

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 22nd Dec. 2024):

Sun. 22nd Dec. – 11.15 am: Mons. John A. Young, Carrigallen.
Mon. 23rd Dec. – 10.00 am: Marian Reilly, Beaghmore.
Wed. 25th Dec. – 11.15 am: Mons. John Cooke & Aisling Cooke, New Jersey & Gortermone.
Fri. 27th Dec. – 7.30 pm: Peter & May Donohoe, Gortermone, also remembering Anna Teresa Dougherty.
Sun. 29th Dec. – 11.15 am: Margaret Sheridan & dec'd members of the Sheridan family, Druminshinglebe.
Eucharistic Adoration: **NONE**

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 22nd Dec. 2024):

Sun. 22nd Dec. 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.
Wed. 25th Dec. 10.00 am: Phil, Josephine & Celine Maguire, Cloncoose & the dec'd members of the Maguire families, Drumlara & the Kiernan families, Cloncoose.
Sun. 29th Dec. 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 21st Dec. 2024):

Sat. 21st Dec. 8.00 pm: Jim Mc Cabe, Corrawaleen & D.F.M's.
Tues. 24th Dec. 8.00 pm: Candlelit Mass of the Nativity.
Sat. 28th Dec. 8.00 pm: Seán, Ita & John Sutherland, Toome.
Eucharistic Adoration: **NONE**

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY 15 th /16 th December
Carrigallen	€1,025 (Incl. €193 returns from Aughavas/Cloone)
Drumeela	€420 (Incl. €68 returns from Aughavas/Cloone)
Drumreilly	€348 (Incl. €59 returns from Aughavas/Cloone)

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (23rd Dec. – 28th Dec.)

Mon. – The Martyrs of Crete. **Tues.** – Christmas Eve. **Wed.** – Nativity of the Lord.
Thur. – St. Stephen. **Fri.** – St. John the Apostle. **Sat.** – The Holy Innocents.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “The blessing of Peace, the beauty of Hope, the spirit of Love and the comfort of Faith. May these be your gifts this Christmas Season.”



In our Prayers, we remember:

Seán Kelleher, London and formerly of Mullinadara. Funeral arrangements later **Annie Mc Hugh (néé Quinn)**, U.S.A. and formerly of Drumdiffer (aunt of John O'Neill, Killahurk). Funeral will take place in the U.S.A.

May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

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

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS in the Church of the **Sacred Heart, Arva on Mon. 23rd Dec. at 7.00 pm** & in **St. Brigid's Church, Killeshandra on Mon. 23rd Dec. at 8.00 pm.**

PARISH FINANCE: The cut-off point for your 2024 contributions is next weekend, **28th/29th December.** Any monies received after that date can only be credited to 2025 records irrespective of which year they are for. Thank you for supporting all the various Church Collections throughout the year.

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. More details on the front of the 2025 Diary in each Church

DIOCESAN ART & ESSAY COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN: The winner of our art competition is Daria Lutcan. Daria is in 4th class in Killygarry N.S. Winner of our Christmas Essay Competition is Ellie Clarke who is a 6th class student in St. Felim's N.S. Bailieboro. We hope that Daria, Ellie have an excellent trip to Emerald Park.

SCHOOLS MEDIA COMPETITION: Columban Missionaries invite students aged 13-18 to submit an original piece of writing or an image on the theme: *Jubilee: pilgrims of Hope.* Celebrate a community bringing hope in the world today. Deadline for entries is **Fri. 7th Feb. 2025.** For entry details: www.columbancompetition.com Written prizes—1st €300; 2nd €250 and 3rd €100. Image prizes—1st €300; 2nd €150 and 3rd €100.

SCOIL MHUIRE 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.scoilmhuirecarrigallen.ie for further info.

DRUMREILLY G.A.A. CLUB are holding their annual Mc Girl Tournament on **St. Stephen's Day at 1.00 pm** in Carrickmakeegan GAA Park. All gate receipts will go to the Patient Comfort Fund in Ballinamore Nursing Unit. Refreshments served. All support very welcome and appreciated.

CARRIGALLEN LIBRARY: The Library closes on Friday 20th December for the Christmas Break and will re-open at **2.00 pm on Tuesday 7th January 2025.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL FOR CARRIGALLEN, DRUMEELA AND 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.

WEEKLY PARISH BINGO INCLUDING CHRISTMAS PRIZES on this Sunday night (22nd Dec.) in Carrigallen Hall, starting at 8.30 pm sharp. **No** Bingo in Drumreilly on this **Friday 27th Dec.** Resuming on **Friday 3rd January 2025.** Please support your local bingo.

CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO: Jackpot **€11,800.** 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 22nd December** on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AT DRUMREILLY COMMUNITY CENTRE: The committee would like to thankfully acknowledge receipt of a Once Off Christmas Support Allocation Grant (2024) received from Local Government funding allocated to Leitrim County Council. This funding has been used to erect two Christmas trees near the main entrance to the Centre and also the suspension of icicle LED lights from the guttering along the front of the Centre. A bit more light and festive spirit to enhance our parish facilities.

LEITRIM GUARDIAN 2025 – ON SALE NOW – LOT’S 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 - Ciarán Mollahan • Janet Fahy - Gerald McDermott (Morning Glory) • Carrigallen Bus. In all the local shops. LEITRIM GUARDIAN for sale in Dublin at Books Upstairs 17 D’olier 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.leitrimguardian.ie

OPENING HOURS – DR. FALLON’S SURGERY, CARRIGALLEN.

Mon. Dec 23: Normal hours. Tues Dec 24: C’mas Eve - Open 10am -12.30pm, 2 -4pm.
Wed Dec 25: Christmas Day. Closed. Call NEDOC on 1850777911
Thurs Dec 26: St Stephens Day. Closed. Call NEDOC
Fri Dec 27: Open 9am -12.30pm, 2pm -4pm. WEEKEND As Normal, Call NEDOC.
Mon Dec 30: Open 9am -12.30pm, 2-4pm. Tues Dec 31: Open 9am -12.30pm, 2 -4pm
Wed Jan 1: New Years Day. Surgery Closed. Call NEDOC. Urgent consultations only between Dec.24th & Dec 31st. Thurs. Jan 2nd: Normal hours resume.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

The Editors of the Newsletter would like to wish everyone a Happy & Peaceful Christmas.

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

Parish Website: 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 by **12 noon on Fridays.** The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

Parish Newsletter

St. Mary’s Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

22nd Dec. 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners a very happy and peaceful Christmas and I pray that 2025 will be a year filled with opportunity for all.

During the past 12 months we have had many happy times in the parish, new births, children receiving the Sacraments, weddings, bicentenary of Saint Mary's Church, Drumeela and other happy times. We give thanks to God for the ability to celebrate and for the gift of family and friends.

The past year has also brought great challenges for many as they laid to rest loved ones, as relationships breakdown, serious illness visited people, or as family members move to far away shores. These examples and many others can make celebrating Christmas seem difficult. Despite the rushing about that comes with Christmas, know that you and your cares are held in our minds and in our prayers at this time.

May the joy of the birth of Christ fill your hearts and your homes with hope, happiness and the knowledge of God's infinite love for each of one of us. May you have a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year - Fr. John.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Lord, You are a voice that represents our tears. You are a voice that represents our cries. We long to hear You in the dark moments of our life that cripple our response and paralyse our hopes. We pray that in our celebration of Christmas we may make a place at our table for the cries and tears of our world, a world in need of healing, a world that is forever searching, searching for hope and goodness. We yearn to be united in the love of every race and creed, so that our world can imitate a gentle God who is born into our world to care for and love all peoples, whose cries and tears have no voice. Amen.