

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 24th August 2025.

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

[Carrickmacross](#)

[St Michael's Corduff](#)

[St John's Raferagh](#)

Mgr. Shane Mc McCaughey: PP 042-9664367

Canon Owen Joe McEneaney: 042-9661231

Fr Vitus Adiita. 0830025311

Parish Office: 042-9661231:

Office opening hours: 10am- 12.30pm Monday- Friday.

Email: carrickmacross@clogherparishes.ie

Website: www.carrickmacrossparish.ie

Webcam – Live streaming: This can be viewed by our own webpage

<https://www.carrickmacrossparish.ie/our-parish/web-cam/> or

www.churchservices.tv/carrickmacross [Parish Radio 92.1 FM.](#)

Should you have any difficulty accessing the live streaming please contact via email directly to

Support@churchservices.tv

Weekly Reflection.

A Questioning Spirit.

A questioning spirit is in no way alien to a life of faith. Indeed, faith will always generate questions, especially the kind of question to which there is no definitive answer. In the Gospels, people of faith address all kinds of questions to Jesus. We have an example of such questioning at the beginning of today's Gospel reading. Someone comes up to Jesus and asks him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' Jesus' response to this question suggests that God's embrace is much wider than we could conceive. Saint Paul expresses this truth in his own way when he speaks of **'the breadth and length and height and depth'** of the love of God revealed in Jesus.

The question of suffering, in particular that of innocent people, such as children with a life-threatening or terminal illness, is a mystery to which there is no simple answer, if indeed there is any answer at all. Facile comments such as 'It's God's will,' or 'Offer it up' are of little help. Only someone who has experienced a serious setback can truly understand: all anyone else can do is to listen to them talk about it so that they can make some sense of their life and what it could mean. Perhaps again, the words of Saint Paul offer the best in terms of an answer to the question of suffering when he speaks of **'the breadth and length and height and depth'** of the love of God revealed in Jesus.

Fr. Owen Joe.

The Parish Of Machaire Rois

Saturday 23rd August.	11.00am.	Month's Memory: Megan Duffy, 4 Convent View, Carrickmacross.
Saturday 23rd August.	6.00pm.	AM. Kathleen & James Lambe, St Macartan's Villas, their son P.J., Dunogue & deceased members of the Lambe & Agnew families. AM. Pat Conlon, "Oriell" Mullinary, John Francis & Bridgie Conlon & deceased members of the Goodman family, Dundalk & Mick & Mary Fitzsimons, Kingscourt Road. AM. Joe & Molly O'Hara & deceased members of the O'Hara & Kelly families, Rockdaniel Road. AM. Una McEntee, Patrician Drive. AM. Stephanie Sherry, Carrickmacross. AM. Jimmie Martin & deceased members of the Martin family, Drumgoan.
Sunday 24th August.	9.30am.	Remembrance Mass, James Donal McGee & deceased members of the McGee family.
Sunday 24th August.	12Noon. 1.00pm. to 6pm.	AM. Angeline McEneaney, Mullinary. AM. Sam Rogan, his wife Teresa & infant son James & daughter Rebecca, Dundalk & deceased members of the Rogan family, Dundalk & Ward family, Carrickmacross. AM. Anne McArdle, (née Hanratty), Carrickmacross & Randalstown, Co Antrim. Afternoon of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza.
Monday 25th August	10.00am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Tuesday 26th August.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Wednesday 27th Aug.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Thursday 28th Aug.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 29th August.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 30th August.	11.00am.	Month's Memory: Mary Gartlan, Railway View House, Dundalk Road. 1st AM Patrick Callan, 88 Cloughvalley.
Saturday 30th August.	06.00pm.	AM. Philomena McConnon, Monaghan Street. AM. Deceased of the Cumiskey Family, Corrinshigo. AM. Deceased of the Kelly Family, Monalty, Carrickmacross.
Sunday 31st August.	9.30am.	AM. Paddy & Katie McDaniel, Lurgans & deceased members of the McDaniel family, Derrylavin.
Sunday 31st August.	12Noon.	AM. Patrick & Mary O'Donoghue, Oliver & Mary Babbington & deceased members of the O'Donoghue family. AM. Deceased members of the Kennedy family, Pearse Avenue.

Recently Deceased.

Packie Ward, Tullynanegish, Lough Egish.

Patrick Ward, Dunaree, Laragh.

Catherine (Kitty) Fallon, (née Finnegan), Lisdoonan.

Margaret Keaney, (née Brennan) Boyle, Co Roscommon, & formerly Carrickamore, Raferagh.

The Parish Of Machaire Rois

Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

**Live streaming is now available to be viewed Via the Parish webpage.
Should you have any difficulty accessing the live stream please contact via email
directly to Support@churchservices.tv**

Sunday 24th August.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. John & Kathleen Clarke, Corvalley & their grandson Patrick Cooney. AM. Deceased of the Finnegan & Devlin families, Lisdrumturk.
Sunday 31st August.	Corduff. 11.00am.	Mass for the people of the Parish.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's, Corduff every Wednesday evening from 5-7pm, finishing with Rosary at 6:30. Please drop in at any time to spend some time in quiet reflection.



Adoration in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. (St Joseph's.)

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.

Rosary In St Joseph's Church: Monday – Friday at 6.30pm.

Confessions in St Joseph's on Saturdays after the 11am Mass – and the Eve of the First Friday (Thursday) after the 10am Mass.

DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR GAZA - TODAY, SUNDAY 24th AUGUST 2025.

Bishop Larry Duffy, in joining with Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, has invited parishioners in all parishes across Clogher Diocese **to make this day, Sunday August 24th, a Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza.** This will unite us in prayer with people in parishes all across Ireland today.

Here in the parish of Machaire Rois, the Weekly Sunday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St. Joseph's Church - **but today Sunday, August 24th, it will be in the main body of the Church,** with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed on the Altar **after the conclusion of the 12noon Mass.** The Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue throughout the afternoon, concluding with **Prayers of Reflection and Benediction between 5.15pm & 6pm.**

Parishioners are strongly encouraged, where possible, to come and spend some time this afternoon in prayerful solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza and in praying for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Prayerful solidarity with the people of Gaza at this time can take the form of: Attending Mass (any day) and offering it for peace in Gaza - Spending time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament - Praying the Rosary for peace and justice - Lighting a candle at home or in your local church - Making a small personal sacrifice or act of penance - Reaching out to your political representatives to advocate for justice and humanitarian aid - Supporting trusted aid organisations bringing relief to Gaza - or by showing solidarity in whatever way we can.

Archbishop Martin, in the name of the Church the length and breadth of Ireland, concluded his pastoral letter (copies available beside the weekly parish Newsletter) with these words: "This is a moment for our nation to radiate the light of Christ into the darkness, a light of peace, of justice and of hope for our world. Let us stand together, as one body in Christ, for the people of Gaza and for all who long for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land."

The Parish Of Malchaire Rois



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

Invitation to the Annual Healing Mass.

As we journey through the **Jubilee Year of Hope 2025**, the parish warmly invites all parishioners, family, friends, and members of the wider community to come together for our **Annual Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick**, which will take place on **Sunday, 7th September at 4:00pm in St. Joseph's Church.**

This special Mass offers the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** to anyone experiencing illness, frailty, or difficulties in body, mind, or spirit. It is a moment of grace, comfort, and strength for those carrying burdens of ill health in any form.

We extend a special welcome to those who are visited on the **First Fridays** to join us on this sacred occasion, along with **anyone who feels they would benefit** from the healing and peace that this beautiful Sacrament brings.

Following the Mass, **refreshments will be served in the Holy Family Hall**, offering a time for fellowship and community.

Lough Derg: The popular **One Day Retreats**, now running for more than 30 years, continue to facilitate a wide range of people who want to come on pilgrimage to Lough Derg. The One Day Retreat is open to adults and not suited to children. Fasting and walking barefoot is not required. Prayer and contemplative reflection were central to the life of Saint Patrick. It was his trust in the Lord, guided by prayer that allowed him to come to understand the presence of the Lord in his life. The spiritual reflection from the Confession of Saint Patrick guides the One Day Retreat:

Dates for August: Monday 25th, Saturday 30th. **September:** Wednesday 3rd, Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th, Tuesday 9th, Saturday 13th, Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st. For further information contact: Email info@loughderg.org Tel 071 9861518.

Poor Clares Galway – Monastic Experience Day for women 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10am to 5pm Saturday, 6th September. Contact events@poorclares.ie to register. For more information: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days.

Carlingford to Omeath Greenway: By popular demand, we will once again have our annual fundraising walk along the beautiful greenway from Carlingford to Omeath on Saturday the 30th of August. If you wish to join us, there will be a bus leaving Eurospar, Carrickmacross at 9.30 and our walk will start at 10.45. Please contact committee members below for a sponsorship card to help raise funds or you can donate on the day. All proceeds go to Carrickmacross Cancer Society. Thank you. *Committee Members* Pat McNally 0874130727 - Majella Hoey 0872975326 - James Lambe 087 6329620 – Grainne McNally 0872506045 - Doreen McNulty 0874826990.

Notice – Change of Venue for Fr Noel Conlon's Annual Walk at Carlingford Greenway on the 6th of September 2025. Please note that due to the Half Marathon taking place at our original venue, the walk will now be held at The Lumpers, Ravensdale on the 6th of September at 11am. At the new venue, there will be a choice of different route options available to suit all abilities. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding. For any further information please contact Fr Noel Conlon at 042 9378678

Aughnamullen Vintage Club are having a **Vintage Run** on **Sunday August 24th** from Aughnamullen Centre (A75 CY82). Strictly vintage vehicles only Pre-2000. Registration from 1:30pm, run starts at 2:30pm. All proceeds in Aid of the Ciaran Traynor Recovery Fund Ballybay. €20 per vehicle. Donations also accepted. Raffle on the day.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland would like to invite you to our Memory Cafe in Castleblayney Library on **Monday 25th August** from 11.00am -12.30pm. The guest speaker will be a Senior Occupational Therapist who will speak about practical tips and useful technologies for people with Memory loss and Dementia. For more information please contact: Elaine 0879783959

The Parish Of Machaire Rois

Crocus Cancer Support Centre, Monaghan, warmly invites anyone who has lost a loved one to cancer to join our monthly support group — a safe space to share and grieve, to mourn and honour the heartbreak and experience the healing power of community. Please contact our office at 047 62565 to book your place. All Blood Donor Clinics are by appointment only.

Family Carers Ireland is the National Charity Supporting 500,000+ Family Carers Nationwide, we are currently recruiting for Community Homecare Workers to provide support to clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Own car and Full Driving Licence essential. Please send your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more information.

Minor Injury Unit at Monaghan Hospital - PLEASE NOTE LAST PATIENT CHECK IN IS 7PM – patients will not be seen if they arrive after 7pm – Closed 25th & 26th December. Please see website www.hse.ie/injuryunits to see list of injuries that we can treat or contact 047 38835 for any queries. Patients 5 years and over.

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.

Be Alert: 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.

Family Carers Ireland is the National Charity Supporting 500,000+ Family Carers Nationwide, we are currently recruiting for Community Homecare Workers to provide support to clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Own car and Full Driving Licence essential. Please send your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more information.

Lough Derg: The popular **One Day Retreats**, now running for more than 30 years, continue to facilitate a wide range of people who want to come on pilgrimage to Lough Derg. The One Day Retreat is open to adults and not suited to children. Fasting and walking barefoot is not required. Prayer and contemplative reflection were central to the life of Saint Patrick. It was his trust in the Lord, guided by prayer that allowed him to come to understand the presence of the Lord in his life. The spiritual reflection from the Confession of Saint Patrick guides the One Day Retreat:

Dates for 2025: August: Monday 25th, Saturday 30th. **September:** Wednesday 3rd, Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th, Tuesday 9th, Saturday 13th, Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st. For further information contact: Email info@loughderg.org Tel 071 9861518.