

Weekly Reflection.

'Sacred or Secular?'

The minefield that is the relationship between God and State is raised in the Gospel to trap Jesus. The challenge of the place of the sacred in society is still as complex as in the time of Christ. To find the path through this minefield the Church urges the faithful to live their lives in the world, but not of the world – and to navigate a sure course by way of an "informed conscience".

Each one of us, wherever we find ourselves, can contribute to the "sacredness of life".

Science and Technology can develop the world's resources, but we have a responsibility to care for the world created by God and avoid contributing to its destruction.

Business can generate employment, but we must be conscious that profits for the wealthy are not the sole purpose of work.

Politics can enable the will of the people to be expressed, but we must try to preserve healthy moral standards and not succumb to base instincts.

Media can shine a spotlight into the hidden corners of society, but it must also serve the values of truth and charity.

We can become witnesses to the sacredness of human life by the way we live and behave.

There is NO part of life from which God should be excluded.

Fr Shane.

The Parish Of Machaire Rois

Sat 21 st Oct.	11.00am.	AM. Joseph Mundy, Tullynaskeagh, & Rosemary Granville.
Saturday	6.00pm.	AM. Paddy & Mary O'Rourke, 22 Cloughvalley & their
21 st October.	Vigil.	Daughter-in- law Mary O'Rourke Tipperary.
		AM. Patsy Ross & his Son Patrick Ross & the Deceased
		Members of the Ross & Gillick Families, Mullinary.
Sun 22 nd Oct.	9.30am.	Months Memory: Philomena McGee, Barnadonagh.
Sunday	12Noon.	Months Memory: Philomena Ward, 1 Pearse Avenue.
22 nd October.		1 st AM. Sr Bernadette Smyth, St Louis Convent, Carrickmacross.
Mon 23 rd Oct.	10.00am.	Birthday Rem: Denise Duffy, 18 Valley Close.
Tue 24 th Oct.	10.00am.	AM. Peter & Molly Molloy, Dublin.
Wednesday	10.00am.	AM. Harry & Molly McCahey, & Deceased members of the McCahey
25 th October.		& Sloane Families, Donogue.
Wednesday	11.00am.	Bun Scoil Lughaidh Naofa.
25 th October.		Opening year School Mass.
Thursday 26 th October.	10.00am.	AM. Sandy & Peggy Fennell, Mullinary, & Deceased Members of the Fennell Family.
Friday	10.00am.	AM. Patricia Treanor, Mullinary, Catherine & Patrick Treanor,
27 th October.		Kathleen & Peter Woods, & the McCluskey Family, St Joseph's
		Terrace.
Friday	7.30pm.	Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers.
27 th October.	11.00	
Saturday	11.00am.	AM. Tommy & Ellie Keenan & Deceased Members of the Keenan
28 th October.	C 00	Family, Carragartha, Corduff.
Saturday 28 th October.	6.00pm.	AM. Ann, Patrick & Mary Martin & Deceased Members of the Martin
28 th Uctober.	Vigil.	Family. M. Michael Una & Thomas Joffroy, Bridget & Baddy O'Brien
		AM. Michael Una & Thomas Jeffrey, Bridget & Paddy O'Brien, Emmett Road, Theresa & Pádraig O' Byrne & Deceased
		Members of the Leonard Family, Roscommon.
		AM. Hugh Carroll, Lisanisk.
Sun 29 th Oct.	9.30am.	Sunday Mass.
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Sunday	12Noon.	AM. Nancy Lynch, Ivy Court.
29 th October.		AM . Mick & Peggy Clarke, & their Son Michael, O'Neill Street.
		AM. Valerie Flynn, Mile River.
		AM. Sean, Brigid & Colm Byrne, Ballybay Road.

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Byrne, Cornacarrow. <u>Anna Glass</u>, Drumcondrath. <u>Stephen</u> <u>Kirk-Woods</u>, Convent Lands. <u>Jacqueline Yorke</u>, Cluain Alainn. <u>Olive Quinn</u>, Darlington, England, formerly Cloughvalley. <u>Michael Duffy</u>, Lough Egish. <u>Josephine Meegan</u>, Magheraboy Road. <u>John B McCabe</u>, Corlatt, Monaghan (formerly Corduff).

World Mission Sunday will be **celebrated today, Sunday 22nd Octobe**r. World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. The theme for this year's celebration of Mission Sunday is: "*Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move"* (Luke 24: 13-35). Right now, missionaries desperately need your help. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America missionaries are serving on the front line. They already do so much, walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and after any emergency. You can show missionaries you care by supporting World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and generosity will change lives.

Corduff / Raferagh Mass Intentions.

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Sunday. 22 nd October.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. Sissie McCahey, Cargahogue.
Wednesday. 25 th October.	Corduff. 7.30pm.	 AM. Patsy & Rose McConnon, Shanco, & Deceased Members of the McConnon Family. AM. Mick & Katie McCabe, & their Son Michael & Deceased Members of the McCabe & Carragher, Families. AM. The Keenan Family, Corkishbane. Mass for the Deceased Members of the Corduff/Raferagh Céilí Dancing Club.
Sunday. 29 th October.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. James & Minnie Marron, & Deceased Members of the Marron Family Umerafree, & Deceased Members of the Heirty Family, Ardragh & U.S.A.

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.

<u>Monday</u>: 9am. - 10am. <u>Tuesday</u>: 9am. - 7pm. <u>Wednesday</u>: 9am.-10am. <u>Thursday</u>: 8am. - 10am. <u>Friday</u>: 8am. - 10am. <u>Saturday</u> 10am. - 11am. and 5pm. – 6pm. <u>Sunday</u> 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.

October - The month of the Holy Rosary: The Rosary will be recited at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church Monday to Friday during the month of October. All Welcome.

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers.

The commissioning of new and existing Eucharistic Ministers will take place in St Joseph's Church, on Friday 27th October at the 7.30pm evening Mass.

<u>Altar Servers Recruitment</u>: One year on from the re-introduction of Altar Servers we wish to say, 'Thank you' and 'Well done' to our teams of Servers and their parents, for enabling our liturgies to be enhanced with young people serving at the Altar over the past twelve months. We are now seeking new recruits from 5th and 6th class to come forward to join the teams we have in place. Fr Kevin and I have already spoken to the pupils in the schools and some children and parents have already signed up for this. If you wish to become an Altar Server, or if parents would like to find out more about this wonderful ministry, please speak to one of the priests or the office staff.

Angel Plot: Over the past two years wonderful work has been ongoing in St Joseph's Cemetery to prepare an Angel Plot. This plot will remember those still-born babies and infants who died before baptism, who in the past were not buried in consecrated grounds in the graveyards. This was during a time when the Church was cold and insensitive to the plight of such babies and their parents and families. While we cannot undo the hurts of the past, we can make good our respect and reverence for all who were so buried. The Angel Plot will be consecrated in a special ceremony on Sunday 5th November after the 12 noon Mass, (approx 1.15pm). This liturgy will represent all those infants who were still-born and babies who died without baptism, for whatever reason, and who are buried anywhere in our cemetery. Everyone is invited to attend and give thanks to God for the gifts of our angels.

Lough Derg: The Annual Lough Derg Draw takes place at the end of October: top prize of $\in 10,000$. Tickets can still be purchased on the Lough Derg website for $\in 10$ (book of 6 for $\in 50$) www.bit.ly/LDdrawtickets2023. A reminder to those who have books of tickets at home, please be sure to return before Friday 20th October to be in with a chance of winning.

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Every Life Counts: Church Gate Collections this **Saturday and Sunday, October 21st and 22nd**at all Masses. Every Life Counts provides information, support, and resources to families whose babies may not live for long after birth.

Senior Citizens: Monthly Party on Wednesday 1st November 7.30 to 9.30 in the Ceilidh Centre Cloughvalley. Hosted by Carrickmacross Lion's Club.

Coffee Morning: in aid of Kingscourt & Carrickmacross Cancer Care - Rosie Hand, June McEntee and Margaret Babington would like to extend a sincere thanks to all who supported their annual coffee morning last month. A total of €3000 was raised and divided equally.

Tusla, Child and Family Agency: are holding an information coffee morning on the 27th October in The Errigal Hotel, Cootehill from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Please feel free to join us, or you can phone 047 95702, or email <u>tusla.fostering@tusla.ie</u>.

The Cavan/Monaghan Branch of The Irish Kidney Association: are holding a meeting in the Westenra Arms Hotel Monaghan on Tuesday 24th Oct' at 8:30PM. If you or a member of your family suffer from Renal Failure The Irish Kidney Association can provide support such as, Psychology Services, Educational Courses and Grants , Welfare Grants etc all in Strict Confidence , All Welcome, Refreshments Served.

Come and See – Explore Priesthood: – 18th & 19th November, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. An opportunity for those who would like to find out more about the real-life experience of priestly life and what seminary formation is like. All who are interested in attending or would like to find out more can email the National Vocations Office on <u>info@vocations.ie</u>.

Trócaire: is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict across Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Ukraine. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at <u>infoni@trocaire.org</u> or call 028 9080 8030.

Ardee and District Cancer Support: Are holding a fundraising Concert in Ardee Parish Centre on the 26th October 2023. Featuring Gerry Guthrie supported by Olivia Douglas and Joe Mc Shane Doors open at 7pm show starts at 8pm. Admission only €25.00. Tickets on sale at Parish Centre or at the door on the night. For more information you can contact Paddy on 086355555.

Fostering Awareness Week: is being held by Tusla, Child and Family Agency, from the 16th to 20th October. If you or anyone you know would be interested in becoming a foster carer, we would love to hear from you. An information coffee morning is being held on the 27th October in The Errigal Hotel, Cootehill from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Please feel free to join us, or you can phone 047 95702, or email tusla.fostering@tusla.ie.

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.

<u>Al -Anon Family Support meetings</u>: in Doohamlet Community Centre, A75 E599 each Thursday at 8pm. A75 EF99. Confidential Helpline 018732699.

<u>Be Alert</u>: There continues to be fraudulent scams and alerts via telephone calls, emails etc. Please continue to be aware and cautious of any unexpected activity or communication to you and to your vulnerable family members.

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.