

## Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

### St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 01<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2024):

**Sun. 01<sup>st</sup> Dec. 11.15 am** – Kathleen Murphy, Main Street (**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Mass**), also remembering her late husband, Michael Murphy, Drumbreanlis.

**Mon. 02<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 10.00 am** - Missa Pro Populo.

**Tues. 03<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 10.00 am** - Mass of the Day.

**Wed. 04<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00 am** – Pat & Clara Masterson, Corner House.

**Fri. 06<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30 pm** – Deceased members of the Grimes family, Beaghmore.

**Sat. 07<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm** – Monthly Confessions.

**Sun. 08<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11.15 am** - Charles & Elizabeth Sheridan, Calloughs.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

### St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 01<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2024):

**Sun. 01<sup>st</sup> Dec. 10.00 am** – Therese Mc Gurren, Corglass & D.F.M's.

**Sun. 08<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00 am** – Michael Mc Gerty, Annagh & D.F.M's.

### St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024):

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 8.00 pm** Tomás, Anne, Packie & Johnny Kellegher, Carrickmakeegan.

**Thurs. 05<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30 pm** - Memorial Mass for Rose Conefrey, late of Corrawaleen (at the behest of Drumreilly Active Age Group)  
**Monthly Confessions before and after this Mass.**

**Sat. 07<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.00 pm** – 'Grow in Love' Mass for First Holy Communion Class.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesday evenings from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> November
Carrigallen	€1,085
Drumeela	€395
Drumreilly	€255

### Feast Days / Memorials / Solemnities this Week (02<sup>nd</sup> Dec. – 07<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2024)

**Mon.** – St. Lupus of Verona. **Tues.** – St. Francis Xavier. **Wed.** – St. John Damascene.

**Thur.** – St. Crispina of Algeria. **Fri.** – St. Nicholas of Bari. **Sat.** – St. Ambrose of Milan.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all."

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:** For pilgrims of hope, we pray that this Jubilee Year will strengthen our faith and help us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**RECENT BAPTISM:** We welcome Tadhg Brian Reilly, Drumbreanlis who was baptised into our Community of Faith on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen and we congratulate his parents, Margo and Barry.



### In our Prayers, we remember:

**MICHAEL MC LOUGHLIN**, Smithstown, Maynooth (Son of the late Lena and Pee Joe Mc Loughlin, Curraghtowney) whose funeral takes place in Ladychapel Church, Maynooth on this **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** and will be followed by burial in Mainham Cemetery. *May his soul rest in heavenly peace. Amen.*

**GROW IN LOVE:** Our parish and parents prepare their children for First Confession & First Holy Communion by taking part in the programme "Grow in Love" on next **Sat. 07<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 8.00 pm** in St. Mary's, Drumreilly and on **Sun. 08<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 11.15 am** in St. Mary's, Carrigallen.

**UNITED HEARTS, FIRST FRIDAY/SATURDAY, ALL NIGHT REPARATION VIGIL** is on **December 6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup>** in the Chapel of Our Lady's Manor, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford. Starting with confessions at 9.00 pm on Friday, followed by Holy Mass. Concludes on Saturday with Benediction and Holy MASS at 5.00 am.

**PARISH ENVELOPES FOR 2025:** We are preparing the envelopes for 2025. If there are new parishioners who would like to receive a box of envelopes please email your name and address to [carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie) Again we thank sincerely all who continue to support us so generously in all the weekly, monthly and special collections.

**NORTH WEST HOSPICE MEMORY TREE:** Light up a light this Christmas. Each light symbolises the life of a loved one costs €5. Visit [www.northwesthospice.ie/lightupalife](http://www.northwesthospice.ie/lightupalife) to sponsor a light or ring 071-9170593. The lighting ceremony takes place on this **Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. at 5pm** in the Garden of Memories, Cleveragh Park, Sligo. Music & reflections. All funds raised go directly towards developing & enhancing our palliative care services in the region.

**WEEKLY PARISH BINGO INCLUDING RAFFLES** on **Friday nights** in Drumreilly and on **Sunday nights** in Carrigallen starting at 8.30 pm sharp in both venues. Please support.

**CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOP AT CARRIGALLEN LIBRARY:** Join us for an evening of festive fun and Christmas stories with Hannah Carleton on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 4:30 pm to 6.00 pm**. For children aged 6-12. Book your space at 049-4339188. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**CARRIGALLEN G.A.A. HEALTHY CLUB:** Ladies Gentle Exercise Classes in the G.A.A. Clubrooms on **Mondays at 11.00 am**. Social Cuppa and a chat afterwards. All welcome.

**CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO:** Jackpot **€11,500**. 4 lucky dip prizes of **€50** if not won. Extra prize for holders of "weekly recurring tickets". Click on "Automatically Renew Purchase" at checkout. Draw this **Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> December** on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

**DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP:** Weekly meetings are held in the Community Centre on **Wednesday nights starting at 8.30 pm**. Many activities including gentle exercise. Refreshments served. New members always welcome.

**SAVE LEITRIM PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENING** takes place at The Scouts Den, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim N41 R522 on **Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. at 8.00 pm**. Our County / Our Future. Community or Conifers. Family Farms or Forestry Corporations. Habitats or Dead Zones.

**BALLINAMORE LIBRARY TALK:** An interesting talk will take place in Ballinamore Library entitled 'An Emerging Nation: Ireland 1937 to 1973' by Pdraig Griffin on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm**. This is a Free event and all are welcome.



**THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE:** Donations will be accepted at the Hotel Kilmore, Cavan on this **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 15.50 pm to 20.10 pm daily.** Please ring 1 800 222 111 for an appointment, with your donor ID number if an existing donor. All blood groups needed so as to maintain an adequate supply of blood throughout the festive season. New donors welcome and should ring 1 800 731137 to register. Give blood and save a life.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL FOR CARRIGALLEN, DRUMEELA AND AUGHAVAS**

At this time of year, the Saint Vincent De Paul volunteers are busy responding to calls especially now as food and fuel prices have increased. The SVP Christmas appeal for funds has now begun so that people in need of help can be visited before Christmas. You can contribute to Saint Vincent de Paul by placing your donation in one of the SVP envelopes available in any of the churches and then putting it into the steel box in the front porch. If your household budget won't see you through Christmas, please call us, we are there to help. On the other hand, if you don't live locally and would like to help financially, please contact our confidential number **087-6024223**. Thank you.

**CARRIGALLEN TIDY TOWNS - NEW E-RETURN ORANGE BIN**

As part of Tidy Towns ongoing commitment to being an environmentally friendly organisation in regard to litter and recycling in the community, we have obtained an **Orange** bin under the E-Return deposit scheme. This is whereby an organisation can benefit from the monies they receive from the E-Return deposits. It was felt our organisation was best placed in the work we do in the control of litter along with our annual litter pick on all roads. It is now in placed beside the solar bin which caters for general litter at the Post Office The orange bin is only for plastic bottles and aluminium cans with the logo under the E-Return deposit scheme. Please support our Tidy Towns by donating your bottles and cans. We will deposit at the machine whereby the monies received will go back into projects/initiatives in the community. We have made significant progress in the work we do, and this is ongoing. The Bin is placed beside the Solar recycling bin at the Post Office. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

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Fr. Andrew Tully, Killeshandra [049-4334179](tel:0494334179) or [086-8050526](tel:0868050526);

Fr. Peter Tiernan, Cloone/Aughavas [071-9636016](tel:0719636016) or [086-3500114](tel:0863500114).

**Parish Website:** [www.carrigallenparish.ie](http://www.carrigallenparish.ie) The Parish Newsletter is uploaded to the site each weekend & you will also find a link to the daily livestreamed Masses from Carrigallen.

**Parish Newsletter:** It promotes Church, Voluntary and Community events. Newsletter articles must state author's name & phone number & can be written into one of the church diaries before **5.00 pm or Wednesdays** or emailed to [carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie) by **12 noon on Fridays**. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

**Donate to your local Church online:** Visit [www.kilmorediocese.ie](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie) click on donate and choose Carrigallen Parish. In the 'message box', indicate which Church Area (*Carrigallen or Drumeela or Drumreilly*) you wish your contribution to be forwarded to. Thank you.

# Parish Newsletter

## St. Mary's Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

01<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2024 – First Sunday of Advent - Year C



**THE ADVENT WREATH** is a circle of evergreen branches symbolizing the passing of time and eternal life. The shape of the wreath, with no beginning or end, reflects the complete and endless love that Jesus has for us. Five candles are placed in the wreath, three purple, one pink or rose and one white candle at the centre. One candle is lit on each Sunday during Advent and the white candle is lit at Christmas.

On this, the First Sunday of Advent, we light the first purple candle which is known as the **Prophesy Candle** and symbolizes Hope. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep His promises to us. The Old Testament Prophets, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the arrival of the Messiah.

During this Holy Season of Advent, we too, wait for the child who brought hope to the poor and powerless, hope to the sick and outcast. Shepherds minding sheep on the hillside were the first to be told of the hope that was coming into the world. God chose the poor as the first witnesses of the newborn child who was to be the hope of people in every time and place. In times of difficulty and hardship, suffering and sadness the Lord continues to offer us the gift of hope that we may not lose heart while on our earthly journey to the kingdom in which all our hopes reside.

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.*