

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 29th Dec. 2024):

Sun. 29th Dec. – 11.15 am: Margaret Sheridan & dec'd members of the Sheridan family, Druminshinglebe.
Mon. 30th Dec. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.
Tues. 31st Dec. – 7.30 pm: Mass for New Year's Eve.
Wed. 01st Jan. – 12.00 am: Mass for New Year's Day.
Sun. 05th Jan. – 11.15 am: Ellie Maguire, Cois Locha (**1st Anniv. Mass**)
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

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

Sun. 29th Dec. 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.
Fri. 03rd Jan. 7.30 pm: Mass for the First Friday.
Sun. 05th Jan. 10.00 am: Deceased members of the Drumeela, Drumreilly & Carrigallen Eucharistic Adoration Groups.

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

Sat. 28th Dec. 8.00 pm: Seán, Ita & John Sutherland, Toome.
Thurs. 02nd Jan. 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.
Sat. 04th Jan. 8.00 pm: Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.
Eucharistic Adoration: **NONE**

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 21 st /22 nd December
Carrigallen	€1,590 (Incl. €175 returns from Ballinamore/Aughawillan/Moyne/Killeshandra.)
Drumeela	€746 (Incl. €39 returns from Ballinamore/Aughawillan)
Drumreilly	€395 (Incl. €29 returns from Ballinamore/Aughawillan)

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Christmas Eve / Christmas Day
Carrigallen	€2,449
Drumeela	€960
Drumreilly	€1,370

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (30th Dec. – 04th Jan.)

Mon. – St. Egwin of Evesham. **Tues.** – St. John Francis Regis of France.
Wed. – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. **Thur.** – St. Basil the Great.
Fri. – St. Munchin of Limerick. **Sat.** – St. Abraham of Scetes.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “December is a time for gratitude. Reflect on the people, experiences, and blessings that have filled your life with joy and meaning.”



In our Prayers, we remember:

Mary Frances Mc Intyre, Church Manor and formerly of Gradogue, Aughavas whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen on **Friday 27th December** followed by cremation in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan.

Mae Malone (née Reynolds), Cootehall and formerly of Mohill (*sister of Kitty Holahan, Drumlea*) whose funeral took place in St. Michael's Church, Cootehall on **Friday 27th Dec.** followed by burial in Kilonan Cemetery.

May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

POPES INTENTION FOR JANUARY: *For the right to an education* - Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

RETIREMENT MASS: A special Mass and Reception to mark the Retirement of Fr. John Mc Tiernan (*postponed from October*) will be celebrated in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Belturbet at **7.00 pm on Fri. 10th Jan.** It will be followed by a reception in the Seven Horse Shoes Hotel, where parishioners, friends, colleagues and acquaintances can come and share in celebrating this milestone occasion.

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
KILMORE LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2025 led by Bishop Martin Hayes takes place from **30th May to 4th June.** For booking contact CAVAN TRAVEL, 15 Main St. Cavan H12 K2R7, Tel: 049-4361222 or Email: info@cavantravel.com Assisted Pilgrims can contact Fr. Tom Mannion, Pilgrimage Director, Parochial House, Ballinaglera, Co. Leitrim or ring 087-9170879 or Email: ballinaglera@kilmorediocese.ie

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 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.

CARRIGALLEN LIBRARY: The Library is now closed for the Christmas Break and will re-open at **2.00 pm on Tuesday 7th January 2025.**

CARRIGALLEN CREDIT UNION is now closed for the Christmas Break. Normal business hours resuming on **Friday 3rd January 2025** at the usual times.

WEEKLY PARISH BINGO INCLUDING RAFFLES on **Friday nights** in Drumreilly Community Centre and on **Sunday nights** in Carrigallen Community Hall, starting at 8.30 pm sharp in both venues. Please support your local weekly bingo events.

CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO: Jackpot **€11,900**. 4 lucky dip prizes of **€50** if not won. Extra prize for holders of “*weekly recurring tickets*”. Click on “*Automatically Renew Purchase*” at checkout. Final Draw for 2024 on this **Sunday 29th December** on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

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.

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

THIS WEEK'S OPENING HOURS – DR. FALLON'S SURGERY, CARRIGALLEN.

SUNDAY 29th Dec: Call NEDOC. On 1850 777 911.

MONDAY Dec. 30: Open 9.00 am - 12.30 pm & 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

TUESDAY Dec. 31: Open 9.00 am - 12.30 pm & 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

WEDNESDAY Jan. 1: New Years Day. Surgery Closed. Call NEDOC. On 1850 777 911. .

THURS. & FRI. Jan 2nd /3rd - Normal hours.

Happy New Year to you all.

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

Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon **433 9610 / Mob. 086-2126582.**

Parish Cluster: Fr. Seán Mawn, Ballinamore **071-9644039 or 087-6869040;**

Fr. Andrew Tully, Killeshandra **049-4334179 or 086-8050526;**

Fr. Peter Tiernan, Cloone/Aughavas **071-9636016 or 086-3500114.**

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.

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St. Mary's Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

29th Dec. 2024 – Holy Family Sunday - Year C

GOSPEL REFLECTION

(Luke 2: 41 -52)

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. As a faithful Jewish family, they travelled to Jerusalem once a year to celebrate the feast of Passover. They travelled in a “caravan” that probably included many relatives and friends. There were enough, at least, for it to take a day of traveling on the return journey before Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not with the group. It would have been typical for a twelve-year-old boy to be with the men of the group, rather than his parents.

Mary and Joseph displayed typical parental concerns. Not being able to find Jesus for three days caused them “great anxiety.” These three days of sorrow foreshadows the three days of sorrow that Mary would experience at the time of Jesus' death, when He would be in the tomb for three days. The finding in the Temple also foreshadows the great joy of the Resurrection. Jesus' response to Mary and Joseph when they find Him reveals that their role, although essential, was to be subordinate to the will of Jesus' Father in Heaven. They don't fully understand what all this is about, but Jesus being Jesus remained obedient to them and this obedience was always connected to His perfect obedience to God. Similarly, our families are to be reflections of our relationship with God.

THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

JESUS, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth. **MARY**, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys. **JOSEPH**, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety. **HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the core of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.