

3rd Sunday of Easter. Sunday 23rd April 2023.

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Weekly Reflection.

"We will recognise him at the Breaking of the Bread"

Many of us have spent years now in the company of Jesus and at his service, but there are times when we lose hope in him. The scandals of the Church, the plight of the poor, the illness and death of family members, leave us feeling let down or even abandoned by him. Like the apostles on the road we often feel like running away, we are afraid to trust again as the risk of being ridiculed is too great.

Maybe it is all an illusion anyway – maybe we are really on our own – maybe we are hopeless.

The apostles recognised the Risen Jesus at the Breaking of the Bread. Today's Gospel assures us that if we share our bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless, we too will recognise Jesus through the things we share.

Fr Shane.

| Saturday 22 nd April. | 11.00am. | First Holy Communion Scoil Rois. |
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| Saturday 22 nd April. | 6.00pm. | Months Mind: Kitty Hand, St Macartan's Villas & remembering the Hand & Keenan Families, 49 St Macartan's Villas. AM. Patrick & Eileen Hand, Ardross Avenue. AM. Kevin & Elizabeth Marron, Shercock Road. AM. Patrick & Alice O'Rourke, Magheross & Deceased Members of the O'Rourke Family, Annacroft & the Gartlan Family Magheross. |
| Sunday 23 rd April. | 9.30am. | AM. Gerry Beggan, Magheross. Private Intention. |
| Sunday 23 rd April. | 12Noon. | Months Mind: Rose Boyle, Mullinary. AM. Deceased Members of the Woods Family, 47 St Macartan's Villas & May Woods, Dundalk. AM. Eugene & Kathleen Ward Coolfore & their Daughter-in- law Patricia Ward & Granddaughter Susanne Muirhead. AM. Agnes & James Halligan St Macartan's Villas & Deceased Members of the Woods & Halligan Families. |
| Monday 24 th April. | 10.00am. | Morning Mass. |
| Tuesday 25 th April. | 10.00am. | AM. Marcus McEntee, 26 Cloughvalley. |
| Wednesday 26 th April. | 10.00am. | Morning Mass. Private Intention. |
| Thursday 27 th April. | 10.00am. | Morning Mass. |
| Friday 28 th April. | 10.00am. | AM. Peter McKeown, Coraghy & Deceased Members of the Duffy, McKeown & Connolly Families. |
| Friday 28 th April. | 7.30.pm. | Months Mind: Philomena Kent, Drumgoan. Months Mind: John Doyle, Ardross Avenue. |
| Saturday 29 th April. | 11.00am. | First Holy Communion St Joseph's Boy's National School. |
| Saturday 29 th April. | 6.00pm. | AM. John, Bridget &Rose Carragher & Deceased Members of the Carragher Family Carragartha, Corduff. |
| Sunday 30 th April. | 9.30am. | AM. Mena Marquis, Corcuillogue. AM. Elizabeth Matthews, Derryolam. |
| Sunday 30 th April. | 12Noon. | Sunday Mass. |

Recently Deceased.

Hannah Cotter, Cork.

Maureen O'Sullivan, Cork.

James Oliver Keelan, Dundalk.

Eileen Mc Guchan (nee Finnegan) England late of Lisacullion, Shantonagh.



SACRAMENTS 2023.

Let us remember in our prayers, the children of our Faith Community as they prepare for their upcoming Sacraments. In particular, the children who will make their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the coming weeks.

| Sunday 23rd April | Raferagh 11.00am. | AM. Teasie McConnon, Farney Street her Parents Pete & Alice & all the Deceased Members of the McConnon & McEneaney Families. AM. Jim Murphy, Raferagh. |
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| Wednesday 26 th April. | Corduff. 7.30pm. | Evening Mass. |
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Corduff / Raferagh Mass Intentions.

| NV Mu | Adoration in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. (St Josephs.) |
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| | The Blessed Sacrament Chapel opening hours are as follows; |
| | Monday 9-10am, Tuesday 9am-7pm, Wednesday 9-10am, |
| A | Thursday 9-10am, Friday 9-10am, Saturday 10-11am and |
| a the second | Sunday 1-6pm. |

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Corduff/ Raferagh. Will take place *each <u>Wednesday evening</u>* in Corduff/Raferagh 5pm until Mass at 7:30pm.

Rosary in St Josephs Church Monday – Friday at 6.30pm.

<u>St. Joseph's Triduum</u>: The parish council are pleased to announce details of our <u>Three</u> <u>**Days**</u> of prayer to St Joseph our Patron Saint. **The Triduum will take place on Monday 1**st **May (St. Joseph's Feastday) Tuesday 2nd May and Wednesday 3rd May**. Masses each morning at 10am. Evening Mass Mon/Wednesday 1st, 3rd May 7.30pm. Eucharistic Service of Healing Tuesday evening 2nd May at 7.30pm.

Triduum Candles: Candles \in 2.50 each, on sale at Mass times. They may be left in the church for decorating and burning for your intentions during our three day Novena. The Triduum will be conducted by Fr Mark Byrne, S.O.L.T. he is a native of Dublin, he is involved in Retreats and Lectures.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats: in May: Monday 1st & 29th, Sunday 7th & 14th, Tuesday 9th, Saturday 20th & 27th. €45 per person - Booking essential - Online at www.loughderg.org - by email info@loughderg.org - by phone +353 (0)7198 61518

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Departing from Dundalk on Wednesday 21st - 28th June Price €795 pps. Spiritual director Fr Paul Montague Reaghtown Parish. For more information contact James on 0872202173 a few seats became available due to cancellations

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 7-12 July 2023: Led by Bishop Larry Duffy, Bishop of Clogher. For booking please contact Mr. John Heuston, Gave, Macknagh, Crom Road, Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh. Tel: South 048 67724329/North 028 67724329. Email: john.cdp@btconnect.com If you wish to travel in the Assisted Pilgrim section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage, special application forms are available from the Pilgrimage Secretary. Cost €899 pps, full board, including meals and flights. For further information visit www.lourdes2clogher.com

Pilgrimage to Fatima: Archbishop Eamon Martin is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from 20th – 27th July 2023. Pilgrims from all dioceses in Ireland are welcome to travel with him. Cost for 7 days is £799/€899 per person sharing. Single room supplement and insurance is additional. For further information contact Joe or Maureen McLaughlin on 00442890701606 or 00447711808207.

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

Holy Land Christmas 2023 Ex Dublin, taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Payment can be made by instalments contact James Treacy 061921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

<u>St Enda's Prayer Group Killanny</u> – *Life in the Spirit Seminars in the Old Parish Hall, Killanny*, continues until - 4th May 2023 For more info see poster on Church Porches

New Post: Bishops' Conference wishes to appoint an **Administrative Assistant** to support the work of its Secretariat, the office of the Chief Operating Officer and that of the Commissions, Councils and Initiatives. More information including the job description and specification can be viewed here: <u>https://www.catholicbishops.ie/about/careers/</u>

CARRICKMACROSS/CORDUFF COMMUNITY GAMES DRAUGHTS AND CHESS Practice continues on Wednesday in Emmet's centre from 5-6. **GYMNASTICS** Note change of date Area Final is May 1st in Phoenix Centre at 2pm

<u>Carrickmacross Library</u>: Every Monday morning from 11:00am to 12:00 noon Carrickmacross Library will have Tea/Coffee facilities & Croissants with the Irish Times Simplex & Crossaire Crosswords & Sudoku for our users. Everyone Welcome

Tullycorbet Drama Group: present three act comedy 'Troubled Bachelors' in Tullycorbet Community Centre on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April. Curtain: 8:00 p.m. sharp.

The Friends of Carrick Cancer Society: The following is first three events of our 2023 fundraising campaign. We have the '**Charity Family Fun Run or 5 km Walk'** taking place from the Shirley Arms on the bank holiday Monday, 1st May, starting at 11am. This is followed by the **VHI Women's Mini Marathon** which is on the bank holiday weekend, Sunday the 4th June. If anyone has registered and would like take part in this event in aid of the Friends of Carrick Cancer please contact a committee member. The annual **Charity Football Match** featuring former greats from all south Monaghan Clubs will take place on Saturday 22nd July, more details to follow later.

St. Joseph's Cemetery Projects Update – April 2023.

Just a quick update on progress to date.

Irish Graveyard Surveyors from Co. Mayo, will conduct a survey of St. Joseph's Cemetery w/c 17th April '23. This survey will involve drone activity for approximately one hour, plus a ground survey which will take a number of days to complete. The outcome of this survey will be a first draft of a digital map of the Cemetery, with all existing grave plots referenced. This will then be displayed for public viewing, and correction where necessary. We will continue to keep you fully updated on our progress.

A new safety handrail has recently been erected outside the Cemetery Building. Great progress continues to be made on the Angels Plot, which we hope will be completed before the 'Blessing of the Graves' in early July '23.

Owing to the very wet and inclement weather during March '23, it has not been possible to commence grass cutting etc. just yet, we aim to commence this activity as soon as weather conditions allow.

We continue to plan for the Cemetery lighting and restoration of the boundary railings and gates along the Dundalk Road.

We look forward to progressing these projects throughout 2023.

Signed: Cemetery Committee.