

# Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Parish Masses / Anniversaries/ Other Events

### Carrigallen (livestreamed on [www.churchtv.ie](http://www.churchtv.ie))

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 11.15 am** Thomas & Mary Baxter,  
Drumshin Glebe & D.F.M.'s

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 11.15am** Missa Pro Poulo

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm &  
Wednesday 10.30am to 11.30am.

### Drumeela

**Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am** Missa Pro Populo.

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am** PC Lynch, Annagh & DFM's

### Drumreilly

**Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm** Tommy Connolly,  
Ardunsaghan.

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm** Theresa & Killian Mitchell,  
Kinkeen.

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

### Offertory Collections

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</u>	<u>Epiphany 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Jan</u>
Carrigallen	€535	€200
Drumeela	€465	€65
Drumreilly	€375	€278

### Saint of the Week - St. Dermot.

Dermot (*Diarmuid*) was a 6<sup>th</sup> Century Irish Saint said to have been of royal blood and a native of Connaught. A famous teacher, poet, writer and preacher in his day, he founded the great monastery of Inchcleraun (Clothran) on an island in Lough Ree. Wishing to find an oratory far from the day-to-day distractions of civilization, he selected the isolated island associated with the memory of Queen Medbh. Here his fame soon attracted disciples and is said to have trained St. Kieran of Clonmacnoise. He also founded the monastery of Caille-Fochladha, Lough Derryvaragh, Co. Westmeath, where there is a holy well dedicated to him. His feast day is celebrated on **10<sup>th</sup> Jan.**

### Thought of the Week

You don't choose your family, they are God's gift to you.

**Archbishop of Tuam** - Bishop Francis Duffy will be installed as Archbishop of Tuam in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Tuam, on Sunday next, 9 Jan. during the celebration of Mass at 2.30pm. Bishop Duffy, who is a native of Templeport, was ordained a priest for the diocese of Kilmore in 1982 and from then until 2013 he served as a priest of the diocese before being ordained Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise on 6 Oct 2013. You may watch the ceremony on <https://www.tuamparish.com/web-cam>

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

We remember in our prayers, Michael Dolan, Stradermot, Ballinamore (*brother-in-law of Cassie Dolan, Calloughs*) whose funeral took place in St. Patrick's Church, Ballinamore on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. followed by burial in Oughteragh Cemetery.  
May his soul rest in peace.

**Carrigallen Club Lotto** available on-line. Jackpot now stands at €16,900. If not won, there are four lucky dip prizes of €25. Next draw this Sun. (9<sup>th</sup> 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>

**Do you have a Religious Vocation:** Is the One who "*baptised you with the Holy Spirit*" asking you to consider a call to serve as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Ultan Mc Goohan at [bailieboro2@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:bailieboro2@kilmorediocese.ie) Further information available from the National Vocations Office on 01-5053118 or email: [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

**Drumreilly Drive-in Bingo:** On Sunday afternoons in Drumreilly G.A.A. Car Park, Carrickmakeegan starting at 3.00 pm 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 for this weekly fund-raising event, the proceeds of which go towards the running costs of the Community Centre and the G.A.A. Club.

**Recycling Centres:** During this coming week you can bring your natural Christmas trees for free recycling to Mohill Civic Amenity Centre on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. and to Ballyconnell Civil Amenity Centre on 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2022:** Website: [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://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](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

### **Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week** **(10<sup>th</sup> Jan. – 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2022).**

**Mon. – St. Dermot. Tues. – St. Alexander of Italy.**  
**Wed. – St. Martin of Leon. Thurs. – St. Hilary.**  
**Fri. – St. Felix of Nola. Sat. – St. Ita of Limerick.**

**Hedge Cutting Grant:** Leitrim County Council will provide a Grant of €75 per km. of roadside hedge/overhanging trees to be dealt with along the Public Road Network. This scheme is open to individuals, communities and groups of applicants/residents. Minimum length of road network per application is 1 km. All Hedge Cutting must be carried out before the last day of next February. Applications are now open until **Mon. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2022.** 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. Applicants 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 as follows:**  
Roads Department, Leitrim County Council, Park Lane House, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim.  
Phone No. 071-9620005 Ext. No. 617. Email – [roads@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:roads@leitrimcoco.ie)

**Give Blood:** The Irish Blood Transfusion Service are accepting blood donations during the coming week in the **Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell** on Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. and Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 15.45 pm to 20.00 pm by appointment only. Please ring 1800 - 222 111 with your donor ID number (***the number underneath the barcode on your Donor card***) to make your appointment.

## Support Groups

**Senior Line:** This is a confidential listening service for older people by trained older volunteers, Freefone 1800 80 45 91. Our vision and mission is that every older person in Ireland would know the Freefone number, call if they need us and receive empathic response. Our lines are open every day from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM, 365 days a year.

**Samaritans:** Do you need help or are you struggling to cope with life? For immediate support about whatever is troubling you please call the Samaritans on their 24-hour help-line 116 123. They are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**Alzheimer Society:** Their helpline 1800 341 341 is open Monday to Friday from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm and on Saturday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. See also [www.alzheimer.ie](http://www.alzheimer.ie)

**Pieta House:** They provide a range of suicide and self-harm prevention services. Freefone 1800 247 247 anytime day or night. Text HELP to 51444. Standard message rates apply. See [www.pieta.ie](http://www.pieta.ie)

**Bethany Bereavement Support:** A free confidential listening and caring service for bereaved people who would like to talk. Phone 087-7552192.

**Al-Anon:** This is a support group for people affected by someone else's drinking, be it a friend or family member. Phone 01-8732699 10.00 am to 10.00 pm 365 days a year or visit [www.alanon.ie](http://www.alanon.ie)

**North West STOP:** A free local counselling service where you can safely talk about loss, stress, confusion, conflicts and other pain in your life. We are also able to provide our services whilst waiting to be seen by the HSE. Call or text 086-7772009.

**ALONE** manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00 am - 8.00 pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

### **PRIESTS PHONE NUMBERS:**

**Fr. John Mc Mahon** - 049 433 9610. **Mobile** - 086 2126582.

Ballinamore - Fr. S. Mawn, 071 9644039 / 087 6869040 & Fr. J. Cusack 087 2408409.

Fr. D. Hannon (Arva) 087 2830145. Fr. C. O'Gorman (Killeshandra) 049 4334179.

Fr. Peter Tiernan (Cloone/Aughavas) 071 9636016 / 086 3500114.

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](http://www.carrigallenparish.ie). The editors reserve the right to omit or amend any notice.

# Parish Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – Year C

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## Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel (Luke 3: 15-16 & 21-22) we revisit the scene of John the Baptist baptising people in the River Jordan and his declaration that he was only baptising with water but that someone more powerful than him would baptise with the Holy Spirit. Then the Gospel jumps forward to the Baptism of Jesus. Of course, Jesus didn't need baptism because He was sinless, but He received His baptism to show His solidarity with all of humanity. Following His baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove and a voice from heaven announces that "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." These events marked the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus.

In our own baptism we join the Christian community of the church and become adopted children of God. It is the first of the sacraments and the first welcome into the Catholic Church. We are commissioned to live our lives as Christian and we commit to build a relationship with Jesus through prayer, reflection and living the Gospel message in our daily lives. Throughout our lives in the wider community, we have a role in supporting and helping parents and godparents in their duty as Christian parents thus ensuring the continued growth of the church. So, this week let us take time out to thank God for the gift of baptism and to reflect on the importance of our own baptism. It was the beginning of our relationship with God and like all relationships it takes an investment of time and energy.

**Prayer for the Week:** *Dear Lord, your Baptism shows us that you are not remote. You are at our side. You know sin but are not a sinner. Give us the grace to renew our baptism through a frequent reception of confession and the Holy Eucharist. By receiving one, we strengthen the others. By receiving You, we receive God Himself. Amen.*