

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sunday 2nd March 2025.
Temperance Sunday.

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Weekly Reflection.

“The Beam in my Eye”.

Jesus, in today's gospel warns us against arrogance and hasty judgement of others. Though it seems obvious, applying it can be difficult. We are all inclined to notice and judge the faults of others more readily than we see or admit our own faults. We can spot the lack in our spouses, children, leaders, colleagues at work, and even official church teaching and hierarchical structures, yet we have little time or energy to look at ourselves and correct our own faults. In the meantime, our own Christian way of living could be giving a far greater scandal.

Coincidentally, this weekend, we will be inviting the children from the confirmation classes who wish to take a pledge to abstain from alcohol until eighteen and drugs for life to do so. We pray that this exercise will not only be one of those moments that we dare to point out to others the right road while neglecting the weightier moral flaws of our own lives. Let us turn our sharp analytical eyes, which quickly diagnose people's faults, away from the children and other people on ourselves. This call to self-reflection is timely as the Holy season of Lent approaches. Let us drop our hypocrisy and critique ourselves, thereby removing the beam in our eye to see clearly and to produce good fruit instead of bad ones.

Fr. Vitus Adiita.

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Sat 1st March.	11.00am.	Morning Mass.
Sat 1st March.	1.00pm.	1st AM. Karolina Stankute.
Saturday 1st March.	6.00pm.	Month's Memory: Mary Conroy, Beech Drive. 1st AM. Maureen Kiernan, Lurgans. AM. Alan & Philomena Kent, Drumgoan. AM. Christy & Vera Roche & deceased members of the Roche & Maguire families. AM. Francie & Tess Gartlan, Magheross. AM. Peter & Roseann Gilsenan, Aghalile.
Sunday 2nd March.	9.30am.	AM. Tom & Sue Hanratty, Cloughvalley, Pat & Mary Small, Mullaghbawn & deceased Family members.
Sunday 2nd March.	12Noon.	1st AM. Peggy Swinburne, Cloughvalley Lower & deceased members of the Swinburne Family. AM. Enda McEaney, Tullyallan, Magheraclone. AM. Kay Daly & deceased members of the Maggs & Daly Families. AM. Frank & Babs Jones & deceased members of the Jones, Scotson & Naughton Families. AM. James Boyle, his parents Tommy & Kathleen, Mullinary & deceased Boyle Family. AM. Breda Walker, Mullinary.
Mon 3rd March.	10.00am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Tues 4th March.	10.00am.	AM. Tess Gartlan, Magheross.
Tues 4th March	7.00am.	Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa First Confessions.
Wednesday 5th March. (Ash Wednesday)	7.15am. 10.00am. 7.30pm.	Ash Wednesday *Ashes will be distributed at our 7.15am; 10.00am & 7.30pm. Lenten Masses*.
Thursday 6th March.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Mass for Lent. Mass for Lent.
Friday 7th March.	7.15am. 10.00am.	Mass for Lent. Mass for Lent.
Friday 7th March.	7.30pm.	1stAM. Francie McGivney, 13 Castleblayney Road. AM. Jimmy & Anna McAree, their daughters Geraldine & Eileen, Dundalk Road. AM. Hugh & Mary Halpin & deceased family members, Ardee. Birthday Remembrance. Tommy McKenna, Corcuillogue.
Sat 8th March.	11.00am.	Mass for Lent.
Sat 8th March.	6.00pm.	1st AM. Joseph Byrne, Belfast & Cloughvalley Lower. 1st AM. Alan Clayson, his wife Mary (née McNally) Northampton, formerly Toey, Shantonagh. AM. Minnie & Patrick Byrne, Cloughvalley Lower & their parents Patrick & Annie & deceased members of the Byrne & McNally Families. AM. Patrick & Kathleen McMahon, Rockdaniel Road & their parents Margaret & Patrick. AM. Peadar McEaney, Rockdaniel Road & Annie & John McEaney, Pearse Avenue. AM. Paddy & Alice O'Rourke, Magheross & deceased members of the Gartlan family, Magheross & the O'Rourke family, Annacroft. AM. Oliver Murray, Ardee Road.
Sunday 9th March.	9.30am.	AM. Peter & Mary McMahon, Mullinary, their sons Laurence & Noel and their daughter Kathleen.

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Sunday 9th March.	12Noon.	1st AM. Cormac O'Donohue, Dunogue. AM. Magaret Rooney, Cloughvalley. AM. Margaret (Peggie) Walsh, 78 Cloughvalley. AM. Mary Kirk, Ardross Avenue
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Recently Deceased: **Paddy (Patrick) Hand**, Granarogue & Drummond Etra.
Rosie Callan, Drumgowna. **Peadar McConnon**, Rossdreenagh. **Seamus Kelly**, Corduffkelly.

Fr Vitus Adiita has been with us for the past three months and has made himself very much at home with us. He is returning to Belgium to continue his studies, and we thank him for his kind and generous ministry with us and wish him health and happiness in the future.

Mass Times Corduff /Raferagh

Sunday 2nd March.	Corduff 11.00am.	AM. John & Margaret Burns, Lisacullion. Mass for Deceased Members of Corduff/Raferagh Active Retirement.
Wednesday 5th March (Ash Wednesday).	Corduff. 7.30pm	*Ashes will be distributed at 7.30pm Mass*
Sunday 9th March.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. Michael & Ellen Culleton, Greaghlonge.

Masses for Ash Wednesday - 5th March 2025.

St Joseph's Church: **7.15am** Morning Mass; **10.00am** Morning Mass; **7.30pm** Evening Mass.

St. Michael's Corduff. **7.30pm** Evening Mass.

Sachets of Ashes will be available for collection directly after each Mass from the Sacristy.

Masses for Lent in Machaire Rois Parish – beginning on Ash Wednesday March 5th.

St Joseph's Church Carrickmacross: Monday – Friday at 7.15am & 10.00am and Saturdays at 11.00am (7.30pm Ash Wednesday **ONLY**).

Corduff/Raferagh: Wednesday Evening Masses for Lent at 7.30pm – beginning in Corduff on Ash Wednesday, March 5th

Please note that these Wednesday Evening Masses will be celebrated in the Church where Mass was celebrated the **previous** Sunday – and are available for the booking of Anniversaries.

Corduff: Wednesday March 5th & 19th and April 2nd & 16th.

Raferagh: Wednesday March 12th & 26th and April 9th.

Eucharistic Ministers.

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 – 12.30pm.

The meetings will take place for*ALL Existing and New Ministers* on Thursday 13th March from 7.00pm – 8.30pm and on Thursday 20th March from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. in the **Workhouse, Carrickmacross.**

Senior Citizens' monthly party on Wednesday 5th March from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Ceilidh Centre Cloughvalley.

Youth2000 - Friday 7th March at 6:30pm in Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Carrickmacross. All youth welcome to join for Adoration, prayer, reflection, Confessions & song. Social gathering afterwards.

Lost set of keys 23rd February in the area of St. Macartan's Villas. If found please contact 0877461389.

Faith and Light Fiesta is on March the 9th in Steadfast House from 3pm to 5pm.

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The Confirmation Pledge

(The priest invites the congregation to stand).

Before these young people take their pledge, they are entitled to know that they will have all the support we can give them. Therefore, in the name of God, I ask you their parents, their family members, teachers, friends, neighbours and fellow parishioners:

Do you promise to stand together from now on to promote temperance and moderation, responsible and respectful behaviour, as a support for the young people who today are making this courageous choice?

ALL: We do.

Can they count on the help of your prayers and example?

All: They can.

I invite you then to pray together with me, as a community of faith, the **Prayer of Commitment:**

God our Father, as a member of this parish family by our baptism and confirmation, and by the Eucharist we share, we accept our responsibility to do all we can to foster your love and your life among our families, in our parish and in our society today.

We wish to promote a more responsible attitude to alcohol use. We commit ourselves, with the help of your Holy Spirit, to support these young people by our example, our faith and our love. Amen.

Sisters of St. Louis Mass of Thanksgiving: – After 166 years of presence and ministry in Monaghan, the Sisters of St. Louis are closing their Motherhouse Convent. To mark this occasion, a Mass of Thanksgiving will take place today Sunday, 2nd March, in St Macartan's Cathedral at 3pm follow by light refreshments in the Hillgrove Hotel. There is also an Open Day & Exhibition of "The Story of the St Louis Sisters in Monaghan" from 11am to 2pm in St Louis Secondary School on 2nd March.

Pioneer Council: Step forward, stand out take the temporary pledge this Lent. Send Applications through our email southmonaghanpioneers@gmail.com at any time and we will be taking applications in Teach Uí Bhrian on Temperance Sunday, 2nd of March after 9.30am Mass.

Trócaire Boxes: Are now available and can be collected at the back of each of the Churches in the Parish.

St. Louis Secondary School Carrickmacross invite 5th class girls to a subject sampling day on Thursday 13th March from 9:10 -3:00pm. Please visit our school website www.stlouiscmx.com to register

Open Evening St Joseph's National School: Thursday, 6th March 5.30pm – 7.00pm. Enrolment forms are available on the evening. Contact the Principal, Ms Jones, Call: 0429661134 or email: stjcmx@gmail.com for further details and enrolment forms.

St Brigid Crosses: A heart felt "thank you" to my loyal supporters/helpers, to the shops, the three local Churches, to all who made such generous donations. You were all part of yet another very successful fundraiser. This year's St. Brigid's Crosses project generated a grand total of €3,551.00 for Carrick Cancer. Tess O'Connor.

Fr Matthews Semba has contacted the parish to highlight the plight of the people of Malawi Copies of Fr Matthews appeal is available in each of the three churches (Beside Newsletter) Anyone who wishes to give to this Charity can leave their donation in the Parish Office.

Carrick Rovers Bingo: Every Monday night 19.30 to 21.00. in St. Louis's Convent Hall. Great Prizes to be won.