

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



Fourth Sunday of Advent *Sunday 24th December 2023.*

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

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[St Michael's Corduff](#)

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Weekly Reflection.

"Centre Stage"

All over the Christian World there have been Nativity Plays taking place from our local primary school production with shy, reluctant actors, right the way to major stage productions with well-experienced thespians. Common to all of them is the fundamental role played by the Virgin Mary.

There is a beautiful moment in one of Monteverdi's concerts where the entire company of Heaven, from God the Father, through the saints, and all the angels are aware of the enormous task given to the Angel Gabriel as he is sent to Mary in Nazareth to give her the news that she is to give birth to Jesus. All of heaven comes to a standstill, this is the greatest moment in history, the excitement and the tension rises to a crescendo, culminating in a silence as "heaven holds its breath" – what will be her response? What if she says no?

Then Mary speaks the gentle words – "let what you have said be done to me" and the music and singing and orchestra reverberates in loud and joyful celebration – from one end of heaven to the other – "all will be well."

As we look towards the Celebration of Christmas, let us take a moment to join in thanks to Mary for sharing the joy of the miracle of Christ's birth with us. Let us give thanks too for all our mothers who are so central to our lives and loves. With Mary let our mothers take centre stage today.

Fr Shane

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Sat 23 rd Dec.	11.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 23 rd December.	6.00pm. Vigil.	AM. Kevin & Eileen O'Brien, Mullinary. AM. Martin Walsh, 75. Cloughvalley & his Parents Peter & Bridget Walsh. AM. Marion Marron Magheraboy, her Daughter Ellen & her Mother Bridie Coleman, Ardee. AM. Anne & Joe Meegan remembering Joe's Sister Vera Meegan, Tullynaskeagh.
Sun 24 th Dec.	9.30am.	Sunday Mass.
Sun 24 th Dec.	12Noon.	1st AM. Martin Donnelly & Deceased Members of the Donnelly Family, 6 Castleblayney Road.
Sun 24 th Dec. Christmas Eve		Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6.00pm & 9.00pm.
Monday 25 th December.		Christmas Day Mass 9.30am & 12.00Noon.
Tuesday 26 th December.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Wednesday 27 ^t December.	10.00am.	AM. Francis Noel Duffy, Shercock Road. AM. Peter & Mary McMahon, Mullinary their Sons Laurence & Noel & their Daughter Kathleen Barr.
Thurs 28 th Dec.	10.00am.	AM. Joe, Bridie, Peter, John, & Paula Shevlin, Farney Street.
Friday 29 th December.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 29 th December.	7.30pm.	Evening Mass.
Saturday 30 th December.	11.00am.	AM. Bridie Morris, 50 St Macartan's Villas.
Saturday 30 th December.	6.00pm. Vigil.	This Mass will be recorded by LM/FM. Radio.
Sunday 31 st December.	9.30am.	AM. Oliver Martin, 24 Crann Nua, formerly St Macartan's Villas.
Sunday 31 st December.	12Noon.	AM. Noeleen Keenan, her parents Ned & Kathleen Keenan, 33. St Macartan's Villas. AM. Michael Joe McDonald, Crossroads Mullinary. AM. Roseena O'Brien, Late of Pearse Avenue.

Recently Deceased: Dearbhail Irwin McQuillan, Newry & Ardee Road.

Noeleen Murnaghan, Lisdoonan.

John Chambers, Camp, Co Kerry. (Formerly Tiragarvan)

Eileen Morgan, (nee Treanor) Monaghan Town.

The Feast of the Epiphany Saturday 6th January 2024.

Vigil for Feast of the Epiphany on Friday 5th at 7.30pm

Saturday Feast of the Epiphany 11.00am. in St Joseph's.

Please Note: The Gates to the Church Car Park & gates to the Holy Family Hall, will be closed on St Stephens Day 26th December from 1pm-5pm

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday Evening at 7.30pm (alternating) * see updated schedule below for dates *

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 24th December.	Corduff 11.00am.	AM. Pat & Rose Marron & Remembering their Sons Noel & Philip, Corbane. Remembrance Mass Sadie Larkin.
Sun 24th Dec. Christmas Eve	Raferagh 8.00pm.	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.
Monday 25th December.	Corduff 11.00am.	Christmas Day Mass.
Wed 27th Dec.	Raferagh	No Mass
Sunday 31st December.	Raferagh 11.00am.	AM. Peter Brennan & Deceased Members of the Brennan Family, Carrickahogue.

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 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.

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.

Nativity Cantata: St Joseph's Choir will present in Readings and Song a short account of the Christmas Story before the 9.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. The Cantata will last about 20 minutes immediately before Mass.

Mass Duties for January in St Josephs.

Weekend Readers: **6.00pm Vigil:** Patricia Harkin. **9.30am:** Patrick Waters.
12Noon: Nathan & Christine McNally.

Weekday Readers: **Mon:** Kathleen Murtagh. **Tues:** Paddy Gallagher. **Wed:** Malachy Marron.
Thurs: Teresa Carolan. **Friday am.:** Pat Kerrigan. **Friday pm.:** Ciara Nolan.
Saturday 11am.: Maureen Nwokoo.

Collectors: **6.00pm. Mass:** Terry Kiernan, Paul Martin, and Tony Gartlan.
9.30am. Mass: Tommy Swinburne, John Scully, and David O'Rourke.
12Noon. Mass: Raymond O'Hara, Rory Kelly, and Michael Ward.

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 €13,500.00 was raised on the night.

Special Monaghan / Fermanagh Pilgrimage to Fatima: last remaining places only 5 places left Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9th-14th June 2024 visit Saint Anthonys Baptismal Font in Lisbon and house where he was born contact James Treacy 061921470 or 00353 61921470

Carrickmacross Emmets Christmas Day Swim: Christmas Day at 12.30am. Sharp, at Creevy Lake.

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On behalf of Fr. Shane & Fr Kevin and the Parish Team, may we wish all our Parishioners, a peaceful Christmas and a New Year filled with Many Blessings.

A Christmas Prayer for Hope

"Jesus, the Light of the World,
may we begin to see the world
in the light of understanding
you give us.

As you chose the lowly,
the outcasts, and the poor
to receive the greatest news
the world had ever
known,

in meekness of heart.

May we also
remember
our brothers and sisters
less fortunate than
ourselves
in this season of giving.

Amen.

"Karen L. Oberst"

