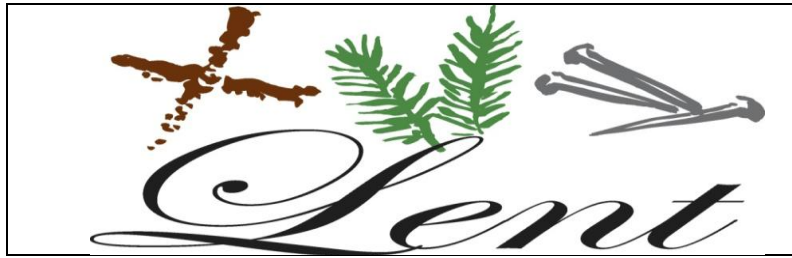


The Parish Of Machaire Rois



1st Sunday of Lent. Sunday 26th February 2023.
Weekly Reflection.

"Na daoine le Dia"

In the past when many societies ignored or attempted to hide or deny the existence of people who had special needs, in Ireland, such children were known as na daoine le Dia, the people with God. We are fortunate that God chooses those with Downes Syndrome to present to us an alternative way of living and loving that confounds those of us whose handicaps are less obvious.

Blessed are you who take time to listen to our confused, mumbling speech,

For you make us believe that one day we will be understood.

Blessed are you who take us down the stairs one step at a time,

For we do not understand the mad rush of the world around us.

Blessed are you who allow us to cling and hold on to you,

For one day we will share with you the secret of real love.

Blessed are you who stand beside us as we enter new and untried ventures,

For our many failures will be balanced by the joy of even one small achievement.

Blessed are you who show such kindness and care,

For in you we have caught a glimpse of the graciousness of Christ.

May I take this opportunity to say a heartfelt word of appreciation to all who have sympathised with my family and I on the sudden death of our beloved brother Cormac. We are simply overwhelmed by the kindness and prayers of so many people who travelled to Trillick, sent Mass cards, messages of condolences, and prayerfully remembered our family in these difficult days.

We are heart-broken at his death but we believe that Cormac has been reunited with Dad and Mam, and our sisters Siobhan and Nuala. We are so thankful for the blessing Cormac brought to our family over the past 54 years, and we believe he will now take his place among na daoine le Dia in the Kingdom of Heaven. Fr Shane

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Saturday 25th Feb.	11.00am	AM. Patrick, Annie & Nan McGeough & Deceased Family Members, Oghil, Inniskeen.
Saturday 25th Feb.	6.00pm	Months Mind: John Dolan, Castleblayney Road. AM. Peter & Mary Malone & Deceased Members of the Malone Family Drumbroagh.
Sunday 26th Feb	9.30am.	AM. Patrick & Mary Ellen McGinnity, Alan Clarke, Kevin Rice & Kathleen Gallagher.
Sunday 26th Feb	12Noon.	AM. Tony McEvoy & His Son Jim, Lisanisk.
Monday 27th Feb.	7.15am 10.00am.	Lenten Mass. Weekday Mass.
Tuesday 28th Feb.	7.15am 10.00am.	Lenten Mass. AM. Sean & Eileen Hand, Corduff.
Wednesday 1st March	7.15am 10.00	Lenten Mass. Weekday Mass.
Thursday 2nd March.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Lenten Mass. Weekday Mass.
Friday 3rd March.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Lenten Mass. Weekday Mass.
Friday 3rd March.	7.30pm.	Private Intention.
Saturday 4th March.	11.00am	Months Mind: Philomena (Phyllis) McEvoy, Lisanisk.
Saturday 4th March.	6.00pm	AM. Vera & Christy Roche, Mullinary & Deceased Members of the Roche & Maguire Families. AM. Tom & Sue Hanratty & Pat & Mary Small & Deceased Family Members. AM. Francie & Teresa (Tess) Gartlan, Magheross.
Sunday 5th March	9.30am.	Sunday Mass.
Sunday 5th March	12Noon.	1st AM. Vera Meegan, Blackrock, Dublin formerly St Finbars Terrace & remembering Joe, Maria & Anne Meegan. AM. Margaret Walsh, 78. Cloughvalley. AM. Frank & Annie Cunningham & Deceased Members of the Cunningham & Culleton, Families, Tividinna, Donaghmoynes. Birthday Remembrance: Tommy McKenna, Corcuillogue

Recently Deceased: Cormac McCaughey, Trillick, Co Tyrone. Evelyn Shannon, Ballinagh, Cavan / Cloughvalley. Valerie Oliver, Corvally, Carrickmacross. Benny Henry, Belturbet, Co Cavan. Rose Ann Hollywood (nee Cunningham) Watford London, formerly Cashlan West.

Lenten Masses: Monday – Friday at 7.15am in St Josephs Church Carrickmacross.

Adoration in Blessed Sacrament Chapel (St Josephs)

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel opening hours are: Monday 9-10am, Tuesday 9am-7pm, Wednesday 9-10am, Thursday 9-10am, Friday 9-10am, Saturday 10-11am and Sunday 1-6pm.

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Corduff / Raferagh Mass Intentions.

Sunday 26th February.	Raferagh 11.00am.	AM. Kathleen, Mick & Paddy Culleton, Corcreagh. AM. Catherine, Michael, Frank & Packie Richards, Raferagh. AM. Philip (Phil) McCluskey & his Sisters Bridie & Anna-Mae, Raferagh.
Wednesday 1st March.	Corduff 7.30pm	Please note No Evening Mass.
Sunday 5th March.	Corduff 11.00am.	AM. Patrick McCahery, & Deceased Members of the McCahery Family & Patricia Lennon, Lisserill. AM. Bridget & Eugene Connolly, Fr Eugene, John & Michael Connolly, Corkishbane. Remembrance Mass: Terry Kelly, Shannon, Co Clare. (Brother-in-law of Eileen Carragher).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Corduff/ Raferagh.

Will take place *each Wednesday evening* in Corduff/Raferagh 5pm until Mass at 7:30pm.

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

Confirmation Pledge.

For the Children of our Faith Community making their Confirmation and *who wish to take the Pledge*

**The Confirmation Pledge will be taken at this weekend
Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th February.***

Saturday 25th February: 6pm Vigil St Josephs Carrickmacross.

Sunday 26th February 9.30am & 12 Noon St Josephs Carrickmacross.

Eucharistic Ministers.

As last year, during the season of Lent we will be holding two nights of inservice for our Eucharistic Ministers. This will enable ministers to achieve an ever deeper understanding of the very important ministry in our Church.

We are looking for new Volunteers to join our Eucharistic Ministry Team. If you are interested in the role of Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Parish office on 042 9661231, or alternatively please call to the office in person, during Parish Office hours Monday – Friday 10am – 12.30.

The meetings will take place for *ALL Existing and New Ministers* on Thursday 2nd March in the Workhouse, Carrickmacross from 7.30pm – 9pm and on Tuesday 7th March from 7.30pm – 9pm in the Holy Family Hall.

Mass Duties for March in St Josephs.

**Weekend Readers: 6.00pm. Michael Henry. 9.30pm. Eileen O'Neill.
12Noon. Sheila Quinn.**

Weekday Readers: **Mon: Gretta Murphy. **Tues:** Pat Cotter. **Wed:** Joanne Mundy. **Thurs:** Teresa Carolan. **Friday am:** Pat Kerrigan. **Friday pm:** Teresa Linden. **Saturday 11am:** Anne O'Reilly.**

**Collectors: 6.00pm Mass: Terry Kieran, Paul Martin and Noel Rooney.
9.30am Mass: John Scully, Pat Finnegan, and Malachy Marron.
12Noon Mass: Bernard McGinnity, Ollie Swinburne, and P.J.McCluskey.**

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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.

Senior citizens: Monthly Party 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Wednesday 1st March in the Ceilidh centre Cloughvalley.

North East Musical & Dramatic Society AGM & used clothes collection - AGM taking place on Wed., 1st March, 2023, in the Holy Family Hall, Carrickmacross at 8:00pm. Cash for clobber collection also on Wed., 1st March, 2023, in the Holy Family Hall, Carrickmacross - drop off from 3:30 to 7:30pm. Looking for good quality clothes for rewear, paired shoes, handbags, curtains, towels & bed linens. (NO duvets, quilts, pillows, cushions or toys.)

Castleblayney Drama Festival: 3rd to 11th March, Iontas Theatre. Details of plays on www.castleblayneydramafestival.ie and on Instagram and Facebook. Bookings through Iontas Box Office 042 9753400 or www.iontascastleblayney.ie

St. Joseph's Cemetery Update – February 2023.

As promised in Nov '22, we said we would keep you updated on pending improvement projects at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Carrickmacross. Firstly however, to introduce the new committee members of St. Joseph's Cemetery Committee / Council;

Chairman: Patrick Doherty and Treasurer: Eugene Marron plus committee members; Monsignor Shane McCaughey, Malachy Marron, Lisa Walsh, Richard Malone, Teresa Carolan, Pdraig McNally, Joan Farrelly, Pdraig Lonergan, Michael Deery and Martin Hughes.

Following extensive discussion and research, the Cemetery Committee has decided to progress with the following three projects;

- Display Board – which will contain a map of the Cemetery and all those interred there.
- Cemetery Lighting.
- Restoration of the front railing and gates along the Dundalk Road.

The estimated costs of these works will be €26,500 approx, split as follows;

• Display Board	€6,700
• Lighting	€4,200
• Railing Work	€15,600
Total	€26,500

The Cemetery Committee is now reaching out to all parishioners in a fundraising appeal to off-set the costs involved in this work.

Parishioners who wish to contribute, may do so in any of the following ways;

- Large donations can be pledged to either Patrick Doherty at 087-8131929 or Richard Malone at 087-6524847
- Donations can be made at the Parish Office during opening hours – 10.00am to 12.30pm Monday – Friday.
- A 'Go Fund Me' page is being created for smaller donations – further details to follow in the coming weeks

We as always wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for everyone's ongoing generosity, as we strive to enhance our Cemetery as a fitting memorial to our dearly departed loved ones.

Signed, Cemetery Committee.