

Commencing 15th January 2022

Parish Masses / Anniversaries/ Other Events

Carrigallen (livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie)

Sun 16th 11.15 am Missa Pro Populo
Fri 21st 10.00 am Mass of the Day.
Sun. 23rd 11.15 am Kevin Percival, Beaghmore.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm &
 Wednesdays 10.30am – 11.30am

Drumeela

Sun 16th 10.00 am PC Lynch, Annagh & DFM's
Sun. 23rd 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo.

Drumreilly

Sat 15th 8.00 pm Theresa & Killian Mitchell, Kinkeen.
Thurs. 20th 7.30 pm Pat Curran, Corrawaleen.
Sat. 22nd 8.00 pm Mamie & Michael Joe Smith, Corrawaleen.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. – 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Parish Finance

	<u>8th / 9th Jan</u>	<u>Crib Donations</u>
<i>Carrigallen</i>	€666	-
<i>Drumeela</i>	€228	€66.45
<i>Drumreilly</i>	€337	€134.32

Saint of the Week - St. Anthony of Egypt.

Anthony was born in the year 251 at a village near Memphis in upper Egypt. His parents were Christian and well-to-do. When they died – he was only twenty years of age – he found himself in possession of a large estate and with the care of a younger sister. Then came the first moment of reality, when he heard the words of the gospel, 'Go, sell what you have and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven'. That is exactly what he did. Having seen to the care of his sister, he himself retired into solitude to live a life of prayer and fasting. Anthony is called the 'Father of Monasticism' and rightly so, for countless millions have followed his example through the centuries. His feast day is celebrated on 17th Jan.

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (17th Jan. – 22nd Jan. 2022).

Monday – St. Anthony of Egypt.
 Tuesday – St. Margaret of Hungary.
 Wednesday – St. Henry of Sweden.
 Thursday – St. Sebastian.
 Friday – St. Agnes.
 Saturday – St. Vincent.

+ **R.I.P.** +

We remember in our prayers, Kathleen (Katie) Mc Hugh, St. Alban's, Hertfordshire, England (*sister of Frances Magarahan, Calloughs*) whose funeral has taken place in St. Alban's
AND

Jimmy Mitchell, Manchester and formerly of Drumcoura (*brother of Teresa Breen and Michael & Leo Mitchell*) who died on Mon. 10th Jan. 2022. Funeral in Manchester at a later date.
AND

Brendan Gormley, Boston, U.S.A. & formerly of Pulladoey, AUGHNACLIFFE (*husband of Margaret Kiernan, formerly of Kilbracken*) whose funeral takes place in Boston at a later date.
 May their souls rest in peace.

Christian Unity Week 2022

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18th to 25th January. The theme for the week is "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (*Matt 2:1-12*). It is a call to unity of those from North and South, from East and West, old and young, men and women. During this period, we are asked to pray for the eventual unification of all Christian Churches.

Carrigallen Club Lotto available on-line. Jackpot now stands at €17,000. If not won, there are four lucky dip prizes of €25. Next draw this Sun. (16th Jan.) live on our Facebook Page. Purchase a ticket from your local vendor or online via our official Carrigallen Club App. or at <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

Drumreilly Drive-in Bingo: On Sunday afternoon in Drumreilly G.A.A. Car Park, Carrickmakeegan at 3pm sharp. The prize fund is €1,750 with €500 on the last game. Books cost €10 and there is a raffle on the day. Play bingo from the safety and comfort of your car. All support appreciated.

CASA - is a volunteer led organisation founded in 1981 to support people with disabilities through a variety of social events. Our aim is to develop friendships and social outlets for people with disabilities. We are unique in that we work with and support people with all disabilities – physical, sensory and intellectual – of all ages and from all backgrounds. It goes without saying that the demand for our services greatly exceeds our volunteer capacity. If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, we would be delighted to receive them from you. Our charity shops in Longford are located at 9 Rear Chapel Street and in the Holistic Therapy Centre and are open from 10.00 am to 5.30 pm
 Mon. – Sat.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2022:
 Website: www.med-irishcentre.com 7 Nights Apartment B & B, return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing, and at a guaranteed Airport transfer price. Call us for more details and bookings at 01-4434 510 or email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Accord Pre-Marriage Course Dates for 2022 in the Diocese of Kilmore will take place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Conaty Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7 on 19th February and on 9th April. These are a one day 5-hour course – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Please book online at www.accord.ie For further information, please ring Mrs. Eileen Connolly in the Cavan Accord office on 049-4375004

Hedge Cutting Grant: Grant of €75 per km. of roadside hedge/overhanging trees to be dealt with along the Public Road Network. Scheme is open everyone. Minimum length of road network per application is 1 km. All Hedge Cutting must be carried out before 28th Feb 22. Closing date for applications is Mon. 31st Jan. 22. Each Applicant/Group will be required to nominate a spokesperson through whom all correspondence will be channelled. Applicants will undertake and organise the hedge cutting works and pay for same. They must ensure that the contractor is appropriately insured and is compliant with Health & Safety requirements and confirm same to Leitrim County Council in advance of works.
Application forms and full details of the Terms & Conditions are available from:
 Roads Department, Leitrim County Council, Park Lane House, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim.
 Phone No. 071-9620005 Ext. No. 617. Email – roads@leitrimcoco.ie

Thought of the Week - You can't keep trouble from coming, but you needn't give it a chair to sit on.

JANUARY THOUGHTS

Each of us stands at the gate of tomorrow, facing the future.

At times, we have walked in wonder and awe.

At other times, we have moved along in the flood of fear.

Looking back, we may recognise that, amid the joys and the struggles of the journey, we have been companioned by a graceful Presence that has held us together and led us on.

This is not simply a journey through a string of days and months.

Rather, this is a sacred journey, one that is held in and surrounded by mystery.

Although we long for someone to translate the risks of the journey into logical explanations, we often find ourselves in the foreign land of faith.

We stand on the edge of our hopes and dreams and ask in trust to be led and supported by a Love and Energy much larger than we can imagine. We ask to walk here in courage and integrity, as we attempt to discern the voice of God amid the cacophony of our doubt and fear. To risk the journey and face the future is simply to walk in faith, but always, both in our knowing and in our unknowing, we are escorted into tomorrow by Love, who gives us everything we need.

ORDINARY TIME

In the Liturgical Calendar we have now returned to 'Ordinary Time' and the colour green, but we acknowledge that no time is ever really 'ordinary'; each day brings blessings and challenges, successes and failures, peace and turmoil, grief and joy.

Though we live in a world that dreams of ending, that always seems about to give in, something that will not acknowledge conclusion insists that we forever begin. (Brendan Kennelly).

Dear Lord, may we forever begin, safe in the knowledge that the love of God supports and redeems us. Amen.

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You may place your notices in the Diaries in each Church before 5.00 pm on Thursdays. Notices should be signed, and a phone number provided. Or you may email:

carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie by 5.00 pm on Fridays. Visit our website:

www.carrigallenparish.ie. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend any notice.

Parish Newsletter

16th January 2022 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

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Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel (John 2: 1-11), Jesus, his mother Mary, and the disciples were at a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The wine had run out and Mary asked Jesus to help because she was aware of the powers He had. But He responded "Woman why turn to me? My hour has not yet come." (Of course, Mary was present again when His hour did come a few years later). As this was a Jewish wedding, it would have been a big embarrassment to have no wine left for the guests and so with His mother's persuasion, Jesus turned water into wine and the celebrations continued. This was good quality wine too as remarked by the steward to the bridegroom, "*you have kept the best wine till now*".

This was Jesus' first public miracle and perhaps one of the most memorable miracles to many Christians today. The miracle shows us how special and important Jesus is. It shows us that He is the Son of God and that He can do anything.

Jesus never rests and is ever at work turning our difficult situations into abundant blessings. Like the guests, we too can look forward to a place where we find the '*good wine*' ahead of us rather than behind us, where most might expect it to have been. While we cannot work miracles, we can still make real changes that make a difference to our own lives and the lives of those around us and to the environment. Through seeing Jesus' miracle, the disciples believed in Him and through our actions we hope that others will see that we believe in Jesus too.

Prayer for the week: Dear Lord, Your first miracle was at a wedding feast where You changed water into wine. At the Last Supper, Your great gift to us was the changing of bread and wine into Your Sacred Body and Blood. Help me to receive You worthily into my body, my heart and my soul through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Amen.