

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 3rd August 2025.

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#### **Weekly Reflection.**

#### Who am I becoming?

A question we all need to live with as we go through life is, **'Who am I becoming**?' In today's second reading Saint Paul points us in the direction of an answer to that question. He speaks of putting on a new self and equates that with a self that is renewed in the image of its creator. We are to become more and more an image of God, the Creator.

The perfect image of God the Creator is Jesus. He lived for others. He emptied himself, making himself poor, so that others could be enriched. He died so that others could live.

Whenever, like Jesus, our presence is life-giving for others, then we are being renewed in the image of God the Creator and we are becoming rich in the sight of God. The parable Jesus speaks in today's gospel (a rich man building bigger barns to store all his grain and goods) suggests that the real issue concerns where the focus is in our lives. Is it on myself or on God and those God loves? In that sense, the problem is not the possessions themselves but how tightly we cling to them and how creatively we make use of them for others.

Fr. Owen Joe.

Saturday	11.00am.	Funeral Mass, Patrick McGee, Ealing, London, formerly
2 <sup>nd</sup> August.		Cavanageeragh.
Saturday	6.00pm.	Month's Memory, Madeleine Birdy, Lurgans.
2 <sup>nd</sup> August.	-	Month's Memory, Jim Connolly, Cloughvalley.
		<b>Birthday remembrance,</b> Anna Martin, 19 Valley Close.
Sunday	9.30am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
3 <sup>rd</sup> August.		·
Sunday	12Noon.	AM. Donna Marron & infant Gerard Patrick.
3 <sup>rd</sup> August.		AM. Joe & Rose Murtagh, Leggiemore, James Murtagh,
		Rossdreenagh & deceased members of the Murtagh & Ward
		families, Jim Hand, Shercock & Hugh McNally, Monaghan Town.
Monday	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
4 <sup>th</sup> August.	1	
Tuesday	10.00am.	AM. James Finnegan, Woodlands.
5 <sup>th</sup> August.	10.00	
Wednesday	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
6 <sup>th</sup> August.	10.00am.	Mayning Mag
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> August.	TU.UUam.	Morning Mass.
Friday	10.00am.	AM. Mary Traynor, 6 Derryolam Park.
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Saturday	11.00am.	Birthday Remembrance, Jim McConnon, Rossdreenagh,
9 <sup>th</sup> August.		remembering his parents Jim & May, Corcrin.
Saturday	6.00pm.	<b>AM.</b> Jim McNally, 23 Drummond Etra, Carrickmacross.
9 <sup>th</sup> August.	•	AM. Hilda McCartney, Aghalile Road.
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Sunday	9.30am.	AM. Francis Matthews, Derryolam.
10 <sup>th</sup> August.		
Sunday	12Noon.	AM. James & Katie Cassidy & deceased members of the Cassidy
10 <sup>th</sup> August.		Family.
		AM. Michael, Una & Thomas Jeffrey, Emmett Road, Kathleen &
		Bridgie Jeffrey, St Macartan's Terrace, Bridgie & Paddy O'Brien,
		Emmett Road, the Lenord & O'Brien Families, Roscommon.

#### **Recently Deceased.**

**Teresa McCabe**, Cornasassonagh.

Patrick McGee, Ealing, London, formerly Cavanageeragh.

David Rodgers, Inniskeen.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.** The Feast will be marked by two Masses in St Joseph's – morning Mass at **10am** and an evening Mass at **7.30pm**. **The Annual Healing Mass** with the Sacrament of the Anointing will be held in St Joseph's Carrickmacross on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of September at 4pm.



### 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.

### Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday	Corduff.	AM. Francis Marron, Cornasasnagh, his parents & deceased members
3 <sup>rd</sup> August.	11.00am.	of the Marron Family.
		AM. Patsy Keenan, Sreenty.
		AM. Peter & Ellen Keenan & deceased family members Sreenty.
Sunday	Raferagh.	AM. Owen & Rose Hand, Faraghy & their son Patsy.
10 <sup>th</sup> August.	11.00am.	<b>AM.</b> Andy, Pat & Jim Larkin, Corcreagh, their parents Bridget &
		Edward & deceased family members.

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.

Mass Duties for August in St Joseph's.

Weekend Readers: 6.00pm Mass: Paddy McCabe. 9.30am Mass: Ciara & Ann.

12Noon Mass: Aileen Devine.

**Weekday Readers: Mon:** Teresa Linden. **Tues:** Carmel McCarthy. **Wed:** Sr Pauline.

**Thurs:** Rosaleen Haworth. **Friday am:** Michael Gavaghan.

Friday pm: Ann McPhillips. Saturday 11am: Maureen Flanagan.

**Collectors: 6.00pm Mass:** Terry Kiernan, Paul Martin and Patrick Shields.

9.30am Mass: Peter Drumgoole, Bernard McGinnity and Terry O'Neill.

**12Noon Mass:** Jim Halligan, Anthony Boylan and Harry Boylan.

**1**st **Anniversary Mass for the late Archbishop Noel Treanor** will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church, Tyholland, H18 D660 at **7.30pm on Friday, 8**th **August 2025**, followed by tea and refreshments in Tyholland Centre, H18 T384.

**Anniversary Mass for the late Bishop Liam Mac Daid** will be celebrated in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan at **7pm on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025** followed by tea and refreshments in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, H18 VK77. (Please note different times for liturgies.)

<u>Lough Derg 2025</u>: last day to begin the Three-Day Pilgrimage is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August. The following piece is taken from Friends of Lough Derg Newsletter – *The Pilgrim Friend*.

No other place like it on earth

"My family's link to Lough Derg goes back many decades. My mother worked on the island in the late 1950s-early 1960s before she married my father. When we were children, we were fascinated by the stories she told us about Lough Derg. I personally couldn't wait to go there and so I was delighted to go there for the first time when I turned 14. I went there to pray for my upcoming exams.

It soon became the norm for me to go to Lough Derg every Summer with my mother and/or sisters. I love the peace on Lough Derg. I love to be given the chance to switch off from the outside world. I feel such a connection with Lough Derg. I feel completely at peace there. There's no other place like it on earth.

I hope to return to Lough Derg again this year to do the three-day pilgrimage as I have missed doing it the past two summers as I had bowel cancer. I did manage to do the day retreats instead. I can't imagine not ever being able to visit Lough Derg at least once a year. It helps me feel fulfilled. If you have never been to Lough Derg, do yourself a favour and go. You won't regret it!" B McQuaid.

Come and celebrate our Catholic faith in Slane today Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:lightthefire.ie">lightthefire.ie</a> or email info@lightthefire.ie.

<u>St Patrick's Missionary Society Mission Appeal</u>: Fr Brendan Payne who visited our Parish last weekend and spoke about the work of the Kiltegan Fathers, appreciated the warm welcome he received. Those who may wish to join the "Mission Circle Family" that Fr Brendan spoke about, can return the signed form via the Sunday Offertory Collection Basket or by dropping into the parish office.

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

<u>Senior Citizens Monthly Party</u> on Wednesday 6th August 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Ceilidh Centre Cloughvalley.

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.

**St Enda's Prayer Group Killanny: Inner Healing Retreat. Led by:** Fr Prince Clarence S.J. **Date:** Friday: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025. **Time:** 6pm- 10pm. Confessions before Mass, Holy Mass and Inner Healing Adoration. **Venue:** Old Parish Hall, Killanny, Co Monaghan A81 Y096.

<u>Errigal Truagh Parish</u>: 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.

<u>Carrick Cancer Team</u> wishes to thank everyone who sponsored the 2025 Croagh Patrick Climb, what an amazing achievement! Pat, Majella and James recently climbed Croagh Patrick – with creamery cans on their backs – all to raise funds and awareness for those affected by cancer. Thank you also to their back-up team, Thomas Hoey, Amy McCann, and the Kelly sisters for safe transport to and from Croagh Patrick. This incredible effort shows the true spirit of our community: strong, compassionate and determined to make a difference. Your creativity, courage and commitment are nothing short of inspiring. Your support brings hope, help and healing to so many.

Strut Your Stuff in Corduff! Join us for a night of the best music from 80s, 90s, & more. A disco like it used to be! Over 21s. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – in Corduff Raferagh Community Centre – Eircode A81 A263. DJ Paul Marron. Dancing 10 'til late. Bus from Main Street, Carrick (Shirley Arms) 9.30pm and returning afterwards €5 each way. Hungry Heifer truck on site. Full bar. Tickets €20 on sale in O'Rourke Fuels or pay at the door. All proceeds go to Carrickmacross Lions Club Projects. Come and boogey the night away whilst supporting local charity. Watch out around town for Posters. https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=carrickmacross%20lions\_

<u>Castleblayney Show</u> takes place this **Bank holiday Monday 4**<sup>th</sup> **August** in Blackhill. Great family day out. Lots of new activities and attractions. Free children's entertainment. *Free Shuttle bus from the Ridge A75WY97 opposite Supervalu Castleblayney from 10:30am.* Dog Show, Jiving workshop and jiving competition, dancing to Damian Davis. You don't want to miss it!

**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.

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