

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT will take place on Sunday 22nd December at 8.00 pm in Knock Basilica. This joyous evening of festive music and well-known Christmas carols is the perfect way to begin your Christmas celebrations this year. Set in the candlelit surroundings of Knock Basilica, the evening will feature Schola Cantorum Basilicae and Knock Youth Choir. Musical accompaniment will be by the Con Tempo string quartet and pianist Mark Keane. The event is free of charge. For those who are unable to attend in person, the service will be streamed live on the Knock Shrine website. *ALL ARE WELCOME.*



SCOIL MUIRE NAOFA, CARRIGALLEN NS —enrolment forms for Sept. 2025 are now available from the school and local crèches. Please return completed forms together with child's Birth Certificate and a copy of a utility bill on or before Friday, 28th Feb. 2025.

Please email: Secretary@carrigallenns.ie or visit our website www.scoilmuirecarrigallen.ie for further info.

Feast Days/Memorials during the Coming Week 16th Dec-2st Dec
 Monday – St Adelaide of Burgundy • Tuesday – St Crunmael of Iona.
 Wednesday – St Flannan of Killaloe • Thursday – St Fausta of Serbia
 Friday – St Fachanan of Kilfenora • Saturday – St Peter Canisius

SENIORLINE — Would like someone to talk to over Christmas? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone and lift the phone. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91. No problem too big or too small.

PARISH ENVELOPES FOR 2025 — are now available for collection from the Churches and should not be used until the weekend of 4th/5th Jan. 2025. Please also deliver envelopes to any of your neighbours who attend Mass in other Church Areas. Thank you.

HEDGE CUTTING GRANT SCHEME 2024/2025: This scheme is now open and aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to all, individual applicants, communities and groups. The Grant is €75 per km (with a min of 1km per applicant). A new additional Grant of €50 per 10 trees per km has been introduced to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches along the public road. (This would be a maximum of €125 per km). Further info. from Leitrim County Councils website www.leitrimcoco.ie or contact the Roads Dept. by email: roads@leitrimcoco.ie or Telephone 071- 9620005, Ext. 630. Closing Date is 31st January 2025.

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION SERVICE: — Reconciliation Service with individual Confessions and anointing with the Oil of Gladness in St Patrick's Church, Ballinamore on Sunday 22nd Dec at 6.00 pm

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Naoise Sheila Dunphy, Crossdoney who was baptised into our Faith Community on Sun 8th Dec in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen and we congratulate her parents, Cathriona and Thomas.

MISSING ITEM: Can the person who removed the concrete/stone planter containing flowers/plants from a grave at the front of Carrigallen Church please return it.

Priests Phone Numbers

Priests phone numbers: Fr John McMahan 049 433 9610. Mobile: 086 2126582.
 Fr S Mawn (B'more) 071 9644039/087 6869040. Fr Andrew Tully (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.
 The editors reserve the right to omit or amend any notice.

Parish Newsletter

15th Dec 2024— Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) — Year C

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REFLECTION

On this, the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete or Rejoicing day, we light the pink or rose-coloured candle on the Advent Wreath which is known as the Shepherd's Candle and represents the joy felt at the birth of our Lord, as well as the joy we have in anticipation of His return. In her song of joy, the Virgin Mary says that "All generations will call me blessed." Faith is a blessing, something to be thankful for because it allows us to rejoice in so many things given to us by God. Our families and friends, the beauty of the world, the wonder of music, of stories and of created things. The Lord has created us for joy and has shared his life with us so that we may enjoy being alive. As we think of the joyful message of the angels, 'Glory to God in the highest', we allow this message of sheer joy to cut through the stress and pressure that this time of year can bring.

In today's Gospel (Luke 3: 10 - 18) the crowds question John the Baptist about what evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John explains how he baptises with water but that someone more powerful coming after him will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. John's ministry is in preparation for the Messiah and he also knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in His divine plans.

ADVENT PRAYER FOR JOY—Heavenly Father, let all who take refuge in You be glad; let us always *sing for joy*. Please fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand. Grant that as Jesus promised, His joy may be in us and our joy may be complete. Fulfill His promise that, though we may grieve, *our grief will turn to joy*, and no one will take away our joy. Teach us to always pray with joy, giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light. And grant us such love and faith in You that we may be filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy. *Amen.*



Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events

Carrigallen *All Carrigallen Masses livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie*

Sun 15th Dec 11.15 am Tommy McGuckian *Killahurk*
 Mon 16th 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo
 Tues 17th 7.30 pm Francie & Bridie Smyth *Aughawillan*
 James Reilly *Beaghmore.*

Wed 18th 10.00 am Mass of the Day
 Fri 20th 7.30 pm Mary & Paddy McAndrew *Ballina, Co Mayo.*
 Sun 22nd 11.15 am Mons. John A Young *Carrigallen*

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

Drumeela

Sun 15th Dec 10.00 am Sean Brady and deceased family members *London & Druminure*

Sun 22nd 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo

Drumreilly

Sat 14th 8.00 pm John, Mary & Tommy Kiernan *Aghalough*
 Wed 18th 6.30m Carol Service with St Mary's NS *Drumlea*
 Thurs 19th 6.30pm Peggy Kiernan *Gortahose Note Time Change*
 Sat 21st 8.00 pm Jim McCabe and deceased family members *Corrawaleen*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS ON THUR 19TH DEC

St Mary's, Drumreilly: 7.00 pm. St Mary's, Drumeela: 7.30 pm.
 St Mary's, Carrigallen: 8.00 pm.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER: KEVIN McMANUS, Church Street whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Thurs. 12th Dec. followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. *May his soul rest in heavenly peace.*

NEXT HOLY DAY—6th JAN 2025: There will be no Masses in the Parish on this day. Instead, the Masses for the Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on the weekend of *Sat 4th/Sun 5th Jan*

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
Weekend 7th/8th Dec
 Carrigallen: €663 • Drumeela: €210
 Drumreilly: €232

Hey kids! Christmas Day is nearly there
SANTA! Ho! Ho! Ho!



THE 2024 PIONEER CALENDAR:

Available from all Pioneer Centres and from the Central Office on 01-8054226. The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support and encouragement to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. The 2025 calendar is now available to purchase at €3 each plus post/packaging. Also Packs of Christmas Cards at €3 per Pack. The calendar contains the Pope's Intentions for 2025 and The 12 Steps. The Pioneer family joins in daily prayer helping many people to maintain a life of sobriety "one day at a time."
 Further info from: www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar

COMBINED ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

As of 1st January 2025 we can have combined Anniversary Masses as occurring in other Parishes. The following happens when a token or stipend is given. The priest who offers the Mass takes one and the other is sent to the Bishop for Diocesan purposes.

Please read the front of the Diary in each Church for further details

LEITRIM GUARDIAN 2025
 On Sale Now! Lots of local interest

Launch of Seamus O'Rourke's book 'Leaning on Fences' with
 Cathal Farrelly • Gerry Mangan • Kevin Patrick
 Andy Mel McGovern • Tommy Moran • Liam Fahy
 Margaret's Heritage Day • 200 Years of Drumeela Church
 M C Hardcastle—Alan Taylor • Fr John Sexton
 Prof Michael O'Rourke • Janet Fahy
 Gerald McDermott (Morning Glory) • Carrigallen Bus

In all the local shops

LEITRIM GUARDIAN for sale in Dublin at
 Books Upstairs 17 Dolier St Dublin 2 or Tel Mary: 087 6216635
 The 2024 magazine is now for sale in the usual outlets, or you can purchase online at www.leitringuardian.ie

FAMILY PRAYER FOR ADVENT: Come, Lord Jesus and make your home in this family that you have created with love. Be the joy in every heart. Be the strength for those who are poor. Be the light for those in darkness. Be the peace for those who live in fear. Come, Lord Jesus and teach us how to love one another. Come, Lord Jesus, bless our family and all its members and friends. Bind us together with your love. Give us kindness and patience to support each other. Let the gift of your peace come into our hearts and remain with us. May we rejoice in all the blessings that you have given to us. *Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL-CARRIGALLEN, DRUMEELA & AUGHAVAS

At this time of year, the St. 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 Club On-Line Lotto Jackpot €11,700. 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 15th Dec on our Facebook Page.
 Tickets <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

WAITING IN HOPE A Service of Readings and Seasonal Carols in preparation for Christmas - will take place in The Conaty Chapel of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7 on Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 7:00 pm at which Bishop Martin Hayes will preside. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All welcome.

Carrigallen GAA Healthy Club Weekly meetings are held in the Community Centre on Wednesday nights starting at 8.30 pm. Many activities including gentle exercise. Refreshments served. All welcome.

CARRIGALLEN PARENT & TODDLER GROUP
 Weekly meetings in Carrigallen Community Care Centre on Friday mornings from 10.00 am to 11.30 am. €2 per child or €5 if three or more children in a family. For more info. contact Patrice on 086-6035977.

ST. MARY'S NS DRUMLEA are holding a Christmas Carol Service in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly on this Wednesday 18th December starting at 6.30 pm sharp. Everyone welcome.

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.

Weekly Parish B I N GO including Raffles
 on Friday nights in Drumreilly Community Centre and on Sunday nights in Carrigallen Hall, starting at 8.30 pm sharp in both venues. Please support your local weekly bingo events.

Thought for the Week: "It is often in the darkest skies that we see the brightest stars."