

The Parish Of Machaire Rois



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Sunday 28th December 2025.

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

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Weekly Reflection.

'The Holy Family'

Christmas is a great family occasion for reminiscences of times past. A relation had sent me a beautiful black and white photograph from almost 70 years ago of my late parents and grandparents and an uncle and aunt, taken at a social event. What stands out apart from the vibrancy of their youthful images, was the style and cut of the clothes and indeed of the hairstyles, and how the fashions have come and gone over the intervening decades. These wardrobe choices of the past often re-emerge as new looks for today.

The Feast of the Holy Family gives us a glimpse of the picture of the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The vibrancy of Mary and the baby Jesus under the protection of the ever-reliable Joseph, speaks of another wardrobe that is always in fashion. 'Clothe yourself in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, in gentleness and patience, and over all these put on love.'

As we continue through the festive season we give thanks for our own families, made up as they are by the energy and idealism of the children, the selfless love and caring of parents, and the wisdom and maturity of grandparents.

No matter what the fashion magazines suggest, the values of our families are still at their best when they resemble the attire of the Holy Family. As we look towards 2026 may our families be kept safe from all harm and blessed in the time ahead.

Fr Shane.

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Saturday 27th December.	11.00am.	AM. Sheila Drury, Ardross Avenue & the McDonald, Devine & Fox families, Monaghan. AM. Francis Noel Duffy, Shercock Road.
Sat 27th Dec.	6.00pm.	AM. Owen Shields, Cloughvalley.
Sun 28th Dec.	9.30am.	Remembrance Mass: Thomas & Alice Callan & Mary & Anthony Sheridan, England.
Sunday 28th December.	12Noon.	1st AM. Maureen Brady, Longfield. 1st AM. Brid Cassidy, Dundalk Road. AM. Martin Donnelly & deceased members of the Donnelly family, 6 Castleblayney Road. AM. Joe, Bridie, Peter, Paula, & John Shevlin, Farney Street. Remembrance Mass: The deceased members of St. Joseph's Choir. Remembrance Mass: Joan, Grace & Michael Egan, Belturbet & Cavan.
Monday 29th December.	10.00am.	Mass for the People of the Parish
Tuesday 30th December.	10.00am.	AM. Tom & Tessie O'Neill, Lisgall & their grandson Martin O'Neill, Creevy.
Wed 31st Dec.	10.00am.	AM. Oliver Martin, 24 Crann Nua, formerly St. Macartan's Villas.
Thursday 1st January .	10.00am.	New Year's Day Mass. <i>Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God - World Day of Peace.</i>
	7.30pm.	Evening Mass for New Year's Day.
Friday 2nd January.	10.00am.	Morning Mass for the First Friday.
Friday 2nd January.	7.30pm.	Month's Memory: Anna McGardle, Lisgall, Carrickmacross. AM. Patsy, Tomas & Catherine Kirke, Greaghdrumneesk.
Sat 3rd January.	11.00am.	Morning Mass.
Sat 3rd January.	6.00pm.	AM. Alice & Bernard Kelly, Ardee Road. AM. John Maguire, Nafferty, Ballybay Road. AM. P.J. Reilly, Cloughvalley & deceased members of the Reilly & McMahon families.
Sun 4th January.	9.30am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Sunday 4th January.	12Noon.	AM. Noeleen Keenan, her parents Kathleen & Ned Keenan, 33 St. Macartan's Villas. AM. Terry Cassidy, Mullaghmacateer. AM. Teresa & Brian Duffy, Emmett Street.

Recently Deceased.

Margaret Hughes, (née Martin) Felthon, London/Magheracloone.

Richard Fawcett, Nottingham, England.

Michael Gill, Phoenix, Arizona, USA.



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.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 28th December.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. Kathleen Conlon & remembering her husband Patsy, Raferagh. AM. John & Maureen Smyth, Raferagh & deceased members of the Smyth & Lennon families, Beagh & Greagh lone & Peter Finnegan, Corcreagh. AM. Peter Brennan & Mary Brennan & deceased members of the Brennan family, Carrickahogue.
Sunday 4th January.	Corduff. 11.00am.	Month's Memory: Margaret Traynor, Drumgurra, remembering her Grandson Oisín Traynor & deceased members of the Traynor family. AM. Bridgie, Tommy & Paddy Marron & deceased members of the Marron family, Umerafree.



Fr. Shane, Fr. Owen Joe and Fr. David and the Parish Team, wish all our Parishioners a New Year filled with many Blessings.

Mass Duties for January in St Josephs.

Weekend Readers: **6.00pm.** Patricia Harkin. **9.30am.** Malachy Marron.
12Noon. Angela McEntee.

Weekday Readers: **Mon:** Kathleen Murtagh. **Tues:** Paddy Gallagher. **Wed:** Malachy Marron.
Thurs: Teresa Carolan. **Friday am.:** Pat Kerrigan.
Friday pm.: Thomas Mee. **Saturday 11am.:** Maureen Nwokoo.

Collectors:
6.00pm. Mass: Terry Kiernan, Paul Martin, and Patrick Shields.
9.30am. Mass: Tommy Swinburne, Jim Halligan and Jimmy Finnegan.
12Noon Mass: Jim Cumiskey, Raymond O'Hara and Patrick Quinn.

Jubilee Year of Hope – Bishop Larry Duffy will officially close the **Jubilee Year of Hope** in St Macartan's Cathedral **today Sunday 28th December 2025** at the 12.30pm Mass. All welcome.

St. Patrick's Church, Bawn: There will be a remembrance Mass for all our deceased loved ones in St. Patrick's Church, Bawn, Co. Monaghan A75 FY98 on Saturday, January 3rd 2026 at 11.00am. All welcome.

Give Hope this New Year with Double the Love: Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. To donate, go to www.marysmeals.ie or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Anyone who wishes to give to this Charity can leave their donation in the Parish Office.

Clogher don Óige are holding a 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. The event continues on Thursdays, until 29th January 2026 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Monaghan. This is a wonderful opportunity for young adults aged 18-40 to watch the series, take part in group discussions and sharing and experience prayer and fellowship. **Registration is essential** contact info@clogherdonoige.org or call 047 72784.

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World Day of Peace 2026.

The theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the World Day of Peace 2026, that will be celebrated on January 1st is "**Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace**".-
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The theme of the Message invites humanity to reject the logic of violence and war, and to embrace an authentic peace based on love and justice. This peace must be unarmed, that is, not based on fear, threats or weapons. And it must be disarming, capable of resolving conflicts, opening hearts and generating mutual trust, empathy and hope. It is not enough to call for peace; we must embody it in a way of life that rejects every form of violence, whether it be visible or systemic.

The greeting of the Risen Christ, "Peace be with you" (*Jn 20:19*), is an invitation addressed to everyone — believers, non-believers, political leaders and citizens — to build the Kingdom of God and to work together to build a humane and peaceful future.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the true King of peace. In you alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations.

Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil.

Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love.

Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition.

Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary,

Saint Michael the Archangel, every angel and saint:

Please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations.

Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable.

Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful.

Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers.

Jesus, I trust in You!

Amen.

Lourdes 2026 — Thinking of travelling to Lourdes 2026? Then why not give your loved one a Lourdes Gift voucher for Christmas. Available in £50, £100 or £200 vouchers. Contact Pilgrimage Secretary – John Hueston – 028 67724329 or at 62 Crom Road, Macknagh, Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh, BT92 0BD. Email treasurer.lourdes@clogherparishes.ie

St Enda's Prayer Group 2026: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 15th -22nd July 2026. Price €745, the price increases to €795 after 30th January. For more information contact Martin 0872345930.

Tusla Foster Carer: Have you ever thought about fostering? Change a child's life by becoming a Tusla Foster Carer. Talk to Tusla Fostering today by freephone 1800 226 771 or visit www.fostering.ie to learn more.

Minor Injury Unit at Monaghan Hospital - PLEASE NOTE LAST PATIENT CHECK IN IS

7PM – patients will not be seen if they arrive after 7pm. – Closed 25th & 26th December. Please see website www.hse.ie/injuryunits to see list of injuries that we can treat or contact 047 38835 for any queries. Patients 5 years and over.

Mass Cards & Mass Bouquets: signed by the Priests of the Parish are available in the Parish Office with suggested offering €15.00 (this includes price of card). All Mass Intentions are celebrated individually.

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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.