

Commencing 29th January 2022

Parish Masses / Anniversaries/ Other Events

Carrigallen (livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie)

Sun. 30th 11.15 am Thomas Molahan, Tully.
Mon 31st 10.00 am Fiona Kiernan, Aughavore.
Tues 1st Feb 7.30 pm Mass for St. Brigid's Day.
Wed 2nd Feb 10.00 am Mass for Candlemas Day.
Sun 6th Feb 11.15 am Missa Pro Populo.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm & Wednesdays 10.30am – 11.30am

Drumeela

Sun. 30th 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo.
Fri 4th Feb 7.30 pm Mass of the Day.
Sun 6th Feb 10.00 am Mass for 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Drumreilly

Sat. 29th 8.00 pm John Maguire, Killameen & D.F.M's.
Thurs 3rd Feb. 7.30 pm Molly Bradley, Derrylahan.
Sat 5th Feb. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass for 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. – 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Offertory Collections

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| <i>Carrigallen</i> | <i>Drumeela</i> | <i>Drumreilly</i> |
| €590 | €141 | €257 |

Parish Confirmation 2022 is scheduled to take place in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Friday 8th April at 6.00 pm.

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

We remember in our prayers, Katie Brady, Rathfarnham, Dublin (*sister of Jimmy Donohoe, Gortermone*) whose funeral took place on Wed. 26th Jan. in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan followed by burial in Bohernabreena Cemetery
AND

May Harte (*née Connolly*), Luton, England and formerly of Ardunsaghan, Drumreilly who died on Mon. 24th Jan. in Luton.
AND

Goretti Cooper-Martin, Kilbracken whose funeral takes place in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady, Saggart, Co. Dublin on Mon. 31st Jan. followed by burial in Saggart Cemetery.

May their souls rest in peace.

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (31st Jan. – 5th Feb. 2022).

Monday – St. Mogue.

Tuesday – St. Brigid

Wednesday – The Presentation of the Lord.

Thursday – St. Blaise.

Friday – St. Joan of Valois.

Saturday – St. Agatha.

Saint of the Week - St. Mogue.

Mogue was born on Port Island in Templeport Lake, near Bawnboy in 550. There was no boat to take the infant to the mainland to be baptised, so he is said to have been miraculously floated across the lake on a slab of stone to where St. Kilian was waiting to baptise him. St. Mogue's Church in Bawnboy is called after him and the church's holy water font is said to be made from part of that stone. Mogue studied to become a monk in Clonard, where he made friends with St. Molaise, who would later found the Monastery of Devenish Island on the River Erne. Mogue continued his studies in Wales and returned to Ireland in 580 arriving on the Wexford coast where he ministered in the Ferns area and later became a bishop there. On returning to Cavan, he founded a Monastery at Drumlane where he died in 632. His feast day is celebrated on 31st Jan.

Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Carrigallen are seeking expressions of interest for the position of Fixed Term Secretary (currently 20 hrs. per week). The full advert can be found on www.educationposts.ie in the Primary School section under the category Secretary. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 11th February 2022. Please contact the school via email (Interviews@carrigallenns.ie)

Carrigallen GAA Lights Up with Operation Transformation: Come to Carrigallen GAA grounds every Wednesday anytime between 7:30- 9.00 pm to walk, jog or run with your family, friends and our local community in a safe environment. Everyone is welcome!

Kilmore Apostolic Society Monthly Draw - The winners of the January monthly draw held on Friday 28th Jan. are as follows: 1st Prize €200 – Chris O'Boy, Church Street, Ballinamore. 2nd Prize €100 – Joan Smith, Alacken, Cavan.

St. Mary's National School, Drumlea/Drumreilly are now accepting enrolments for the new school year 2022/23. Enrolment forms are available from the school office/secretary by email or log onto our school website: www.drumlea.ie

The Cornmill Theatre presents 'The Rock n' Roll Kids' – Charlie Mc Gettigan and Paul Harrington on Sat. 5th Feb. 2022 at 8.00 pm. Admission €25. Call 087-2570363 or email: www.cornmilltheatre.com/show-item/

Carrigallen Club Lotto available on-line. Jackpot now stands at €17,200. If not won, there are four lucky dip prizes of €25. Next draw this Sun. (31st 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. Your continuing support for this weekly fundraising event is very much appreciated.

#Pray4Vocations - Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Chair of the Bishops' Council for Vocations, is asking individuals and parishes to #Pray4Vocations each day at 4.00 pm during the coming year. He said, "I am inviting you to join me every day at 4.00 pm to say a short prayer for vocations. You might say an 'Our Father', a 'Hail Mary' or a 'Glory Be'. You might have a preferred prayer of your own. We have some wonderful prayers available on our website which you might like to choose from. Whatever prayer you decide on, we are asking you to pause and #Pray4Vocations at 4.00 pm each day." He went on to say, "Pope Francis reminds us that 'no vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people'. Prayer is the very breath of our faith and so I ask you to please make a conscious effort for 2022, in parishes and homes, to pray for vocations." You can find out more about the #Pray4Vocations initiative on www.vocations.ie

Drumreilly Active Age Group are resuming their weekly meetings on Wed. 2nd Feb. at 8.00 pm in the Community Centre.

Thought of the Week - Nothing but heaven itself is better than a friend, who is really a friend.

St. Brigid - Patroness of Ireland



Brigid was born in the foothills of the Cooley Mountains, Co. Louth in 451. She became an abbess, monastery founder, miracle worker and a saint who was one of the most powerful women in the Catholic Church down through the centuries. She organised the building of many convents throughout the country and had as many as 13,000 nuns in her control. Yet Brigid was very modest and humble, an animal lover and a friend to the poor. Many Churches, Parish Halls and Holy Wells are named after her as well as surnames like Mac Bride and Kilbride.

There are many versions of her name such as Bridie, Breege, Bríd, Biddy, Breda, Bee and Beesie.

The feast of St. Brigid on 1st Feb. is a celebration of the wonderful springing back of the earth from its winter sleep. It is the season when we celebrate new beginnings and new life on earth. Many of the stories about Brigid tell of her milking the cows, churning the milk, making butter, shepherding her flocks of sheep, helping with the harvest and even brewing the ale! Brigid, in keeping with her Celtic traditions, was wonderfully attuned to the seasons and cycles of nature. She valued the elements of nature: earth, air, fire and water. Making a St. Brigid's cross from rushes is one of the traditional rituals in Ireland to celebrate the feast day of St. Brigid. A story regarding the origin of this cross goes as follows: "A pagan chieftain from the neighbourhood of Kildare was dying. Christians in his household sent for Brigid to talk to him about Christ. When she arrived, the chieftain was raving. As it was impossible to instruct him, hopes for his conversion seemed doubtful. Brigid sat down at his bedside and began consoling him. As was customary, the dirt floor was strewn with rushes both for warmth and cleanliness. Brigid stooped down and started to weave them into a cross, fastening the points together. The sick man asked what she was doing. She began to explain the cross, and as she talked his delirium quieted and he questioned her with growing interest. Through her weaving, he converted and was baptised at the point of death. Since then, the cross of rushes has been venerated in Ireland." Brigid died in Kildare in 525 and is buried in the grounds of Down Cathedral in Downpatrick.

Prayer to St. Brigid: *You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. 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

30th January 2022 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

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Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel (Luke 4:21-30) continues on from last Sunday's Gospel when we heard how Jesus was speaking in the synagogue and how he had been sent by God to bring good news to people who are poor. The people were amazed with all that he said to them. In complete contrast, this week Jesus is back in His hometown where people do not believe that He is special. They see Him as an ordinary man, the son of Joseph the carpenter and they become angry about what He is saying. They do not believe the words they are hearing from someone they think they know so well. Then Jesus says to them "I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country" and He goes on to challenge and provoke them by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to His rejection. After these words there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff, but He walks away and slips through the crowd. His time has not yet come.

As Christians we too are called to be prophets by proclaiming the word of God to the world, even though we may face many challenges and even rejection. However, with the backing of Sacred Scripture and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit we can bring the hope of salvation to many through the way we live our earthly lives.

Blessing events this Week

St. Brigid's Crosses - Tues. 7.30 pm Mass - St. Mary's, Carrigallen.
Candles & Throats - Wed. 10.00 am Mass - St. Mary's, Carrigallen.
Thurs. 7.30 pm Mass - St. Mary's, Drumreilly.
Fri. 7.30 pm Mass - St. Mary's, Drumeela.

You can leave candles for both Church and home use on the designated table in the sanctuaries of our three Churches for blessing during the above Masses.