

# Parish Newsletter

13th February 2022

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Carrigallen ~ Drumeela ~ Drumreilly

## Gospel Reflection

Luke 6:17, 20-26

In today's Gospel Jesus and His twelve disciples come down to level ground where a large crowd have gathered to listen to Him and to be cured of their diseases. Jesus says: that those who are poor will be happy, because the Kingdom of God belongs to them; that those who are hungry will be satisfied and will have enough to eat; that those who cry will be happy, for their tears will change to laughter; that those who are hated and badly treated for believing in Him will be happy, because they will be rewarded in heaven. He goes on to say that those who are rich have everything they need now, and so do not need the gifts of heaven and that those who have more than enough food now, will go hungry, and that those who laugh will be sad and mournful.

This may appear to be a strange Gospel to us as what we are being told is the opposite of what we would normally expect. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed and those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are being warned about the peril of their ways. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation etc... are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise but our misplaced trust in them can lead to our downfall. Our ultimate peril is in misidentifying the true source of our eternal happiness. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. This Gospel challenges us to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate desire to reach the Kingdom of God.

### Feast Days during the coming week

**Mon 14th: St Valentine** - 3rd century Roman saint whose remains are enshrined in Whitefriar Street Church, . Associated with romantic love.

**Tue 15th: St Joseph of Antioch** - 8th century Syrian deacon, hymnist and patriarch of Antioch where he was martyred in 792.

**Wed 16th: St Julian of Egypt** - an imperial soldier in the Egyptian army. Known as one of the 'Martyrs of Egypt' and is patron saint of hospitality.

**Thur 17th: St Fintan** - 6th Century Irish monk associated with Co Laois (see below).

**Fri 18th: St Colman of Lindisfarne** - 7th Century West of Ireland monk who was educated on the island of Iona.

**Sat 19th: St Odran** - An Irish monk and a disciple of St Patrick. Was the first Christian Martyr recorded in Irish history.

### Saint of the Week - St Fintan

Fintan was a sixth century monk born in Leinster. He was educated by St Colum in Terryglass, Co Tipperary. The severity of the rule and penitential practices there so influenced Fintan that his own foundation in Clonenagh, Co Laois also acquired a reputation for austerity. Fintan died in 603 and his feast day is celebrated on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### A Prayer on St Valentine's Day

Loving Father, I pray for an open heart and mind so that I may recognise and be grateful for all the love in my life. I pray that I might find a new sense of wholeness, joy and peace in your love. Remove all obstacles so that I may grow in love throughout my life. Give me the grace to trust in your loving plan for me, so that whatever the circumstances are in my life I may know that I am not alone, that I am loved by You, my loving Father, who is full of tenderness, mercy and compassion. Amen.

**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](http://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 or Thursdays or emailed to [carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie) by 5pm on Fridays. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

**Parish Masses Week Commencing  
Sat 12th February 2022**

**Carrigallen:**

All Masses are live streamed on [www.churchtv.ie](http://www.churchtv.ie) - click on Carrigallen

Sun 13th 11:15am Eileen Lee, Main Street

Tue 15th 7:30pm John & Rosetta Lyons, Killahurk & their son Gerry

Sun 20th 11:15am John & Mary Kate Morrow, Aughawillan & deceased family members

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

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

**Drumeela:**

Sun 13th 10:00am Missa Pro Populo

Sun 20th 10:00am Mary Kate Kiernan, Drumeela and deceased family members

**Weekday Mass:** Fri at 7:30pm



**Drumreilly:**

Sat 12th 8:00pm Sean Connolly, Meiltron. Pee Connolly, Aughavas. Dan O'Sullivan, Bantry

Thr 17th 7:30pm Pat McGovern, Ardra & deceased family members

Sat 19th 8:00pm John Blessing, Corrala & deceased family members

**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 €17,400. 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	€798
Drumeela	€225
Drumreilly	€318

**Drumreilly Finance Committee**

A meeting will take place in the church this Thurs night following 7:30pm Mass. All members are asked to attend.

**Drumreilly Drive-In Bingo**

Every Sun in Drumreilly G.A.A. car park, 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. All support welcome and appreciated.



**We Pray For ....**

Annie Flanagan (nee McNamee), Ballinamore and formerly of Clonboyher whose funeral takes place in St Patrick's Church, Ballinamore on this Sunday at 2pm followed by burial in Oughteragh Cemetery

... and for ...



Padraig Flanagan, Ballinamore (father of Sheila Lynch, Annagh, Drumeela) whose funeral takes place this Sunday in St Patrick's Church, Ballinamore at 11am followed by burial in Oughteragh Cemetery.

May their souls rest in peace.

**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](mailto:contact@thebackpack.life) or phone 083 4877325.

**Part-Time Classes in Ballyconnell**

Cavan County Local Development and CMETB Adult Education Services have organised an Open Information Morning at Daisy Hill House & Gardens, Ballyconnell, H14 HD53 on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Feb from 10.00 am-1.00 pm. Come along to visit our centre and hear about the new part-time courses we have on offer in Ballyconnell. The Adult Guidance and Information Service will be available to chat to you about the different options available to you as an adult learner and the courses we hope to hold in Ballyconnell. For more details contact us on 049-4377001.

**Thought for the Week**

Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Don't walk before me, I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.

**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](mailto:drumeelans@gmail.com) and we will send you out a form.



**Job Vacancy**

Exciting employment opportunity at the Sanctuary of St Patrick, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal. Applicants are invited for an Operations Manager which is a key leadership role in delivering the Mission and Vision of Lough Derg, responsible for the smooth running of all day to day operational activities at the pilgrimage centre. For further details and application pack contact Mary at 071-9861518 or [mary@loughderg.org](mailto:mary@loughderg.org).

**Leitrim MABS**

Leitrim Money Advice and Budgeting Service offer a free service for anyone who is in debt or in danger of getting into debt, including mortgage debt. Contact 0818 072 630 or email [ballinamore@mabs.ie](mailto:ballinamore@mabs.ie)