

The Baptism of the Lord. Sunday 7th January 2024.

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St Joseph's Carrickmacross St Michael's Corduff St John's Raferagh

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#### Weekly Reflection.

#### "Saturday's flit is a short sit."

In the past people would never begin a new enterprise, move into a new house, start a significant challenge on a Saturday for fear that it would be short-lived.

I feel sorry for the Magi, the wise men who come to the crib to acknowledge Christ as Saviour of the world, only to find that they have no sooner arrived when the crib and all its belongings are packed away for another year. This is particularly the case this weekend when the Feast of the Epiphany falls on a Saturday and by Saturday evening the focus has moved onto the Baptism of the Lord. While the Magi have a small moment of fame, they are significant nonetheless for bringing the gifts gold, frankincense and myrrh which symbolise Christs' Kingship, priesthood, and resurrection. The Baptism of the Lord quickly draws us on to God the Father and his Divine affirmation of the Son Jesus Christ, as he begins his public mission.

Baptism is the Sacrament that each one of us shares. It demands trust, commitment, and faith which gradually grow as we live out our human existence in relationship with a loving God. The voice of the Father to Jesus is spoken to us today too: "My spirit opens the heavens and pierces the clouds to come and rest on you. Be not afraid."

Fr Shane.

Saturday	11.00am.	Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.
6 <sup>th</sup> January.		
Saturday	6.00pm.	AM. Martin Fealy Crann Nua.
6 <sup>th</sup> January.	Vigil.	AM Terry Cassidy Mullaghmacateer, Ardee Rd.
		AM. Francis & Kitty Kiernan, Tullynaskeagh.
		<b>AM.</b> P.J Reilly 7 Cloughvalley & the Deceased Members of the Reilly Family.
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January.	9.30am.	Sunday Mass
Sunday	12Noon.	Birthday Remembrance: Julia Shields Cloughvalley
7 <sup>th</sup> January.		AM. Brian & Teresa Duffy, 23 Emmet St., Carrickmacross
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January.	10.00am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January.	10.00am	Morning Mass.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January.	7.30pm.	Evening Mass.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January.	11.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday	6.00pm.	AM. Seamus Hanratty, Kingscourt Road.
13 <sup>th</sup> January.	Vigil.	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January.	9.30am.	Sunday Mass.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January.	12Noon.	AM. Peter & Rose Goodman, Nafferty & their Son Paddy Goodman Finglas formerly Nafferty (recently deceased) & Deceased Members of the Goodman Family.
		AM. Mary & Aidan Cullen formerly St Macartan's Villas & the Deceased Members of the Cullen & Howlan Families.

Recently Deceased: Elizabeth McGee, England, (formerly Cavanageeragh).

Sheila Drury, Ardross Avenue, Carrickmacross.

Sally Goodman, Blackrock, Dundalk.

## Prayer for the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

"Open the heavens almighty father and pour out your spirit upon your people.

Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing and fill us with zeal for good deeds.

Let us hear your voice once again, that we may recognize in your beloved Son our hope in inheriting eternal life. Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever." Amen. (Saint Therese)

#### Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday Evening at 7.30pm (alternating) \* see updated schedule below for dates \*

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday	Corduff.	AM. Bridgie, Tommy & Paddy Marron and & Deceased
7 <sup>th</sup> January.	11.00am.	Members of the Marron Family, Umerafree.
		Private Intention
Wednesday	Raferagh	AM. Michael Slattery, Dublin & New York.
10 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30pm.	
Sunday	Raferagh.	AM. Kathleen Connolly, Cornalaragh.
14 <sup>th</sup> January.	11.00am.	AM. Kathleen Conlon, Raferagh.
		Remembrance Mass: Duffy Family, Carrickahogue
		AM. Frank Campbell, Raferagh.

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Corduff/ Raferagh.**

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



#### Adoration in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. (St Josephs.)

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel opening hours are as follows.

Monday: 9am. - 10am. <u>Tuesday</u>: 9am. - 7pm. <u>Wednesday</u>: 9am.-10am. <u>Thursday</u>: 8am. - 10am. <u>Friday</u>: 8am. - 10am. <u>Saturday</u> 10am. - 11am. and 5pm. - 6pm. <u>Sunday</u> 1pm. - 6pm.

**<u>Blessed Sacrament Adoration Hours</u>**: The Adoration chapel has some additional Adoration slots. Thursday and Friday at 8am and Saturday 5-6pm. If you feel you could commit to any of these new hours, please call Teresa on 087-3117929.

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

**Pioneer Association:** A presentation of Pioneer Pins and Diplomas will be made after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Pins for 10.25.50. and Diplomas years membership of the Pioneer Association. Diplomas for 40 years. Clasp and Diplomas for 60.70 years, all those who are looking for any of the above, contact Jim on 087 6734553. Pat on 089 4916232 for further information before the 9 January 2024 in order to give time to get all organised.

<u>Chaplet of the Divine Mercy</u>: First Sunday of the Month at 3pm, 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 7<sup>th</sup>January 2024. Come and receive God's blessing. All are welcome.

<u>The Alzheimer Society of Ireland</u>: (The ASI) Monaghan Support Group welcomes families of People living with Dementia, to attend its Support group at Carrickmacross Library, on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The ASI's Monaghan Support group takes place on the second Monday of the month. It provides an opportunity for individuals seeking information and support to meet together. For further details please contact Siobhan Tel: 0873432944.

**Special Monaghan / Fermanagh Pilgrimage to Fatima:** last remaining places only 5 places left Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 visit Saint Anthonys Baptismal Font in Lisbon and house where he was born contact James Treacy 061921470 or 00353 61921470 **Pilgrimage To Medjugorje:** with a direct flight from Dublin to Mostar and a return flight via Split. The trip will depart from Dundalk on Wednesday, June 12th, 2024. If you book early and pay a deposit of €100 before January 31st, 2024, you will receive a discount of €50 per person. The cost will be €765 per person for 7 nights on a half-board basis. The spiritual director for the pilgrimage will be Fr. Paul Montague. For more information on joining the group, please contact James at 0872202173.

<u>Trócaire School Volunteers</u>: Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our School Talks Programme for Lent 2024 in the Clogher Diocese Area. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have a few free hours during Lent, then we would love to hear from you! For more information call Casey Schell on 02890 808033 or email <u>casey.schell@trocaire.org</u>

Minor Injury Unit at Monaghan Hospital: (047 38835) hours have been extended – we are now open 08.00 – 20.00 (Mon – Sun) Closed 25th & 26th December. We aim to see you as quickly as possible. Patients 5 years & over - We treat & X Ray as needed: Broken bones, Dislocations, Foreign bodies, Sprains & Strains, Wounds, Minor chest injuries, Minor scalds & burns, Facial & eye injuries.

National Board Safeguarding Review: The Irish Bishops' Conference, along with the Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland, have commissioned consultants, RSM Ireland, to undertake a review of child safeguarding in the Catholic Church. One part of this review is to engage with survivors and victims of abuse, to seek their views on Church Safeguarding processes. Specifically, RSM would like to hear from survivors who have disclosed abuse within the last twenty years, to see what needs to be improved. For more information please contact: survivor.consultation@rsmireland.ie

**Safeguarding Review:** If you wish to report a child safeguarding concern, please contact Martha Smyth 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.

# <u>Sacramental Dates 2024</u>. The Parish of Machaire Rois.

**Confirmation**: 4<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am in St Joseph's Church, Carrickmacross.

### First Holy Communion.

**Scoil Rois**: 20<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am. - St Joseph's Church.

**Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa**: 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am - St Joseph's Church.

**Corcreagh National School**: 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am. - St John the Evangelist Raferagh.

**St Joseph's Boys N.S.**: 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am. - St Joseph's Church.

**Scoil Padraig Corduff**: 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am. - St Michaels Church, Corduff.

**<u>Be Alert:</u>** There continues to be fraudulent scams and alerts via telephone calls, emails etc. Please continue to be aware and cautious of any unexpected activity or communication to you and to your vulnerable family member.