesday 21st of February, they will create a small stall for their crafts in St Joseph's Church at the 7.15am and 10am Masses. The Sisters will also visit St John's Raferagh on Wednesday Evening 21st February at the 7.30pm Mass. Your support will be greatly appreciated by the Sisters.

St. Joseph's Cemetery – Feb '24 Update. Just a short note to update you on our Cemetery Improvement Projects which were started in

2023.

- > Cemetery Lighting The first part of this project is now complete. The lights at the top of the Cemetery and along the Angel Plot were switched on, on Wed 1^{st} Nov '23 – feedback has been very positive. We are currently investigating the feasibility of installing additional lights half ways up the main driveway – across from the mini carpark.
- > The access gates at Calvary will be removed at some stage during February for sandblasting and painting and will be promptly replaced thereafter. Work on painting the remainder of the Cemetery railing will be completed in stages during 2024.
- The Cemetery Map Display Board will be located on the green area adjacent to the St. Louis Plots. Ground works to prepare this area for the Map Board will be worked on across March '24 - our aim is to have this project completed by the end of April '24

Signed, Cemetery Committee.

Dromantine Summer Camp 2024: Registration for Camp 2024 goes live on Friday 1st March for players (11-16) and the leadership team (17+). For more information about camp and how to register please visit our website at www.dromantinesummercamp.co.uk.

Clogher don Óige: is currently accepting Expressions of Interest from Young People (16-18 years) who would like to travel to Lourdes as part of the diocesan pilgrimage, 5th-10th July. More details and online form available at www.clogherdonoige.org/lourdes2024

Diocese of Clogher Lourdes Pilgrimage: 5th -10th July 2024. Total Price €960.00 or sterling equivalent excluding travel insurance. Price includes flights, Full board accommodation / meals, Transfer from designated places throughout the Diocese to /from Belfast International Airport. To book Pilgrim Places; Contact John Hueston Lisnaskea Tel: 028677 24329 From Roi: (048) 677 24329 or download booking form from www.lourdes2clogher.com.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: April – Oct 2024: 7 nights apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel: 01 4434510 or website www.med-irishcentre.com

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

Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

Cavan Institute: is hosting an Open Day on Thursday 29 February 2024 from 9.30am to 3. **30pm.** This is an ideal opportunity for prospective students to visit the institute and discuss the opportunities available, upon completion of a PLC/Traineeship course here in Cavan Institute. The event will take place over two sites - the Cathedral Rd campus and on our new state of the art campus on the Dublin Rd. (Courtesy buses will take interested students to view the facilities on the Dublin Rd.)

Safeguarding Review: If you wish to report a child safeguarding concern, please contact Martha Smyth 0044 777 5507445, or Anne Molloy 0044 787941 3855 or An Garda Síochána 00353 1 663430, PSNI 028 90650222, TUSLA 00353 47 30475 Western Health and Social Care Trust 028 7131 4090.