

The Parish Of Malchaire Rois



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 21st December 2025.

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Weekly Reflection.

The good news of God-with-us.

Christmas is the feast of God's presence among us. God became flesh in the person of his Son, who was also the son of Mary and Joseph.



Yet we can all struggle at times to believe that God is really with us and for us. When we hit a crisis of some kind, we might begin to wonder where God is in what is happening to us. We might be tempted to say with Jesus on the cross, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

The feast of Christmas calls us home to the abiding truth that **God is with us**. There is no situation in life, no matter how bleak, in which God is not present. There is no personal dilemma that need cut us off from God. God speaks a word of love and wisdom to us even in the most unpromising moments of our life's journey. As St. Paul says in his letter to the Romans, nothing 'will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord'. This is the good news of **God-with-us** that we celebrate at Christmas.

So, as we wish one another a Happy Christmas, at the heart of it is a wish and a prayer that all of us will know the presence and closeness of **God-with-us**, this Christmas and coming New Year.

Fr. Owen Joe.

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Saturday 20th December.	11.00am.	Month's Memory: Tom Cumiskey, Skipton, Yorkshire & formerly Farney Street.
Sat 20th Dec.	6.00pm.	AM. Tom Boyle, Shercock Road & deceased members of the Boyle family. AM. Patsy & Jacinta Crosby, The Glen, Donaghmoyne Road. AM. Marion Marron, Magheraboy Road, her daughter Ellen & her mother Bridie Coleman. AM. Martin Walsh, Cloughvalley & his parents Peter & Bridget.
Sunday 21st December.	9.30am.	AM. Julia & Patrick Ward, Parnell Street. AM. Joe McNally, Creevy Swinburne. AM. Phil & Annie Gartlan & Martin Gartlan & Anna Jackson & Molly Kerley. AM. Eileen & Kevin O'Brien, Mullinary.
Sunday 21st December.	12Noon.	AM. Laura & Linda Crossan, Greaghdrumitt. AM. The deceased O'Gorman & O'Brien families, Dundalk Road.
Sunday 21st December.	5.00pm.	Christmas Penitential Service.
Mon 22nd Dec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
Tues 23rd Dec.	10.00am.	Morning Mass
Wednesday 24th December. Christmas Eve	6.00pm. 9.00pm.	 Christmas Eve Vigil Masses.
Thursday 25th December. Christmas Day	9.30am. 12Noon.	 Christmas Day Masses.
Friday 26th December.	10.00am.	Feast of St Stephen.
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. Bríd Cassidy, Dundalk Road. AM. Martin Donnelly & deceased members of the Donnelly family, 6 Castleblayney Road. AM. Joe, Bridie, Peter, Paula, & John Shevlin, Farney Street. Rem Mass: The Deceased Members of St. Joseph's Choir. Rem Mass: Joan, Grace & Michael Egan, Belturbet & Cavan

Recently Deceased: Patrick (Paddy) McGarrell, Drummond Etra, Carrickmacross.
Sean Hand, Barronstown, Dundalk.

**Christmas Penitential Service in St Joseph's Church with Individual Confessions this
Sunday evening 21st December at 5pm.**





Today is the fourth Sunday Advent and we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace.
Advent Wreath Prayer: "Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen."

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Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh.

Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday 21st December.	Corduff. 11.00am.	AM. Peter McCaul, Shercock & Corduff. AM. Patrick & Ellen Keenan, Greaghlane. AM. Ann Finnegan, Lisnafeddly, her son Brendan & Maggie Finnegan & Patrick Dupont. AM. Mick & Katie McCabe & their son Michael & deceased members of the McCabe & Carragher families. AM. Thomas & Mary Fox, Greaghlane, Bridget & Charles Gollogly & deceased members of the Gollogly family, Farthagorman, Rose & John Fox & deceased members of the Fox family, Bocks & Frank Curran, New Jersey & Eddie Lynch, New York & Larry, Lorcan & Emma Keenan, Bocks. AM. Pat, Rose & Noel Marron, Corbane. AM. P.J. & Ita Martin & deceased members of the Martin family, Umerafree. AM. Michael Heirty, Ardragh. AM. James & Julie McGardle & Hugh, Bridie & Rose & deceased member of the McGardle family, Carrickamore.
Wednesday 24th December. Christmas Eve.	Raferagh. 8.00pm.	 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.
Thursday 25th December. Christmas Day	Corduff. 11.00am	 Christmas Day Mass.
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 & Greaghlonge & Peter Finnegan, Corcreagh.



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.

Carrickmacross Emmets 44th Christmas Day Swim: Christmas Day at 12.30pm Sharp, at Creevy Lake.

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.

Christmas Cards of St Joseph's Church Crib for sale in the Parish Office - €5 for 6 Cards.

Mass Cards, Mass Bouquets and Christmas 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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Christmas Schedule 2025.

Penitential Service.

Sunday 21st December at 5.00pm. in St Joseph's.
Confessions Tuesday 23rd December in St Joseph's
after 10.00am Morning Mass.

Christmas Eve Masses. (Wednesday 24th December)

6.00pm. & 9.00pm. – St. Joseph's Carrickmacross,
8.00pm. – St. John The Evangelist Raferagh.

Christmas Day Masses. (Thursday 25th December)

9.30am. & 12 Noon – St. Joseph's Carrickmacross
11.00am – St. Michael's Corduff.

Weekday Mass St Joseph's.

Friday 26th December, Feast of St. Stephen at 10.00am.
Saturday 27th December Feast of St. John the Evangelist at 11.00am.

New Year's Day Masses.

Thursday January 1st 10.00am. & 7.30pm. St Joseph's, Carrickmacross.

The Feast of the Epiphany Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Masses at 10.00am. & 7.30pm. in St Joseph's.

***Please Note: The gates to the Church Car Park and the gates to the Holy Family Hall,
will be closed on St Stephen's Day 26th December from 1pm-5pm.***



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

Give Hope This Christmas 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.

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.

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