

The Parish Of Machaire Rois

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Sunday 8th February 2026. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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

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Weekly Reflection.

'You are the light of the world.'

Many of you will agree with me when I say that we are living in a world which is fractured if not completely broken, in terms of the chaos which envelops us. Public discourse at international level has become crude and vulgar, where might is right and where the influence of bodies such as the UN have been pushed to the margins as their voices of calm diplomacy are overwhelmed by the angry shouts of hatred and revenge.

When values of morality and decency and integrity are sidelined, where ridicule takes the place of respectful interaction, many may determine that the only way to survive is to become brash, abrasive, and self-centred.

The Catholic Church approach to this distortion is to rediscover compassion and courage and without naivete to present its traditions and culture as an antidote to the negativity of individuality that eats away at our sense of community and belonging.

The Church for all its failings, and indeed because of its failings, speaks not from a position of moral superiority, but from a position where its repentance acknowledges human weakness, and points to redemption based on accountability. In this moment, the Catholic Church is once more capable of being the light to the world that gives meaning and hope and prophetic vision to all people. This vision speaks of creation as a gift, human beings as inherently dignified, and our vocation to treat all our brothers and sisters with love and respect.

You and I can be the light of the world.

Fr. Shane.

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Saturday 7th February	11.00am.	Funeral Mass: Rose Fealy, Crann Nua.
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, Mullinary. AM. Martin Kiernan, Mullinary. AM. Pat & Patsy McMahon, Dundalk Road. AM. Alice Finnegan & her husband Brian, Donaghmoyne Road & deceased members of the Boyle & Finnegan families.
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.
Monday 9th February.	10.00am.	AM. Owen & Eileen Woods, St Macartan's Villas & deceased members of the Woods & Hand families.
Tuesday 10th February.	10.00am.	AM. Ita O'Rourke, Bailieborough & Abbeyfeale.
Wed 11th Feb.	10.00am.	Remembrance Mass: Jim & Kitty McMahon, 16 O'Neill Street.
Thurs 12th Feb.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Friday 13th Feb.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Saturday 14th February	11.00am.	AM. Patrick & Mary Ellen McGinnity, Kathleen Gallagher, Alan Clarke & Kevin Rice.
Saturday 14th February	6.00pm.	AM. William, Mary, James & Brian Malone, Woodlands & the Shevlin family, Pennybridge, Mullinary. AM. Noel, Colette & Martin Loneragan, Farney Street. AM. Jason Thornton, Killarue.
Sun 15th Feb.	9.30am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Sunday 15th February.	12Noon.	1st AM. Paul Callan, Longfield. AM Cormac O'Donohue, Dunogue & his daughter Angela Dynan, Sligo. AM. Nancy Woods, Cloughvalley & deceased family members Cootehill. AM. Paddy & Kathleen Allen, & deceased members of the Allen & Costello families, Drumgoan & Elizabeth, Rose, James & Patsy Allen, Glasgow, Scotland. AM. Ann Boyle & deceased members of the Boyle family & Henry & Annie McAdams, Corduffkelly.

Recently Deceased.

Rose Fealy (née Coleman) Crann Nua, Carrickmacross.
Tommy Keenan, Watford, England, formerly Shercock.
Margaret Finnegan, Castleblayney.
Catherine Fitzpatrick, Crossduff, Shantonagh.
Lily Byrne (née Keelan) Nobber & formerly Barley Hill.

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 8th February.	Raferagh. 11.00am.	AM. Maureen & J.J. McEneaney, Corvalley.
Sunday 15th February.	Corduff. 11.00am.	Month's Memory: Paddy Reilly, Faraghy, Shantonagh & remembering his parents Rose & Michael Reilly. Month's Memory: Margaret (Peggy) McConnon, Sreenty, Corduff. AM. George McKitterick, Corlea. AM. Gene Marron, Sreenty.



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.

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.

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.

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.

South Monaghan Pioneers will hold a meeting on Tuesday 10th February 2026 in Teach Uí Bhriain at 8 pm (Inside Church Grounds). All Pioneers are invited to attend. There will also be a meeting on Thursday 12th February 2026 in Millenium Hall in Donagh, Co Fermanagh

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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 Donaghmoyn 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. McEaney, 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 opened 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.

Carrickmacross Library is setting up a new crime themed book club. Whether you're a seasoned crime reader or new to the genre all are 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.

Journey through Christ's Passion: Join Clogher don Óige over 5 weeks during Lent to journey through Christ's Passion. **Starting Thursday 26th February 2026 from 7.30-9pm at St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Monaghan.** A great way to meet up with other young people and to try something different for Lent. Anyone completing their JP2 award this year, this can be used as a parish activity. Open to ages 16+ young adults. Please register before Monday 16th February to secure your place as places will be limited. For more details visit www.clogherdonoige.org. If you have any questions, please contact the office on 04772784 or email jp2award@clogherdonoige.org

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.

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