

The Parish Of Mlachaire Rois



*May Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus,
bless Grandparents everywhere.*

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 27th July 2025.

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Weekly Reflection.

Blessed are those who have not lost hope.

A parable is literally defined as "something placed alongside." By placing one object next to another, we can teach a lesson that can be inferred from the similarities or differences between the two objects. In today's gospel parable, the focus is on contrast rather than resemblance. Jesus asks, "How much more will God, who is a loving Father, meet all his children's needs if a rude and mean-spirited person can ultimately be forced into giving by a friend's shameless persistence?" "If you, who are evil, know that you are bound to supply your children's needs, how much more will God? Therefore, the lesson of this story is not that we should keep praying or knocking on an unwilling God's door until we finally force him to grant us what we desire, but that we are going in hope to a father whose heart is full of abundant love for us and who understands our needs better than we do. We are knocking not to annoy, but because of our hope that our father sees and knows everything.

This year, which is a Jubilee Year of Hope, is also a Jubilee for the Catholic Grandparents and Elderly Association. Hope placed in the Lord is the true way to the Christian's blessedness and a reconciled old age. As we reflect on the theme of hope, let us also reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly can be a sign of hope in every family and church community.

Fr Vitus.

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Saturday 26th July.	11.00am.	Month's Memory , Irene Rouse, Lisanisk, Carrickmacross.
Saturday 26th July.	6.00pm.	AM. Patrick, Margaret, Marion & John Conlon, Crossroads, Mullinary & Ann & Jim Connolly, 79 Cloughvalley.
Sunday 27th July.	9.30am.	AM. Philomena & James Coyle, their sons Peter, David & Gerry, their daughter Margaret, St Macartan's Villas. AM. Kathleen & Patsy Dwyer, Castleblayney Road & deceased members of the Dwyer & Carolan Families.
Sunday 27th July.	12Noon.	1st AM. Ann Swinburne, Cloughvalley Lower & deceased members of the Swinburne Family. AM. Ann Duffy, Chestnut Grove. AM. Jim & Peggy Gavaghan, Drumconrath Road. AM. Jim Curtis, Drumbroagh.
Monday 28th July.	10.00am.	AM. Eugene Keenan, Cloughvalley & Teresa Armstrong, formerly Cornasasnagh.
Tuesday 29th July.	10.00am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Wednesday 30th July.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Thursday 31st July.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 1st August.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 1st August.	7.30pm.	AM. Jimmy Courtney, Shercock Road, remembering his daughter Fiona & deceased members of the Courtney family.
Saturday 2nd August.	11.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 2nd August.	6.00pm.	Month's Memory , Madeleine Birdy, Lurgans. Month's Memory , Jim Connolly, Cloughvalley. Birthday remembrance , Anna Martin, 19 Valley Close.
Sunday 3rd August.	9.30am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Sunday 3rd August.	12Noon.	AM. Donna Marron & infant Gerard Patrick. AM. Joe & Rose Murtagh, Leggiemore, James Murtagh, Rossdreenagh & deceased members of the Murtagh & Ward families, Jim Hand, Shercock & Hugh McNally, Monaghan.

Recently Deceased.

Megan Duffy, Convent View, Carrickmacross.

St Patrick's Missionary Society Mission Appeal: We extend a warm welcome to Fr Brendan Payne, a priest with St Patrick's Missionary Society, better known as the Kiltegan Fathers, who will speak at all the Masses in the Parish this weekend 26th /27th July.



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.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 27th July.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	Mass for recently deceased Marie McGonigle, (née Culleton) Ballyshannon, Co Donegal, with burial of Ashes after Mass. AM. James & Margaret McCahey, Corcreagh & deceased family members. Michael McCloskey, Corcreagh & deceased family members. Katie Lynch, Beagh & deceased members of the Lynch family.
Sunday 3rd August.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Francis Marron, Cornasasnagh, his parents & deceased members of the Marron Family. AM. Patsy Keenan, Sreenty. AM. Peter & Ellen Keenan & deceased family members Sreenty.

**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.**

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: The elderly are signs of hope and witnesses
of blessedness. The first Message of **Pope Leo XIV** for the World Day for Grandparents and the
Elderly, whose fifth edition will be celebrated today Sunday, 27 July 2025, the theme of the
message is "***Blessed are those who have not lost hope (Sir 14:2)***" and fits into the context of
the Jubilee of Hope 2025. In the Message, the Holy Father invites us to recognise the elderly not
only as recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life
of the Church. Old age can be a time of blessedness in which hope, tested in the fire of a long life,
becomes a source of joy and renewed trust in the Lord. God "teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is
a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope." states
Pope Leo XIV in his *Message*.

Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!

Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time, animated by the hope that comes from You!

Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars, to bring the hope of peace.

Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing, to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.

Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones and for everyone we meet,
the memory of your tenderness.

Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You, the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost. For in You, Lord, everything begins again!

Amen.

Come and celebrate our Catholic faith in Slane on Sunday, 3rd August- the hill where St
Patrick lit the first Paschal fire in 433AD. This is a divine invitation to witness the Archbishop of
Armagh symbolically light the fire of faith, hope, and love, first kindled by our patron Saint.
Eurovision's Dana will sing her song for St Patrick, Light the Fire. Gathering begins at noon and
includes Mass, Eucharistic healing, praise, worship and Rosary. More info at lightthefire.ie or
email info@lightthefire.ie.

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Parish Cemeteries Collections: We would like to sincerely thank you for your kind generosity and financial support. The total collection for St Joseph's Cemetery was €11,745.00, St John's Cemetery Raferagh was €1,210.00 and St Michael's Cemetery Corduff was €3,375.00. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved, the Volunteers, the Collectors and the Counters for their time and dedication and the Cemetery Committee for their on-going work. Your continued support for the upkeep of our Cemeteries is greatly appreciated.

Lough Derg: There will be a one Day Trip to Lough Derg on Saturday 23rd August 2025. To book your seat please contact Pauline O'Hagan on 0879499335, or Pauline Fox on 0863669875.

Errigal Truagh Parish: Rosary Beads Blessed in Medugorje are available in the Parish Office, Carrickmacross. Suggested donation of €5 in aid of renovation of the Church of the Holy Family, Ballyoisin.

Clogher Diocese Lourdes Group pilgrimage to Knock on Wednesday 6th August. Bus leaving Carrickmacross at 7am Shirley Arms Hotel via Castleblayney at St Marys Church at 7.15am, via Monaghan behind the Credit Union at 7.30am leaving sharp. Booking essential and ASAP. Fare €20.00 contact number 0879717447.

Threshing and Vintage Display at Lisdoonan Community Centre A81YV70 today Sunday the 27th July at 11.30-4.30. No cover charge in, donations appreciated. Thank you for your continued Support.

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.

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.

Castleblayney Show takes place on Bank holiday Monday 4th August. Great family day out. Lots of new activities and attractions. Free children's entertainment. www.castleblayneyshow.ie and follow our social media for more details. You don't want to miss it!

Parish Donations.

Firstly, we sincerely thank you for your continued financial support to our Parish. The new year planned giving envelopes have been distributed, if you have not received your envelopes and would like to receive a box, please contact our Sacristans or telephone the Parish Office 0429661231. We offer an online donation facility for the Parish; you can access this facility on the homepage of our Parish website www.carrickmacrossparish.ie Donations can be made on a one-off or recurring basis. You may also add in your envelope number should you wish to offer your financial support to the parish in this way. All donations are treated in confidence and receipts will be emailed to you via iDonate. You can donate by setting up a direct debit with your bank, parish details can be obtained from the parish office. If you wish to make your donation to the parish by cheque, ***please make all cheques payable to St Joseph's Church.*** Should you have any questions regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office 042 9661231.

The Injury Unit at Monaghan Hospital is open 08.00 – 20.00 (Mon – Sun). **PLEASE NOTE LAST PATIENT CHECK IN IS 7PM.** Closed 25th & 26th December. Please see website www.hse.ie/injury units to see list of injuries that we can treat or contact 047 38835 for any queries. Patients 5 years & 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.