

Litter Control

Our roads are being used to dispose of fast food, bottles, cans, takeaway boxes/ plastic and coffee cups. Some areas are worse than others. Walkers are continuing to pick the litter on stretches of road. It is impossible to do every road. To those who throw litter from their cars, you are destroying the environment. Most of this litter is not biodegradable and will never disappear. Some people who care, have to pick it up and have it disposed at a refuse facility. It is unacceptable that people choose to fling litter along our roads. Our County Council has facilities in place, so please use them. If you are one of those people stop this terrible culture. Parents encourage and educate your children, teenagers to do the right thing with their litter. There will be a Spring Clean in early April where you can all get involved to ensure we are sending the right message in regard to litter.

Mary's Meals - Move for Meals

International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are launching a new fundraising campaign for the months of February and March. **"Move for Meals"** encourages supporters to set themselves a challenge and get active, while raising funds for children living in poverty. While just €18.30 feeds a child for an entire school year, every fundraising effort, no matter how big or small will have a huge impact. So, would you or your family organise a sponsored walk? Would your friends be up for more of a challenge? Are you part of a fitness club that needs some new year's motivation? Would your colleagues be interested in a team building day, such as going on a hike and raising funds in the process? Just visit www.marysmeals.ie to see how you can get involved. Call Trish on 086 3140814.

Are you a tutor or a facilitator in Leitrim?

We would like to hear from people that are available to deliver workshops or talks on any fun or interesting topic to older people's groups. Leitrim Development Company are currently updating the list of speakers and tutors that we distribute to our network of community groups, and we would love to hear from you. You can contact Anna McTiernan on 086-4073492 or Email: annamctiernan@ldco.ie

Priest Phone Numbers: Fr John McMahon 433 9610 / Mob 086-2126582

Parish Cluster: Fr Mawn, Ballinamore 071-9644039 or 087-6869040; Fr Cusack, Ballinamore 087-2408409; Fr Hannon, Arva 087-2830145; Fr C O'Gorman, Killeshandra 049-4334179, Fr Peter Tiernan, Cloone/ Aughavas 071-9636016 or 086-3500114.

Parish Website

Our website is www.carrigallenparish.ie. The Parish Newsletter is uploaded to the site each weekend and you will also find a link to the daily livestreamed Masses from Carrigallen.

Parish Newsletter

This newsletter promotes Church, Voluntary and Community events. Articles for this newsletter, which must state author's name and phone number, can be written into one of the church diaries before 5pm on Thursdays or emailed to carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie by 5pm on Fridays. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

6th February 2022

Parish Newsletter

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Carrigallen ~ Drumeela ~ Drumreilly

Gospel Reflection

Luke 5: 1-11

In today's Gospel we hear about a miraculous catch of fish at the lake of Gennesaret. Jesus is teaching from Simon's boat and when He is finished, He turns to Simon and instructs him where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything and think that this effort would be futile. However, Simon obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed because he knows that Jesus is a person of authority whom he respects. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear and the boats begin to sink. They seek help from other fishermen nearby. Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity.



Simon then falls to his knees and becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord" and feels unworthy to be in Jesus' presence. This marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Simon. Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. At this time Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. He gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman: No longer will he catch fish, instead he will catch people. Therefore, Simon gets a leadership role within the community of disciples. His task is to bring others to Jesus. At the end of the Gospel we hear that all the fishermen along with Simon also left their nets and followed Jesus. Simon who was also known as Simon Peter and then Peter still influences the Church today as we call the pope "the successor of Peter."

**Parish Masses Week Commencing
Sat 5th February 2022**

Carrigallen:

All Masses are live streamed on www.churchtv.ie - click on Carrigallen

Sun 6th 11:15am Missa Pro Populo
Tue 8th 7:30pm Patrick & Mary McAndrew, Ballina
Fri 11th 7:30pm John & Patrick Corr, Gulladoo
Sun 13th 11:15am Eileen Lee, Main Street



Weekday Mass: Mon, Wed 10:00am, Tue, Fri 7:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 6:30pm-7:30pm and Wed 10:30am-11:30am

Drumeela:

Sun 6th 10:00am
Sun 13th 10:00am Missa Pro Populo

Weekday Mass: No weekday Mass this week

Drumreilly:

Sat 5th 8:00pm
Thr 10th 7:30pm
Sat 12th 8:00pm Sean Connolly, Meiltron. Pee Connolly, Aughavas. Dan O'Sullivan, Bantry

Weekday Mass: Thurs at 7:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Carrigallen Club Lotto

Available online at <https://member.clubspot.app/club/carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets> or from local vendors. Jackpot €17,300. If not won there will be four lucky dip prizes of €25.

Carrigallen GAA Lights Up

In conjunction with Operation Transformation, Carrigallen GAA will Light-Up the grounds every Wed between 7:30am-9:00pm. Come along to walk, jog or run with your family, friends and our local community in a safe environment. Everyone is welcome.

Collections Last Weekend

Carrigallen	€460
Drumeela	€185
Drumreilly	€201

Drumreilly Community Centre

Committee meeting this Thurs, 10th Feb, in the Community Centre at 8:15pm sharp. All members are requested to attend.

Drumreilly Drive-In Bingo

Every Sun in the G.A.A. Grounds, Carrickmakeegan starting at 3pm. The prize-fund is €1,750 with €500 on the last game. Books cost €10 and there is a raffle on the day. Please support your local bingo.



We Pray For

John Corcoran, Sligo (son of Thomas Corcoran, Clooncorrick and brother of Bernie Harte, Calloughs). Funeral arrangements later.



May his soul rest in peace.

Pope's Intention for February

To pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

The Backpack for Adults - Cavan Institute

Following on from the success of The Backpack for Adults in previous years, Cavan Institute are running this course of night classes again on Tue evenings from 1st Mar for 8 weeks. Participants acquire valuable skills which protect and increase mental health and wellbeing. The course contains topics such as, Dealing with Strong Emotions, Boundaries and Contemplative Prayer. For further information please email contact@thebackpack.life or phone 083 4877325.

VAT on Candles

The government have recently imposed VAT of 23% on candles. Accordingly, all shrine candles in our churches will now cost 25c, an increase of 5c.



Drumeela N.S.

Enrolment for Drumeela National School takes place during the month of February. Enrolment forms can be obtained at the school or at Scallywags Playschool. You can also email the school at drumeelans@gmail.com and we will send you out a form.

Job Vacancy

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) for further details.

Feast Days/Memorials in the coming week (7th - 12th Feb 2022)

Mon: St Mel. Tue: St Jerome Emiliani. Wednesday: St Miguel. Thurs: St Scholastica. Fri: Our Lady of Lourdes. Sat: St Julian.

Saint of the Week - St Mel

Mel, believed to have been a nephew of St. Patrick, came from Britain with Patrick, who he worked with until he was ordained in Ardagh, Co. Longford where he later became Bishop. Mel worked from there as a travelling missionary and evangelist. Longford Cathedral is dedicated to him as is the nearby diocesan college. A crozier believed to have belonged to St. Mel was found in the 19th century at Ardagh, near the old cathedral there. It is now kept in St Mel's College. His feast day is celebrated on 7th Feb.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick – 11th Feb.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we lift up to you all of those who are facing illness at this time. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their many fears and let them experience the real healing power of your love. We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Thought for the Week

A faithful friend is the medicine of life.