

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sunday 9th February 2025.

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Weekly Reflection.

The Lord touching our lives.

A person's faith journey is very personal and, indeed, unique to each individual. There can come a time in our lives when the journey of faith seems almost to disappear. What had been a clearly visible path can become very faint; our faith seems to grow very weak.

For some people there can then come a time of spiritual reawakening. They rediscover their faith. Having drifted from the community of faith, they begin to feel a call to return to it. There can be many factors in a person's life that can contribute to such a reawakening.

Sometimes children have a way of reawakening the faith of their parents. When the time comes for children to be baptised or to make their First Communion or their Confirmation, parents can feel a call to reflect anew on their own faith. Some painful experience in our lives, such as the onset of serious illness in ourselves or our loved ones, can touch us in some deep way and reawaken our dormant faith.

These experiences of spiritual reawakening tend to be very ordinary and non-dramatic for most people. A seed is sown and it grows very gradually. It is the Lord's doing and all that is needed is for us to have an openness of heart and spirit to his presence – the **Lord touching our lives** in the most unexpected of ways. Fr Owen Joe.

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Sat 8th Feb.	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 McMahan, Dundalk Road. AM. James & Bridie McNally, Mullinary Presentation of Pioneer Pins after Vigil Mass.
Sun 9th Feb.	9.30am.	Birthday Remembrance: Brian Scanlon, London.
Sunday 9th February.	12Noon.	Month's Memory: Elaine O'Reilly, Convent View. AM. Rosh Hopkins, Mullinary.
Monday 10th February.	10.00am.	AM. Ita O'Rourke, Abbeyfeale & Bailieborough. AM. Owen & Eileen Woods, St. Macartan's Villas & deceased members of the Woods & Hand families.
Tues 11th Feb.	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Wed 12th Feb.	10.00am.	AM. Francie Gartlan, Magheross.
Thurs 13th Feb.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Fri 14th Feb.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 15th February.	11.00am.	AM. Ciaran Clarke, Ballybay Road.
Saturday 15th February.	6.00pm.	AM. William, Mary, James & Brian Malone, Woodlands & the Shevlin family, Pennybridge, Mullinary. AM. Nancy Woods, Cloughvalley & Deceased Family Members, Cootehill. AM. Mickey Rooney, Mary & Michael Rooney, Chrissie Myles & Helen Rooney. AM. Mary, Mickey & Dickie Kellett, Corcrin & Marie McEneaney, Tullydrum & deceased members of the Kellett & Corrigan families. AM. Jason Thornton, Killarue, Carrickmacross. Rem Mass Kathleen Campbell recently deceased, Plumstead, London, formerly Monvallet, Louth.
Sunday 16th February.	9.30am.	Month's Memory: Jim Keenan, Harlow, Essex, England.
Sunday 16th February.	12Noon.	AM. Clare McCaffrey, her son Paddy & grandson Jack, Carrickmacross. AM. Owen Flanagan, 65 Drummond Etra. AM. Pat, Katie & John Steele, Drumgur & deceased McGahon & Steele Families, Blackstaff & baby Patrick Allen, Ballymena. AM. Patrick & Katie Allen, & the Costello Family Drumgoan, their daughters Elizabeth, Rose, & Patsy, Glasgow, Scotland.

Recently Deceased.

Marie Sweeney, (née Busby) Coolderry, Magheraclone.

Maura Sherry, (née Courtney) Smithborough and formerly Lower Magheraclone.

Tom Larkin, Tossey, Loughmourne.

Kathleen Campbell, Plumstead, London & formerly Monvallet, Louth.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 9th February.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. John & Barney Culleton & deceased members of the Culleton family, Owery.
Sunday 16th February.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Gene Marron & deceased members of the Marron family, Sreenty. AM. Peter Connolly, Carragartha. AM. Pete & Bridgie Clinton & deceased family members, Bocks.

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.**

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking: Pope Francis has called for the 8th of February, the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, to be recognised as a Global Day of Prayer to reflect on the plight of those who are the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. He said; *"Saint Bakhita encourages us to open our eyes and ears to see those who go unseen and to hear those who have no voice, to acknowledge the dignity of each person, and to fight trafficking and all forms of exploitation."* A Canossian religious sister, she lived in Italy for 45 years after being a slave in Sudan. In 2000, she was declared a Saint, the first black woman to receive the honour in the modern era. On 8th February, Talitha Kum, a coalition of religious sisters, will host 24 hours of prayer. People can join online in solidarity and pray for as long or as short as they wish.

Prayer to St. Bakhita: *St. Bakhita assist all those who are trapped in a state of modern slavery and human trafficking; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking; let them look at you as an example of hope and faith.*

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, all are invited to join them for a Mass of Thanksgiving which will take place on Sunday, 2nd March 2025, in St Macartan's Cathedral at 3pm follow by light refreshments in the Hillgrove Hotel. There will also be 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 also.

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.

Sports Injuries Prevention Talk: You are invited to a talk in Mannan Castle Golf Club (Eircode A81 X023) on Tuesday 11th February at 7.30pm. on Sports Injuries and Prevention, Knees, Hips etc. Guest speakers from UPMC Sports Surgery Clinic, (1) Sam Baida Head of Physiotherapy and Tommy Mooney, Senior Strength and Conditioning Coach. This will be a very informative evening. Free admission. All are welcome, followed by a Cuppa and a Biscuit.

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Genealogy Course – A 6-week Genealogy Course will take place in Corduff Raferagh Community Centre starting on Monday 17th February from 10 am – 12.30 pm. To book your place call/text Bernie on 087 9555762. Cost €30.

Jiving Workshops – Two Jive Workshops will take place with Niall Doorhy in Corduff Raferagh Community Centre, A81 A263 on Sunday 9th and 16th February 2025 from 7pm - 8:30pm. Course fee €35pp for full course. To Book text names (including surnames) followed by "Corduff" to 0873536502.

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.

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.

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.

Sacramental Dates 2025.

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Confirmation: Saturday 3rd May at 11.00am in St Joseph's Church, Carrickmacross.

First Holy Communion.

Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa:	10 th May at 11.00am - St Joseph's Church.
Corcreagh National School:	10 th May at 11.00am. - St John the Evangelist, Raferagh.
St Joseph's Boys N.S.:	17 th May at 11.00am. - St Joseph's Church.
Scoil Pdraig Corduff:	17 th May at 11.00am. - St Michaels Church, Corduff.
Scoil Rois:	24 th May at 11.00am. - St Joseph's Church.