

# The Parish Of Machaire Rois



***World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees***

***Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023. 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.***

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

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## **Weekly Reflection.**

### ***"Lord I am not worthy"***

There is a conundrum at play in our understanding of God. Sometimes we believe we can endeavour to deserve God's love, but then we hear that God's love is unconditional.

Before we receive Holy Communion at Mass we say the words "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof" and then we get upset if someone who we deem to be really "unworthy" has the audacity to receive. Pope Francis wisely counsels that Holy Communion is the nourishment for the sinner, not a prize for the virtuous.

Jesus' Gospel story today is challenging – I can feel like the one who has laboured all day, and the Johnny-come-lately gets the same as me!

God's message for us is to realise that all we have – talent, brains, skill, privilege is a gift we have been given – it is not intended as a source of pride.

Fr Shane.

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<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>	<b>Morning Mass.</b>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.</b>	<b>6.00pm. Vigil.</b>	<b>Months Mind:</b> Una McEntee. <b>AM.</b> Peter & Elizabeth (Lil) McCartney, Cloughvalley. Eileen O'Donovan London. Peter & Teresa Larkin & Family, Manchester. Mel & Mary Williams & Megan O'Connor, John Kent, London, Alan & Philomena Kent & Deceased Members of the Kent & McCartney Families. <b>AM.</b> Brendan & Shane Cashell, Cloughvalley. <b>AM.</b> Sarah Meehan, Ballybay Road.
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September.</b>	<b>9.30am.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Peter, Josephine & Sean Kelly, Cargalisanarney, Mary & Tony Sheridan, Cloughvalley. Benny & Teresa Connolly, Lurgans, & Deceased Members of the Kelly & Connolly Families.
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September.</b>	<b>12Noon.</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> AM.</b> Peter O' Farrell, Creevy. <b>AM.</b> Tom McNally, Kitty & Pat Halloran, Castleblayney Road, Patrick & Bridget McNally & Deceased Members of the McNally Family, Bocks Upper. <b>AM.</b> Frank & Annie Rooney, Woodlands & Deceased Members of the Rooney Family, Ardee Road. The Martin family, Corleck, Larry and Peggy Boyle, Woodlands, & Deceased Members of the Dowd and Boyle families. <b>AM.</b> Michael Mc Kittrick "The Lurgans" and Deceased Members of the Mc Kittrick family. <b>AM.</b> Mary Garland late of Castleblayney Road, formerly of Bellurgan, Dundalk, also her husband Thomas Garland and their Son John Garland.
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Mass for the People of the Parish.</b>
<b>Tues26<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Morning Mass.</b>
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Morning Mass.</b>
<b>Thurs28<sup>th</sup>Sept.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Morning Mass.</b>
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Morning Mass.</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup>Sept.</b>	<b>7.30pm.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Hugh McNally, 4 Beach Drive.
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Eileen & Owen Woods St Macartan's Villas & Deceased Members of the Hand & Woods Families. <b>AM.</b> Owen Callan & his Daughter Yvonne Callan Creevy Oliver & Deceased Members of the Callan & Hoey Families.
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>September.</b>	<b>6.00pm. Vigil.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Darren McNally, Foxfield. <b>AM.</b> Martin & Alice Shankey, Lurgans. <b>AM.</b> John & David McMenamin & Mary & David Larney, Rockdaniel Road.
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct.</b>	<b>9.30am.</b>	<b>Sunday Mass.</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.</b>	<b>12Noon.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Larry & Margaret Hand & Deceased Family Members, Beech Drive, & Susan McMahan. <b>AM.</b> Jim & Mary Birdy, their Sons Michael, Jim & Alex, their Grandchildren Sinead, & Desmond, their Daughters-in-Law Anne & Sally, Shercock Road.

**Recently Deceased:** Denise Marron, "Abbey Lara" Dundalk Rd. Andy Grimes, Broomfield. Philomena Ward, Pearse Avenue.

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## Corduff / Raferagh Mass Intentions.

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Raferagh. 11.00am.</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> AM.</b> Hubert Larkin, Corcreagh, Shercock. <b>AM.</b> Peter McCluskey formerly Raferagh & Deceased Members of the McCluskey Family. <b>AM.</b> Patrick & Mary Duffy & Deceased Members of the Duffy Family Carrickahogue.
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	<b>Corduff. 7.30pm.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Michael & Ellen Ward, Monaghan Street, Carrickmacross & their Daughters Ann, Margaret, Ethna & baby Helen & Deceased Members of the Ward Family. <b>AM.</b> Patrick Corrigan & Deceased Members of the Corrigan Family, Greaglane. <b>AM.</b> Hugh Finnegan & Deceased Family Members, Corduff James & Margaret Larkin, Patrick & Mary Finlay, Daughters Ellen, Mary Teresa, & Michael & Ellen Marron.
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.</b>	<b>Corduff. 11.00am.</b>	<b>AM.</b> Thomas Mee, Granarogue, & Deceased Members of the Mee Family, Corkishduff. <b>AM.</b> P.J. & Ita Martin & Deceased Members of the Martin Family, Umerafree. <b>AM.</b> Michael Heirty, Ardragh. <b>AM.</b> Kathleen Byrne, her Husband Pete & Deceased Members of the Byrne Family Sreenty.

### 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 9-10am, Tuesday 9am-7pm, Wednesday 9-10am, Thursday 9-10am, Friday 9-10am, Saturday 10-11am and Sunday 1-6pm.**

### Mass Duties for October in St Josephs.

**Weekend Readers:** **6.00pm.:** Pauline Fox. **9.30am.** Fergus Lane.  
**12Noon.:** Patrick Doherty.

**Weekday Readers:** **Mon:** Kathleen Murtagh. **Tues:** Paddy Gallagher. **Wed:** Malachy Marron.  
**Thurs:** Teresa Carolan. **Friday am.:** Ann McPhillips.  
**Friday pm.:** Ciara Nolan. **Saturday: 11.00am.:** Maureen Nwokoo.

**Collectors: 6.00pm. Mass:** Terry Kiernan, Paul Martin, and Noel Rooney.  
**9.30am. Mass:** Peter Drumgoole, Bernard McGinnity, and Malachy Marron.  
**12Noon. Mass:** Gerry Cassidy, Ollie Swinburne, and P.J. McCluskey.

**MINISTRY of EUCHARIST MINISTER and READER:** We ask more of our laity to participate more actively in the life of the Church. One of the ways, this has developed has been in the liturgy of the Church, where special ministries have been developed to enable people to participate in the reading of the Word of God and assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. Those who help the priest with the distribution of Holy Communion are called Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers. Eucharistic Ministers help in sharing the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ at each Mass in our parish by assisting the celebrant in the distribution of the Eucharist to the assembled faithful. We encourage more to discern and commit to these ministries, please contact the Parish office on 042 9661231, or alternatively please call into the office in person, during Parish Office hours. Monday – Friday 10am – 12.30pm.

**The North East Musical Society (NEMS)** are holding a street and church gate collection during the weekend **23rd and 24th September**. There is also a bag collection of old clothes taking place in the Holy Family Hall on Saturday 23rd September at 6-7pm and on Sunday 24th September at 9.30-11.30am. The Society hope to stage their production of "All Shook Up" in November with your help. Thanks to everyone for their kind support of this newly formed musical society.

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**Mary's Meal's:** Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. We are already feeding 2,429,182 children every school day – and, together, we can reach the next hungry child waiting for Mary's Meals. It cost just €22 to feed a child for an entire school year. We would like to express our thanks and acknowledge the most recent donations totalling €612.00 to Mary Meals. Anyone who wishes to give to this Charity can leave their donation in the Parish Office.

**St. Louis Secondary School Carrickmacross:** invite 5th and 6th class students and their parents to an **OPEN NIGHT** on Wednesday September 27th, 6.30pm - 9pm. Take a tour of the school and meet students and staff.

**Volunteer tutors:** wanted for English conversation class. No experience required. Friday 12.00-1.00 p.m. Contact: 087 6738835 Oksana.

**A Table Quiz:** in aid of the Stedfast Shoes Brass Band will be held in Callan's (of The Bridge) on Friday night 29<sup>th</sup>. September at 9:00pm. Table of Four €30. Proceeds will go towards the general upkeep of the band. All Welcome

**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 663430, · PSNI 028 90650222, · TUSLA 00353 47 30475· Western Health and Social Care Trust 028 7131 4090.

## St. Joseph's Cemetery – Sept '23 Update

As you will be aware, the first draft of our new 'Cemetery Display Board & Map' has been available to view in the front porch of St. Joseph's Church Carrickmacross since Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June '23. In our July '23 update, we invited anyone who wished to make changes / additions, to do so by completing and signing an 'Alterations Form', which were made available from the Parish Office. The original cut-off date for making changes / additions was Fri 28<sup>th</sup> July '23, however this date was extended – the new cut-off date for changes / additions to the 'Display Board' is Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Sept '23.

You may also recall that in our May '23 update, the Cemetery Committee invited any individual / organisation who would like to 'adopt' one of this year's improvement projects, and fundraise for same, to contact the Committee Chairman Patrick Doherty. We are delighted to announce that two families responded to this call and have 'adopted' the Cemetery Display Board between them - this will be recognised on the Display Board when erected. The Display Board will be erected in the Cemetery in late September / early October 2023.

The laurel hedge which surrounds a substantial portion of the Cemetery perimeter, will be trimmed, and faced later on this month, while other general maintenance activities such as grass cutting and weed control are ongoing – these tasks were especially challenging this year given the very wet summer we experienced.

The Cemetery Committee would like to reinforce the message that, **"No Dogs or Pets are permitted in the Cemetery at any time"** – accordingly, signs have been erected throughout the Cemetery.

A reminder that fundraising activities for this year's improvement projects are ongoing - the link to our idonate.ie Crowdfunder page is; <https://www.idonate.ie/crowdfunder/PatDoherty>.



Alternatively, you can scan the QR code attached:

Donations can still be made at the Parish Office or by contacting Patrick Doherty on 087-8131929 or Richard Malone on 087-6524847 – all money received will be receipted.

Thank you for your attention, Signed, Cemetery Committee.