

The Parish Of Malchaire Rois



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Sunday 2nd February 2025.

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

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St Vincent De Paul: Contact- Free Phone 1800677777.

Weekly Reflection.

'And a sword will pierce your soul'

The Presentation of the Lord introduces us to Simeon and Anna, the elderly religious couple who are overjoyed at their encounter with the child Jesus and His parents Mary and Joseph, in the Temple. They have lived their entire lives for this moment and the exuberance of their words is beautifully spoken and recorded and have become part of our prayers ever since.

However, there is one phrase at which I always stumble, and it is the words of Anna to Mary 'and a sword will pierce your soul.' This is quite a harsh and indeed cruel turn of phrase, and it warned Mary of the perils that lay ahead of her when Jesus would suffer humiliation and death. But then again, many parents endure similar pain when their son or daughter becomes ill, suffers an accident, or dies at an early age. Parents in these situations will know the meaning of the phrase. Parents who look helplessly on their child suffering addiction or experiences rejection will know too the pain of the sword in one's soul.

The consolation for these parents is that they are in the special company of Mary, our Blessed Mother, when such pain comes their way.

Fr Shane.

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Saturday 1st February.	11.00am.	Mass for the Feast of St Brigid. St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at this Mass. Month's Memory. Maureen Brady, Longfield.
Saturday 1st February.	6.00pm.	Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day: Candles will be Blessed.) Month's Memory. Bríd Cassidy, Dundalk Road. AM. Patrick & Frances Gartland, 32 Rockdaniel Road. AM. Martin Kiernan, Mullinary.
Sunday 2nd February.	9.30am.	Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.
Sunday 2nd February.	12Noon.	Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. 1st AM. Peadar Duffy, Ardee Road, his wife Eileen & Kitty Ward, St Macartan's Villas. AM. Angela Dynan, Sligo. AM. Phyllis, Tony, & Jim McEvoy, Lisanisk & deceased family members. AM. Martin Cunningham, Watford, England, formerly of Beaghmagheross. AM. Patrick Kierans, Railway Court.
Monday 3rd February.	10.00am. 7.30pm.	Mass for the Feast of St Blaise. Blessing of Throats will take place after each Mass.
Tuesday 4th February.	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Wednesday 5th February.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Thursday 6th February.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 7th February.	10.00am.	Morning Mass for the First Friday.
Friday 7th February.	7.30pm.	AM. Mary Kathryn Callen, & deceased members of the Walsh family Aghafad. AM. Patrick & Mary Ellen McGinnity, Alan Clarke, Kathleen Gallagher, & Kevin Rice.
Saturday 8th February.	11.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 8th February.	12Noon	Commemorative Mass: For the deceased Officers & Members of the 1963 Scout Pilgrimage to Lourdes.
Saturday 8th February.	6.00pm.	AM. Kate Fox & deceased members of the Fox Family, Corcrin. AM. May & Michael Swinburne & Mary & Patrick Marron, Mullinary. AM. Alice & Brian Finnegan, Donaghmoyn Road, & deceased members of the Boyle & Finnegan Families. AM. Noel Farrell, Camaghy, Magheraclone. AM. Paul McGoldrick, Greaghdrummit. AM. Brendan McSharry, Mullinary. AM. Pat & Patsy McMahon, Dundalk Road. Presentation of Pioneer Pins after Vigil Mass.
Sunday 9th February.	9.30am.	Birthday Remembrance: Brian Scanlon, London.
Sunday 9th February.	12Noon.	Month's Memory: Elaine O'Reilly, Convent View. AM. Rosh Hopkins, Mullinary.

Recently Deceased: Mary Conroy, 1 Beech Drive, Carrickmacross.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 2nd February.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. George McKitterick, Corlea.
Sunday 9th February.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. John & Barney Culleton, & deceased members of the Culleton family, Owery.

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.

Rosary In St Joseph's Church: Monday – Friday at 6.30pm.

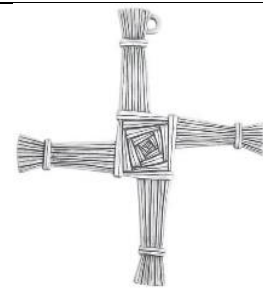


Adoration in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. (St Josephs.)

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.

Feast of St Brigid: Saturday 1st February. St. Brigid Crosses will be available at Masses in St Joseph's Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd February and at Mass in St Michael's Corduff on Sunday 2nd February. All donations received from the sale of St Brigid's Crosses will be donated to Carrickmacross Cancer. Your support is gratefully appreciated.



Prayer to St Brigid: Brigid: You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy: First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm, with Confessions from 2:00pm onwards, St. Nicholas' Church, Dundalk. Featuring Holy Hour, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions and Anointing of the Sick. This will next take place on Sunday 2nd February 2025. Come and receive God's blessing. All are welcome.

Faith & Light Fiesta: today in Steadfast House Day Service Centre at 3pm. All welcome.

Senior Citizens: Monthly Party: will take place on Wednesday 5th February 7.30 to 9.30 in the Ceilidh Centre, Cloughvalley.

South Monaghan Pioneer Council: Presentation of Pioneer Pins 10 to 60 years in St Joseph's Church after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday February 8th. Contact Jim Halligan 0876734553 for Pins or any other information.

Scout's 1963 Pilgrimage: To commemorate the 1963 Pilgrimage to Lourdes by the Carrickmacross Scout Troup, a Mass will be offered for all deceased Officers and Members at 12Noon on Saturday 8th February. An exhibition of photographs and a video of the trip will be held in the Scout Hall, Áras Na Gcumann afterwards. All are Welcome.

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Divine Mercy National Conference 2025 RDS Friday 21st Feb 2025 18:00–Sunday 23rd Feb 2025 17:00 GMT Saturday Ticket - 1 Day Admission Only - €35.00. Entrance fee will be collected before departure. A coach will depart from the Magnet Cinema, Dundalk, for the Divine Mercy conference in the RDS Dublin on - Saturday, February 22nd, 2025. enquiries: Laurena 0851833110: everybody welcome.

Pilgrimage to Garabandal – Spain – March 24th- March 28th, 2025. Enquiries: Laurena 0851833110: Everybody welcome.

Fundraiser in support of Leanne Matthews - 1st Feb 2025 in Iontas Theatre, 8pm show. Tickets €15/€17. "Big Maggie" a play by John B Keane. A riveting story of money, land and secrets. Tickets available online via <https://iontascastleblayney.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows> or by calling Iontas Theatre on (042)975 3400.

Clogher don Óige are now accepting **expressions of interest** from young people (aged 16-18 at time of pilgrimage) who want to travel to Lourdes as pilgrims this summer. **The dates for the pilgrimage are July 4th-09th 2025. More information about the Lourdes Pilgrimage (including the online Expression of Interest Form) is available on our website at: www.clogherdonoige.org/lourdes2025** The deadline for submitting an expression of interest form is **Friday 07th February** at noon.

Carrick Rovers AFC: will hold their AGM on Friday 7th February 2025 at 8.00pm. in the Workhouse, Shercock Road, Carrickmacross. All members, players and supporters are welcome.

The Crisis Management Team (CMT) which consists of senior officials from Monaghan County Council, An Garda Síochána, HSE, and Uisce Éireann continues to meet to deal with the recovery phase of Storm Éowyn. The CMT recognises that some people may be experiencing very challenging conditions arising from the loss of power, water, and/or mobile communications. In recognition of this, we are establishing a Community Response service with key agencies. Access to this service will be via a dedicated phone line and will be available from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday until further notice to assist vulnerable and isolated members of our community. If you are, or know of, someone in need of this service, please call our dedicated help line on **1 800 78 78 78**. Alternatively, we can be contacted by email at stormresponse@monaghancoco.ie.

Wellbeing and Catholic Schools: Catholic schools create environments that foster resilience, hope, and moral integrity, ensuring students thrive not just academically but as whole individuals. As part of this, the Council for Catechetics and the Council for Education of the Irish Episcopal Conference have published a new document called *Wellbeing and the Catholic School* for primary and post-primary Catholic Schools across Ireland. This resource offers practical insights for school leaders, teachers, and parents to embed a Catholic vision of wellbeing into policies, curriculum, and daily practices. The document is available online here: <https://catholiceducation.ie/wellbeing-resources/> Hard copies are being distributed to schools and further supports are being planned.

Aughnafarcon National School & Aspire Afterschool -Enrolment for September 2025. now open until 12th February. The School will be open for viewing on Thursday 30th January 3pm-4pm and 7pm-8pm. Application forms are available on request by emailing aughnafarcon.n.s@hotmail.com or contact the school office on 042 9743639. *Inspiring success at the LITTLE school with a BIG HEART.*

Mary's Meals: provides life-changing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The meals make it possible for hungry children to come to school and give them the energy they need to concentrate and participate in class. It costs just €22 .00 to provide a child with meals in a place of education for a whole school year. We would like to express our thanks and acknowledge the most recent donations totaling €1300.00 and our yearly total for 2024 of €5365.00 to Mary Meals. Anyone who wishes to give to this Charity can leave their donation in the Parish Office.