

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



St. John's, Raferagh



St. Joseph's, Carrickmacross



St. Michael's, Corduff

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sunday 23rd August 2026.

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Weekly Reflection.

Unlocking the riches of the Kingdom of Heaven!

The role that Jesus gives to Peter in today's Gospel reading is, in some sense, unique to him. Nowhere else in the Gospels does Jesus say to someone, 'you are the rock on which I will build my Church and to you I give the keys of the kingdom of heaven'.

Yet, we all have a role to play in unlocking the riches of the kingdom of heaven for each other. The last words of the risen Lord in Matthew's Gospel were addressed not to Peter but to the disciples as a group, who represent us all, 'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations'. The risen Lord commissions us to bring others, each other, into an experience of the kingdom of heaven in the here and now. The Lord, who is present with us, his Church, until the end of time, wants to work through each of us for a fuller coming of God's kingdom on earth, 'a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace', in the words of the Mass for the Feast of Christ the King.

Fr. Owen Joe.

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Saturday 22nd August.	11.00am.	AM. Deceased Members of the Sherry family, Magheraboy. AM. Stephanie Sherry, Carrickmacross. AM. Matthew McCabe, London & remembering his father Matt, Meath Hill.
Saturday 22nd August.	6.00pm.	Month's Memory: Mark Rooney, Drummond Etra. AM. Frank Connolly, 'The Bridge', Mullinary, Peter, Nora & Pat Callan & Trevor McGovern, Dublin. AM. Pat Conlon, "Oriel" Mullinary, John Francis & Bridget Conlon, Peter & Eileen Goodman, Mick & Mary Fitzsimons & deceased members of the Fitzsimons family, Kingscourt Road. AM. Kathleen & James Lambe, St Macartan's Villas, their son P.J., Dunogue & deceased members of the Lambe & Agnew families. AM. Jimmy & Eddie Martin, Drumgoan & late of Dernascobe, Magheracloone. AM. Phyllis Cunningham & Catherine, Winnie & Kitty Allen, O'Neill Street. AM. Una McEntee, Patrician Drive.
Sunday 23rd August.	9.30am.	Month's Memory: Stephen Gollogly, Greaghdrumitt.
Sunday 23rd August.	12Noon.	1st AM Frances McArdle, 31 Rockdaniel Road. 1st AM. Joe McConnon, Corcrin. AM. The Deceased Members of the Cassidy family, Nafferty. AM. Ann McArdle, (née Hanratty), Carrickmacross & Randalstown, Co Antrim.
Mon 24th Aug.	10.00am.	AM. Angeline McEneaney, Mullinary.
Tues 25th Aug.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Wed 26th Aug.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Thurs 27th Aug.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Fri 28th Aug.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 29th August.	11.00am.	Month's Memory: Elizabeth Gilsenan, Aghalile. 1st AM. May Callan, Creevy Oliver & remembering her husband Owen, their son David & their daughter Yvonne & deceased members of the Hoey & Callan families. Remembrance Mass: Martina Scott, (née Murphy) Belfast & formerly Raferagh.
Saturday 29th August.	6.00pm.	AM. Joe & Molly O'Hara, Rockdaniel Road & deceased members of the O'Hara & Kelly families. AM. Kieran & Liam McGinn, 14 Derryolam Park.
Sun 30 August.	9.30am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Sunday 30 August.	12Noon.	AM. Patrick & Mary O'Donoghue, Mary & Oliver Babbington Mullinary, Philomena, Stephen & Frank Duffy, Warrenpoint. AM. Cecilia Marron, Highfield & her parents Bridget & James Loughlin. AM. Patsy & Mary McBennett, Corcuillogue.

Recently Deceased.

Leo McCarville, Cavanageeragh, Carrickmacross.
Bridie (Bridget) Devlin, Meadowlands, Carrickmacross.
Dympna Hamill, Corleygorm, Broomfield
Roisin McMahon, Capragh, Donaghmoyne.
Seamus Coyle, Latton.
James McGragh, Shantonagh.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh. Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 23rd August.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. James & Margaret McCahey, Corcreagh & deceased family members. Michael McCloskey, Corcreagh & deceased family members. Katie & Johnny Lynch, Beagh & deceased family members.
Sunday 30th August.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. John, Pat & Katie King, Corduff. AM. Mary & Thomas Keenan, their son Thomas & deceased members of the Keenan family, Sreenty & deceased members of the Rushe family, Greaghlane. AM. Michael & Mary Hanratty, their daughter Bridget Greaghlatacapple & deceased members of the Hanratty & Duffy families.



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 every Saturday after the 11am Mass – and the Eve of the First Friday (Thursday) after the 10am Mass.

Annual Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, which will take place on **Sunday, 6th September at 4:00pm in St. Joseph's Church**. This special Mass offers the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** to anyone experiencing illness, frailty, or difficulties in body, mind, or spirit. It is a moment of grace, comfort, and strength for those carrying burdens of ill health in any form. We extend a special welcome to those who are visited on the **First Fridays** to join us on this sacred occasion, along with **anyone who feels they would benefit** from the healing and peace that this beautiful Sacrament brings. Following the Mass, **refreshments will be served in the Holy Family Hall**, offering a time for fellowship and community.

The Annual November Remembrance for those who have died in our parish during the previous year will be held in St Joseph's Church on Sunday 22nd November 2026 at 4.00pm.

Annual Family Mass and Blessings with relics of St. Therese , and her parents , St. Louis and St. Zelig Martin will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Bawn A75 FY98 , on Sunday, September 27th at 11.30am. Celebrant: Fr. Ben Hughes.

Faith and Light Regional Pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Sunday September 13th. All members and friends, past and present, invited. Bus leaving AIB, Carrickmacross 8.30am. Total cost €50. Please ring Clare 0860886846 to book your place. There will also be some extra seats available on a first come basis.

John Hamilton Vintage Memorial Run hosted by Aughnamullen Vintage Club takes place on Sunday 23rd August 2026. All proceeds in aid of Mary's Meals South Monaghan Branch. Registration 1:30pm. Cost €20 per vehicle. Run commences at 2:30pm from Aughnamullen Social Centre A75CY82. Refreshments available. Raffle on the day. Lines 1 for €5 or 3 for €10. Revolut@pamela6ut1 to purchase lines. Donations are also accepted.

St Joseph Men's Camino: Join men from across Ireland on Saturday 12th September for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Confessions and fellowship, with after-dinner speaker Fr. Mark Quinn founder of Men of St Joseph. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student €55) including lunch and Dinner. Book now and find full details at: www.dominicans.ie/events

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Lough Derg: Bus going on a **One Day Retreat** to Lough Derg on Saturday the 5th September 2026. Due to the increase demand for seats, we have hired a larger bus, so we have some extra seats available. To book please contact Pauline O'Hagan on 0879499335 or Pauline Fox on 0863669875.

Family Day Out: Today Sunday 23 August 2026 from 12pm – 5pm. **Ramble at Lough Fea,** All Proceeds to Carrick Cancer. Picnic Area, Pet Friendly, Light refreshments in The Great Hall, Historical Talks, Live music by Brendan McCahey & Friends, Nature Walks. This is a donation-event - €10 per adult. Entry by Front Gate Kingscourt Road – A81F970. With kind permission of Philip Shirley and Family, in memory of Robert Henry. Organised by Carrickmacross Lions Club.

The Friends of Carrick Cancer would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who took part in, supported, donated or sponsored the Croagh Patrick climb on Saturday the 1st August. It is not too late to make a donation after such a special effort by all those who organised and took part in this event. Our next event is on Saturday the 29th August, a walk in the Carlingford scenic area. This year's walk will take a different route, heading back to the Cooley Peninsula, but the walk will be a lot shorter than before. We will start on EMPLETOWN Beach, walk towards Shelling Hill (via the beach) then head back towards TEMPLETOWN passing KILWIRRA CEMETERY where President Joe Biden's ancestors are buried. Finishing back on the beach with light refreshments. A Bus will leave from Euro Spar at 10.30am approximately. Contact the committee below for further details. Your support is much appreciated. *Committee Members: Pat McNally 0874130727 - Majella Hoey 0872975326 - James Lambe 087 6329620 – Grainne McNally 0872506045 - Doreen McNulty 0874826990.*

Clogher don Óige are excited to invite you to their upcoming special young adult series event — **The Chosen**, a groundbreaking drama about the life of Jesus Christ, told through the eyes of those who knew Him. Join us for evenings of reflection, discussion, and community as we journey together through this inspiring portrayal of Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings.

When: Thursdays, **3rd September 2026 – 29th October 2026.** **Time:** 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Where: St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Monaghan. This is a wonderful opportunity for **young adults aged 18–40** to: Watch the series together. Take part in group discussions and sharing. Experience prayer and fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at info@clogherdonoige.org. We look forward to seeing you there for faith, friendship, and great conversation. No previous experience of watching needed.

Poor Clares Galway: Half-Day Retreat for women 18-40 with Women's spirituality speaker Louise Mc Guinness. An opportunity to encounter God's love and deepen your life of prayer and communion with God. The event will take place from 2pm to 6pm on Sunday 6th September. For more information and to register: <https://cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie>

Monaghan Charismatic Prayer Group are organising a bus to Lough Derg on Sunday 6th Sept a special day in honour of Carlo Acutis. Bus leaving Carrickmacross at 7am via Castleblayney /Clontibret/Monaghan. The Island is €50 and bus fare €25. Booking essential and ASAP with: Rosaleen 0879717447/ Philip 0872508043

August & September 2026 at Lough Derg.

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on

August 29th and 31st September **5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th** and 20th

Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential .

Includes Special Themed Retreats: 5th September – Pioneer Pilgrimage. 6th September – St Carlos Acutis. 9th & 12th September – Vocations Monstrance. 19th September – Divine Mercy Pilgrimage.

Lakeshore Pilgrim Path Pilgrimage – In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries

Sunday 30th August. 8km & 12km routes, fully guided. Outdoor Mass weather permitting. Admission €25. Advance Booking Essential.

NEW FOR 2026 SEASON –Overnight accommodation available on Station Island the night before beginning a Retreat or Pilgrimage. **Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 PC60. Tel.**

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