

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



1st Sunday of Advent: Sunday 1st December 2024.

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

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Weekly Reflection

Watch yourselves! Stay awake, praying at all times!

Our town kicked off the Christmas festive season with the colourful switching of Christmas lights on 22nd November. Now, the Christmas festive mood is in the air, and probably on top of our list are exchanging gifts, visiting family and friends, and shopping.

Today in the Church, we begin Advent, the season of preparation and anticipation for Christmas. In addition to the colourful lights in our town, the Church invites us to fix our gaze on the symbol of the Advent wreath, which stands for the immortality of our souls and Jesus' promise of eternal life, and on the five candles symbolising the light of Christ himself. With this focus in hindsight, the gospel today teaches us that Advent is a time to become spiritually awake.

Jesus says, "***Stay awake, praying at all times! Stand erect; hold your heads high!***" Thus, amidst the hustle and bustle of daily life, we need to pay close attention to God's presence and action in our lives here and now. Christ warns us to be careful lest our "***hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and worries of this life***".

According to the gospel, the best Christmas festive mood is to "***see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more closely***" (St. Richard of Chichester). The rest will fall into place.

Fr. Sylvester

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Sat 30th Nov.	11.00am.	AM. Jim McCarthy, his wife Teresa & Deceased Family Members.
Saturday 30th Nov.	6.00pm.	AM. Kevin & Elizabeth Marron, Shercock Road. AM. Eamon McBride, Trostan.
Sunday 1st Dec.	9.30am.	AM. Lisa (Lise) Marron, Southampton, England & Peaste.
Sunday 1st Dec.	12Noon.	AM. Seamus Brady, Longfield & Deceased Members of the Brady Family.
Monday 2ndDec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Tuesday 3rd Dec.	10.00am.	AM. Baby Dean Finnegan-Smith, formerly Claddagh Park, Dundalk.
Wednesday 4th Dec.	10.00am.	AM. Gene & Margaret Marron, Mullinary & the Ross Family, Ardee Road.
Thurs 5thDec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 6th Dec.	10.00am.	AM. James, Mae & Patrick Hamill, Monagirr.
Friday 6th Dec.	7.30pm.	AM. Mary Quigley (nee McDonald), her infant grandson James Gerard Quigley. AM. Bridie & Packie McDermott, Farney Street. AM. Paddy & Margaret McKenna, Tom & Regina & Maura McKenna, Corcuillogue. AM. Yvonne & Padraig McCabe, Valley Close & Cashlan West Lisdoonan
Sat 7th Dec.	11.00am.	AM. Kathleen Gilsean, Drumbroagh.
Saturday 7th Dec.	6.00pm	Months Memory: Catherine Kennedy, "Craighlea," Carrickmacross, formerly of Main Street, Clogherhead. AM. John & Margaret Kennedy, "Craighlea," Carrickmacross & James & Margaret McDonald, Main Street, Clogherhead. AM. Alan Woods, Kilkerry, Dundalk & Angela Woods, Drummond Etra. AM. Bosco Malone, Drumgowna, his Brother Barney, Bridge Street. Patrick & Cissy Hogan, Michelle Moore, Gerald & John Martyn. Cecil McCullough and Tony Gill, Mullingar. AM. Peter Shields, Nafferty. AM. Annie & Pat Reynolds, Derryolam Park & Deceased Members of the Reynolds, Ryan, Cavanagh & Keenan Families.
Sunday 8th Dec.		AM. Concepta & Michael Deery, Main Street. Mass for the Benefactors & Deceased Members of Carrickmacross St Vincent De Paul.
Sunday 8th Dec.		AM. Marron Family, Lisnaguivera. AM. John & Josie Meegan, Cloughvalley. AM. Patsy Martin & Deceased Members of the Martin Family, Rockdaniel Road.

Recently Deceased:

The Annual Service of Remembrance Ceremony.

We would like to say a special word of thanks to all who joined us in this beautiful service and to all those who helped make it a memorable evening.



The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

Advent Wreath Prayer: "Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas". Amen.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 1st December.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	<p>AM. Brendan McEneaney, Ardragh, Corduff.</p> <p>AM. Tommy & Alice Culleton, Corcreagh, the Finnegan Family Carragartha, Corduff, & John & Mary Rushe, Dublin.</p> <p>AM. Deceased Members of the Lennon Family, Cornalaragh & Greaghwilgan.</p> <p>AM. Peter Marron, & Deceased Members of the Marron Family, Ardragh.</p> <p>AM. Maureen & John Smyth, Raferagh, & the Smyth & Lennon, Families, Beagh, Greaghlone, & Peter Finnegan, Corcreagh.</p>
Wednesday. 4th December.	Corduff. 7.30pm.	No Mass.
Sunday 8th December.	Corduff. 11.00am.	<p>AM. Patsy & Maura McEnaney, Corduff, Kathleen, Alice, Tommy, Michael and Phil McEnaney, Greagh, & Deceased Members of the McEnaney Family.</p> <p>AM. Patrick & Ellen Keenan, Greaghlane.</p> <p>AM. Barney, Peter & Bridget Keelan, Greaghlatecapple.</p> <p>AM. Patrick & Alice Conlon, Shanco, Corduff & their Daughter Alice Hughes, Glasleck, Shercock.</p> <p>AM. P.J. Martin & Deceased Members of the Martin Family, Umerafree.</p> <p>AM. Michael Heirty, Ardagh.</p>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Corduff/ Raferagh.

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

Faith and Light Christmas Party: in the Corduff Community Centre on Sunday the 1st of December at 1.30 pm. Everyone welcome and hope to see you all there.

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.**

Extended Adoration: In honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception there will be additional hours of Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Monday Dec 9th 9am to 7pm - Feast of Immaculate Conception. Please call Teresa on 087-3117929 if you can commit 1 hour.

Fr Sylvester Chasweka has been with us for the past three months and has made himself very much at home with us. He is returning to Rome and Malawi, and we thank him for his kind and generous ministry with us and wish him health and happiness in the future. Fr Sylvester may return to us in the springtime.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy: First Sunday of the Month at 3pm, with Confessions from 2:00pm onwards St. Nicholas' Church, Dundalk. Featuring Holy Hour, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions and Anointing of the Sick. This will next take place on Sunday 1st December 2024. Come and receive God's blessing. All are welcome.

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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 €13,080.00 was raised.

St Vincent De Paul: Church Gate Collection Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th December at St Joseph's and on Sunday 8th December at St Michael's, Corduff.

Knock Night Vigil: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Bus leaving from the Shirley Arms, Carrick at 6.00pm Saturday 7th December. For all details contact Maeve 0874139702.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party: on Tuesday 3rd December in the Valley Lodge. Doors open at 6.00pm Food served 6.30pm. Tickets are now on sale at €10 from Social Services Committee.

Carrickmacross Emmets 43rd Christmas Day Swim: Christmas Morning at 12.00pm. Sharp, at Creevy Lake.

Graveyard Maps: - If you are visiting the graveyards at St. Michael's and St. John's during the month of November, please review the details on the new graveyard maps and listing to ensure all details are correct. Corrections Forms are available at the back of the churches or text Bernie on 087 9555762 or email corduffraferaghheritage@gmail.com

Special Clogher Pilgrimage: (Limited availability) to Fatima EX Dublin **Easter 2025**, Flying with TAP airlines, Also, 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony, 13th October 2025 for Miracle of Sun Contact James Treacy 00353 61921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com Payment by instalments acceptable LAST REMAINING SEATS

New Al-anon Support Program: for people whose lives have been or are being affected by someone else's drinking: Thursdays 7.30pm at Beckscourt Community Centre, Bailieborough, A82D928 (past fire station on right). Inquiries 0871321462.'

Clogher don Óige Young Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome 26th July – 5th August 2025: A limited number of places available for a 10-day pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year, open to young adults (18-30) a full pilgrimage programme including events with Pope Francis. Join over 1.5 million young people from across the world who are expected during these days to come together to celebrate their faith. More details at www.clogherdonoige.org/rome2025 or email james@cdo.email

NOW RECRUITING FOR THE POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD: The Pope John Paul II Award is committed to helping young people enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, and social development through participation in school, parish, and community activities. Here in the parish, we are in the process of setting up a new group this year and are now accepting applications from interested young people who have already completed Junior Cert. If you want more information or would like to register to participate, then go to www.clogherdonoige.org or by email: jp2award@clogherdonoige.org

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje direct from Dublin to Mostar, 30 minutes from Medjugorje 11th-18th of June €805 if deposit of €200 is paid before January 31st 2025, otherwise €855 applies. Spiritual leader Rev John Chester. Group leader Marian Kane 0872713260 for more information.

Minor Injury Unit at Monaghan Hospital (047 38835) hours have been extended – we are now open 08.00 – 20.00 (Mon – Sun) Closed 25th & 26th December. We aim to see you as quickly as possible. Patients 5 years & over - We treat & X Ray as needed: Broken bones, Dislocations, Foreign bodies, Sprains & Strains, Wounds, Minor chest injuries, Minor scalds & burns, Facial & eye injuries.

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

Safeguarding Review: If you wish to report a child safeguarding concern, please contact Deirdre Boyle 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.