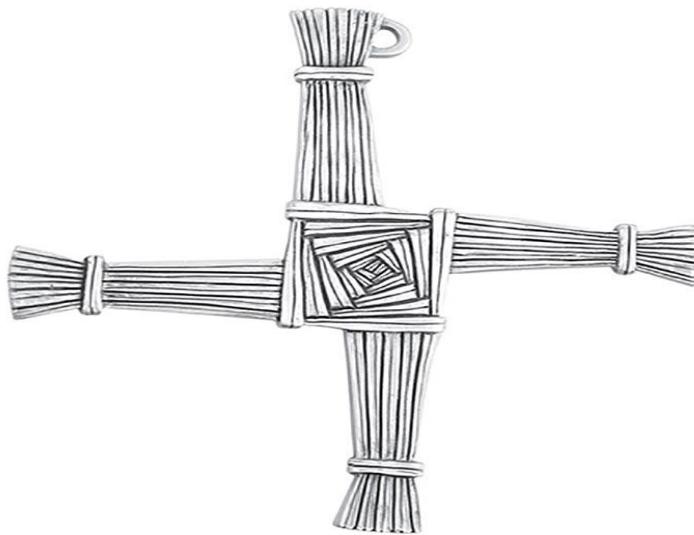


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Feast of St .Brigid. 1st February 2026.

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

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Weekly Reflection.

Saint Brigid

A poem of welcome for Saint Brigid, composed by the late Fr. Tom Hamill sums up many of her attributes. In a shortened form, Fr. Hamill's 'Thirteen shouts for Saint Brigid' reads: Brigid, you usher in the spring. You welcome all who visit. You guard our families and flocks. You shelter the poor in your cloak. You inspire singers and writers. You strengthen workers in metal. You guide the hands of healers. You soften the hate that divides us. You cherish what comes to birth. You mirror Jesus in your life. You bless our wells and streams. You smile in sea and sky. You embrace us deep in your heart.

The public holiday (on Monday, 2nd February 2026) is linked with the feast of our patron saint. It was established as a recognition of the enormous sacrifices made by our people and by front-line workers in particular during the Covid 19 pandemic. With Saint Brigid we remember those who died, all who suffered in so many ways, and those who still suffer, and we express our gratitude to those who, like Saint Brigid, gave guidance, care, and comfort.

Saint Brigid, pray for us. Amen.

Fr. Owen Joe.

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Sat 31st Jan.	11.00am.	Remembrance Mass: Chloe McGee and Family, Barnadonagh.
Saturday 31st January.	6.00pm.	Remembrance Mass for recently deceased Chrissie Duffy, England & formerly Donaghmoyne. AM. John Dolan, Castleblayney Road.
Sunday 1st February.	9.30am.	Mass for the Feast of St Brigid. St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at this Mass. AM. Olive Fahey, Ardee Road.
Sunday 1st February.	12Noon.	Mass for the Feast of St Brigid. St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at this Mass. AM. Phyllis, Tony & Jim McEvoy & deceased members of the McEvoy & Kelly families. AM. Peter Crosby & remembering his wife Kitty, 36 St. Macartan's Villas. AM. Martin Cunningham, Watford, England, formerly Beaghmagherross. AM. James & Mary Brady, Longfield & deceased family members. AM. Patrick Kierans, Railway Court. AM. Helena Lebiochina, Lithuania.
Monday 2nd February.	10.00am.	Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day: Candles will be Blessed.)
Tuesday 3rd February.	10.00am. 7.30pm.	Masses for the Feast of St Blaise. Blessing of Throats will take place after each Mass.
Wed 4th Feb.	10.00am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Thurs 5th Feb.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 6th Feb.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 6th February.	7.30pm.	Month's Memory: Michael (Mick) Duffy, Penny Bridge, Mullinny. AM. Geraldine & Peter Pettigrew, Carrickmacross. AM. Teresa & Peter Grimes & deceased members of the Grimes & Downey families, Cuchulain Terrace.
Saturday 7th February	11.00am.	AM. Patrick & Mary Ellen McGinnity, Kathleen Gallagher, Alan Clarke & Kevin Rice. AM. Noel Farrell, Camaghy, Magheracloone.
Saturday 7th February	6.00pm.	AM. Kate Fox & deceased members of the Fox family, Corcrin. AM. Patrick & Frances Gartlan, 33 Rockdaniel Road. AM. Paul McGoldrick, Greaghdrumitt. AM. Brendan McSharry, Mullinny. AM. Martin Kiernan, Mullinny. AM. Pat & Patsy McMahon, Dundalk Road.
Sun 8th Feb.	9.30am.	AM. Ciaran Clarke, 2 Ballybay Road.
Sunday 8th February.	12Noon.	Month's Memory: Mary McGahon, 49 Cloughvalley. AM. Breda Kelly, Lisanisk & her parents Phil & Rois McMahon. AM. Eileen & Peadar Duffy Tullynaskeagh, Ardee Road & Kitty Ward, St Macartan's Villas. AM. Pat, Katie & John Steele, Drumgur, Louth & deceased McGahon & Steele families, Inniskeen & Drumcatton & baby Patrick Paul Allen, Ballymena. AM. James (Jemmy) Boyle, Derryolam & his parents Tom & Kathleen Boyle & deceased members of the Boyle family.

Recently Deceased.

Mary Tormey, (née McCahey) Tunnyduff, Bailieboro & formerly Alts, Carrickmacross.
Bob Tursky, Florida.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 1st February.	Corduff. 11.00am.	Mass for the Feast of St Brigid. St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at this Mass. AM. Peter Connolly, Carragartha. AM. Pete & Bridgie Clinton & deceased family members.
Sunday 8th February.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	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.

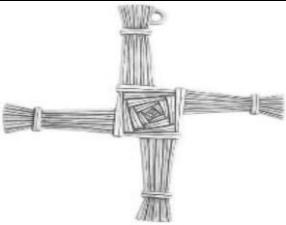
Feast Days for the Month of February 2026.

Sunday 1st February 2026 - **Feast of St. Brigid**, Secondary Patron of Ireland - celebrated at all of the Sunday Masses.+++++

Monday 2nd February 2026 - **Feast of The Presentation of the Lord** (Candlemass Day) - Mass in St. Joseph's at 10am.

Tuesday 3rd February - **Feast of St Blaise** - 'two' Masses in St. Joseph's, 10am & 7.30pm, with the Blessing of Throats at both Masses.

Wednesday 18th February - **Ash Wednesday** - Masses in St. Joseph's 7.15am., 10am & 7.30pm. and in St. Michael's Corduff at 7.30pm.

	Prayer to St. Bridget. O Glorious St. Bridget, Patroness of Ireland, protect the Irish Church and preserve the true Faith in every Irish heart, at home and abroad. Obtain for us the grace to walk faithfully in the path of Christian perfection during life, and so to secure a holy and happy death, with life everlasting, in your blessed company, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
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Feast of St Brigid: Sunday 1st February. St. Brigid Crosses will be available at Mass on Sunday 1st February in St. Michael's Corduff & Sunday 1st February in St Joseph's. All donations received from the sale of St Brigid's Crosses will be donated to Carrickmacross Cancer. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

Temperance Sunday - Sunday 15th February 2026.

For the girls and boys of our faith community celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, and who wish to take the Confirmation Pledge, they can do so at any one of the following Masses on the weekend of the 14th/15th of February.

Saturday 14th February 6pm Vigil Mass in St Joseph's.

Sunday 15th February 12 Noon Mass in St Joseph's.

Sunday 15th February 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Corduff.

Mass-goers are asked to return Missalettes & Parish Newsletters to the tables at the porches after the Masses, by way of assisting with the tidy-up. Thanking you.

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Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 18th February 2026.

Ashes will be distributed at the **7.15am Morning Mass; 10am Morning Mass and the 7.30pm Evening Mass, in St Joseph's Carrickmacross** and the **7.30pm Evening Mass in St. Michael's Corduff**. 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 February 18th

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, February 18th.

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 Feb 18th & March 4th, 18th & April 1st.

Raferagh: Wednesday Feb 25th & March 11th & 25th.

Trees at St Joseph's Church Carrickmacross and at St John's Church Raferagh.

I have been concerned about the condition of the trees at both Churches for some time. They are enormous trees and are not in a great condition and with the increase in numbers and ferocity of storms we need to address the issue. Chambers Tree surgeons carried out the removal of trees in Corduff following storm Éowyn last year, following the falling of around fifteen trees there. We have also witnessed the destruction caused in that storm to the Paupers Graveyard on the Donaghmoyne Road, when a large number of trees were uprooted. I would appreciate if anyone who has strong opinions on this issue to speak to either myself or Fr. McEneaney, or to any member of the Parish Finance team, so that a decision can be made. Options would appear to be to do nothing, to remove the trees, or to reduce the height and width of the trees significantly.

Bunscoil Lughaidh Naofa are now accepting enrolments for the academic year 2026/2027.

Please see www.bunscoil.ie for more information and an enrolment form or contact the school on 042 9661808 or by emailing office@bunscoil.ie

St. Joseph's National School: Enrolment for September 2026 opens on Monday 26th January. Application forms are available by emailing: stjcmx@gmail.com or contact the school office by telephone: 0429661134. An open evening will be held at the school on Wednesday 25th February 2026 from 5.30pm to 7pm. All are welcome."

Scoil Phádraig is accepting enrolments for Junior Infants for the 2026 2027 school year. Please email the school at info@scoilphadraigcorduff.ie call 0429669437 or come to the school for enrolment forms.

Senior Citizens Monthly Party on Wednesday 4th February 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Ceilidh Centre Cloughvalley.

Carrickmacross Library is setting up a new crime themed book club. Whether you're a seasoned crime reader or new to the genre all or welcome. Call 0429661148 to find out more.

Clogher don Óige are holding a **Before the Journey Begins – Taizé Prayer Service.**

A reflective prayer service in preparation for Lent will take place on Sunday 15th February 2026 at 5.00 pm in St Joseph's Church, Park Street, Monaghan. All are welcome to join us for this time of prayer, music, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for Lent.

Monaghan Charismatic Prayer Group Spring Conference will take place from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th February in Hillgrove Hotel. Our opening Mass at 8pm on Friday will be celebrated by Bishop Larry Duffy. The weekend will also include Fr Luke Obemi, Sebastian Sales and Ross Powell along with other visiting priests. Confessions will be available from 2pm on Saturday, 7th February.

Be Alert: 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 members.

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HSE Free Suicide Prevention Awareness Training: The HSE have a range of free awareness training taking place in a number of locations in Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Meath between January and June of this year. For more information on dates, times and bookings, please visit: <https://bookwhen.com/suicidepreventiontraininglouthmeath> or see notices on parish noticeboard.

Monaghan Charismatic Prayer Group are organising a bus to **The Divine Mercy Conference** in RDS on Saturday 28th February. Bus leaving Monaghan at 7am via Clontibret, Castleblayney, Carrickmacross. Tickets will be issued on the bus. Bus fare and Tickets €50. Booking essential by contacting 087 9717447.

ACCORD Monaghan – Volunteers Needed: ACCORD, the Catholic Marriage Care Service, invites volunteers to train as Marriage Preparation Facilitators. We are looking for people with a positive outlook on marriage, a strong volunteer spirit, and a warm, welcoming manner. Full training is provided, with a Special Purpose Certificate from Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth awarded on completion of the course. For more information, please contact monaghan@accord.ie and one of the team will get back to you.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje direct from Dublin 15th July to 22nd 2026, €745 if deposit of €200 is paid before 30th January 2026 otherwise price increases to €795. For more information contact group leader Marian Kane 0872713260.

Depression & Anxiety Support Group – Corduff: A professionally facilitated 6-week support group for depression and anxiety will begin on Wednesday 4th February in Corduff. This group is suitable for adults experiencing low mood, depression, or anxiety and will be facilitated by Susan Byrne, Psychotherapist (CBT). Places are limited. For further information or to book a place, please contact: 085 107 6821 susan.a.byrne01@gmail.com

St Enda's Prayer Group Killanny 2026: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: with Fr Nelson Obibueze as Spiritual Director. 15th -22nd July 2026. Price €745, (the price increases to €795 after 30th January) per person sharing Single room supplement €170 not including travel insurance; €35 up to 79 years, €70 for those 80-94 years. Includes return flights from Dublin, 7 nights' Accommodation near St Jame's Church with Breakfast and Dinner, a Marian pilgrimage Guide and 24-Hour support throughout your stay, all Airport and local taxes. For more information on joining the group please contact Martin Callan 0872345930.

Divine Mercy Conference: A coach will travel from the Old Magnet Cinema Dundalk to the RDS in Dublin on Saturday, February 28th, 2026. Further details: please phone Laurena - 0851833110.

Cuchullain

From the first weekend of Lent February 21st/22nd 2026: Weekend Mass times will change in Magheracloone Parish:

St Patrick's Church will have the 7pm Saturday evening vigil Mass.

St Peter/St Paul's will have the 9.30am Mass on Sunday mornings.

These Masses will rotate on a yearly basis from the 1st weekend of Lent each year if we have two priests in the Parish.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 – Compensation Claim - The Diocesan Lourdes Committee is working with the Consumer Council to pursue compensation for the delay experienced on the return journey of the 2024 pilgrimage. In order to do this, authorisation is required from each pilgrim to be returned by the end of January 2026. More information at www.clogherdiocese.ie/lourdes2024

Alzheimer Society of Ireland Support Group is a place for family members or carers of a person with Dementia to meet and support each other. The group is facilitated by the Monaghan Dementia Adviser and it is held on the second Monday of each month from 6 - 7.30 pm in Carrickmacross Library. For more information, please contact Elaine Tel: 0879783959.

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Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage 2026 takes place from 22nd – 29th September in the footsteps of St. Blaise and Medjugorje. We will be based at Hotel Astarea in the charming coastal town of Mlina just 10km from the historic town of Dubrovnik. The cost is €1350incl, of day return flights with Aer Lingus, checked in luggage, transfers, seven nights half board, day trips and a full spiritual programme. Enquiries to Kingscourt Parish Office on 042 9667314, and bookings with Navan Travel on 046 9068600.

Trócaire School Volunteers: 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 2026 in the Clogher Diocese. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have time to volunteer during Lent, then we would love to hear from you! Full training and support will be provided. For more information call Fionnuala on 028 9080 8033 or email: fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org

Corduff/Raferagh Parish Bazaar: A Big Thank You to all who organised, gave donations, and supported on the night the recent Bazaar in Corduff & Raferagh Community Centre. A total of €13,000.00 was donated to the parish.

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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 totalling **€3140.00** this donation will be matched by the T C Foundation and the donation value is now **€6280.00**. Our yearly total for 2025 was **€6725.00** to Mary Meals. Making a total of **€13,005.00** to date. Anyone who wishes to give to this Charity can leave their donation in the Parish Office.

2nd Annual Procession for St. Bridget's Day takes place on Sunday, February 1st at St. Patrick's church, Bawn, A75 FY98. Gathering at 11.20am and processing into the church for Mass at 11.30am

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