

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



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Sunday 19th February 2023. 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Weekly Reflection.

“What are you doing for Lent?”

This used to be a familiar question posed before Ash Wednesday each year. Lent is the period of about six weeks in the run up to Easter when Catholics endeavour to change their lives through prayer, self-denial and alms giving as they look forward to the joyful celebration of Easter. During Lent the faithful are asked to give up some type of luxury as a form of penance. They are asked to contribute towards the needs of the poor throughout the world, and are urged to re-dedicate their efforts to improving their prayer life.

The forty days of fasting commemorate the forty days spent by Jesus in the desert, where he overcame the temptations of the devil.

This Lent might be a good time to consider returning to Mass or coming on a more regular basis. It may be an opportunity to develop ones prayer life. It may be the time to give up the drink. It is a good time to consider the needs of the poor – the Trocáire boxes are available in the churches.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving are what we can do for Lent.

Fr Shane.

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Saturday 18th Feb.	11.00am	Morning Mass.
Saturday 18th February.	6.00pm.	<p>AM. Shane McMahon, Lisanisk.</p> <p>AM. Peter & Roseann Gilsean, Aghalile.</p> <p>AM. Brendan Larney, 14 Crann Nua. AM. Noel & Collette Lonergan & Martin Lonergan, Farney Street.</p> <p>AM. Bernadette Connolly, 18 Cuchullain Terrace.</p> <p>AM. Mary & Michael Rooney, Mickie Rooney 42 Cloughvalley & Helen Rooney & Chrissie Myles.</p> <p>AM. Harry Nolan, Kilmactrasna, Carrickmacross & Deceased Members of the Nolan Family.</p> <p>AM. Kevin Connolly, O'Neill Street.</p> <p>21st Birthday Remembrance Mass: Nathan Fox, 8 Valley Close.</p>
Sunday 19th Feb	9.30am.	AM. Rosaleen (Rosh) Hopkins & Deceased Members of the Hopkins & Wood Families, Mullinary.
Sunday 19th Feb	12Noon.	<p>AM. Enda McEneaney & Deceased Members of the McEneaney Family, Tullyallen.</p> <p>AM. Clare Caffrey & her Son Paddy & Grandson Jack.</p> <p>AM. James & Mary Alice Finnegan & their Daughter Eileen Duffy & the Finnegan Family Broomfield & Woods family, Sheetrim.</p> <p>AM. Patrick & Kate Allen, Drumgoan their Daughters Patsy & Elizabeth & Rose Allen, Glasgow, Scotland, & the Costello Family Drumgoan.</p>
Monday 20th Feb.	10.00am.	AM. Tess & Francis Gartlan, Magheross.
Tuesday 21st Feb.	10.00am.	Private Intention
Wednesday 22nd Feb (Ash Wednesday)	7.15am	Lenten Mass. *Ashes will be distributed at our 7.15 Lenten Mass*
Wednesday 22nd Feb (Ash Wednesday)	10.00am	Lenten Mass. *Ashes will be distributed at 10.00am Lenten Mass* AM. Ann Boyle & the Deceased Members of the Boyle Family, Annie & Henry McAdam, Corduffkelly. AM. John & Rose Connolly, St Josephs Terrace & Mae & Gene Coleman, Cuchullain Terrace.
Thursday 23rd Feb.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Lenten Mass. Lenten Mass.
Friday 24th February	7.15am. 10.00am.	Lenten Mass. Lenten Mass.
Friday 24th February	7.30pm.	Months Mind: Edward O'Neill, Mullinary. AM. Margaret & Joseph Gartlan & Deceased Members of the Gartlan & McMahon Families, 5 Cuchullain Terrace.
Saturday 25th Feb.	11.00am	AM. Patrick, Annie & Nan McGeough & Deceased Family Members, Oghil, Inniskeen.
Saturday 25th Feb.	6.00pm	Months Mind: John Dolan, Castleblayney Road. AM. Peter & Mary Malone & Deceased Members of the Malone Family Drumbroagh.
Sunday 26th Feb	9.30am.	AM. Patrick & Mary Ellen McGinnity, Alan Clarke, Kevin Rice & Kathleen Gallagher.
Sunday 26th Feb	12Noon.	AM. Tony McEvoy & His Son Jim, Lisanisk.

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Recently Deceased: Kieran Smith, Corrán Fionn Barra. Marie Fitzsimons, Magheracluone. Rose- Mary Granville (nee Boyle) Chipping Camden, England, formerly Alderwood. Olive Fahey (nee Kealy) Ardee Road.

Corduff / Raferagh Mass Intentions.

Sunday 19th February.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Gene Marron, Sreenty. Mass: for the Members of the Corduff Raferagh Active Retirement, & Deceased Members. AM. Gene Byrne, Sister Columba, Mary Byrne, Leeroy Byrne & Paddy Keeley & Deceased Members of the Byrne Family, Sreenty.
Wednesday 22nd Feb. Ash Wednesday.	Raferagh 7.30pm	AM. Tommy McEnaney, Corvalley & Deceased Members of the McEnaney, Family. *Ashes will be distributed at our Evening Mass*
Sunday 26th February.	Rafferagh 11.00am.	AM. Kathleen, Mick & Paddy Culleton, Corcreagh. AM. Catherine, Michael, Frank & Packie Richards, Raferagh.

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.

Temperance Sunday 19th February 2023.

For the Children of our Faith Community making their Confirmation and *who wish to take the Pledge*

The Confirmation Pledge will be taken at all public Masses this weekend
Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February.*

Saturday 18th February: 6pm Vigil St Josephs Carrickmacross.

Sunday 19th: 9.30am & 12 Noon St Josephs Carrickmacross

Sunday 19th: 11am. St Michael's Corduff.

Eucharistic Ministers.

As last year, during the season of Lent we will be holding two nights of inservice for our Eucharistic Ministers. This will enable ministers to achieve an ever deeper understanding of the very important ministry in our Church.

We are looking for new Volunteers to join our Eucharistic Ministry Team. If you are interested in the role of Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Parish office on 042 9661231, or alternatively please call to the office in person, during Parish Office hours Monday – Friday 10am – 12.30.

The meetings will take place for ***ALL Existing and New Ministers*** on **Thursday 2nd March in the Workhouse, Carrickmacross from 7.30pm – 9pm** and on **Tuesday 7th March from 7.30pm – 9pm in the Holy Family Hall.**

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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.

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Ashes will be distributed in the at the 7.15am Lenten Morning Mass and the 10am Morning Mass, in St Joseph's Carrickmacross, and the 7.30pm Evening Mass in Raferagh. Sachets of Ashes will be available for collection directly after each Mass from the sacristy.

Lenten Masses: Monday – Friday at 7.15am in St Josephs Church Carrickmacross.

Cemetery Collection: We would like to thank you for your kind generosity and financial support. A total of €2105.00 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 & the Cemetery Committee.

St. Joseph's Cemetery Update – February 2023.

As promised in Nov '22, we said we would keep you updated on pending improvement projects at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Carrickmacross. Firstly however, to introduce the new committee members of St. Joseph's Cemetery Committee / Council;

Chairman: Patrick Doherty and Treasurer: Eugene Marron plus committee members; Monsignor Shane McCaughey, Malachy Marron, Lisa Walsh, Richard Malone, Teresa Carolan, Pdraig McNally, Joan Farrelly, Pdraig Lonergan, Michael Deery and Martin Hughes.

Following extensive discussion and research, the Cemetery Committee has decided to progress with the following three projects;

- Display Board – which will contain a map of the Cemetery and all those interred there.
- Cemetery Lighting.
- Restoration of the front railing and gates along the Dundalk Road.

The estimated costs of these works will be €26,500 approx, split as follows;

• Display Board	€6,700
• Lighting	€4,200
• Railing Work	€15,600
Total	€26,500

The Cemetery Committee is now reaching out to all parishioners in a fundraising appeal to off-set the costs involved in this work.

Parishioners who wish to contribute, may do so in any of the following ways;

- Large donations can be pledged to either Patrick Doherty at 087-8131929 or Richard Malone at 087-6524847
- Donations can be made at the Parish Office during opening hours – 10.00am to 12.30pm Monday – Friday.
- A 'Go Fund Me' page is being created for smaller donations – further details to follow in the coming weeks

We as always wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for everyone's ongoing generosity, as we strive to enhance our Cemetery as a fitting memorial to our dearly departed loved ones.

Signed, Cemetery Committee.