

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOUGH DERG THIS CHRISTMAS

The online Lough Derg Christmas Shop is now open at:
www.loughderg.live/shop Mass Bouquets, Christmas Cards, the limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle, and a large range of Nativity Sets and other gifts. The Christmas shop provides much needed financial income to support the mission and ministry of Lough Derg outside the Pilgrimage Season. *Thank you for your support.*



SACRED HEART MESSENGER (DRUMREILLY) —Subscriptions now due for 2025. Your envelope can be dropped into the mailbox in the Church Porch. Thanks to all who have already subscribed. New members always welcome. Contact: Susan Maguire—086-1686444.

Feast Days/Memorials during the Coming Week 9th Dec-14th Dec 2024

Monday – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception • Tuesday – Our Lady of Loreto
Wednesday – St Cian of Wales • Thursday – St Finnian of Clonard
Friday – St Lucy of Sicily • Saturday – St John of The Cross

GIVE BLOOD: — The Irish Blood Transfusion Service are accepting blood donations at Loch Gowna Community Centre on this Monday & Tuesday 09th/10th 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.

ANAM CARA — the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30 pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

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.

Priests Phone Numbers

Priests phone numbers. Fr John McMahon 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

8th Dec 2024—Second Sunday of Advent — Year C

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On this, the Second Sunday of Advent, we light the second purple candle on Advent Wreath which is known as the Bethlehem Candle and symbolizes peace. This candle reminds us that the angels declared "peace on earth" at the birth of Jesus. Jesus offers us inner peace and peace with others. We can know and experience peace today only through the life of Jesus Christ. The world awaits the birthday of the Prince of Peace and the gift of peace. Today so many people suffer war and violence. Leaders threaten, armies wage war and the innocent die; especially women and children. Local wars and disputes bring bloodshed and terror to the streets and towns of our global village. It affects us all for in the end 'no man is an island.' The message of the Prince of Peace is needed now more than ever. We pray for love and forgiveness, peace and reconciliation to restore harmony between human beings so that future generations may live in safety.

Today's Gospel (Luke 3: 1-6) invites us to prepare a way for the Lord in the wilderness of our lives — or perhaps better to allow God to prepare a way in our hearts for His coming. Advent reminds us that we are on a journey and that the Lord will come to each of us personally at our journey's end. We have come from the hand of God — he loved us and called us into being —each one is personally known and loved, and we journey through life until the moment when He calls us back to Himself. Advent strengthens our hope that He will come — and invites us to be ready and on the watch. If we learn to recognise His coming at each moment, then when He finally comes for us, we will recognise Him and surrender to His embrace.

ADVENT PRAYER FOR PEACE—God of Heaven, at the first Christmas Your angel announced, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to men of goodwill." Thank You for the peace Your Son Jesus promised, not as the world gives, but willing, deep, lasting, and abiding peace. Thank You, that since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord of peace Himself give us peace at all times and in every way. *Amen.*



Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events

Carrigallen *All Carrigallen Masses livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie*
 Sun 8th Dec 11.15 am Charles & Elizabeth Sheridan *Calloughs*
 Mon 9th 10.00 am Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
 Tues 10th 7.30 pm Vincent & Lena Hoban *Main Street*
 Wed 11th 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo
 Fri 13th 7.30 pm Frank, Pauline & Seán Donohoe *Gortermone*
 Sun 15th 11.15 am Tommy McGuckian *Killahurk*

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

Drumeela

Sun 8th Dec 10.00 am Michael Mc Gerty and deceased family members *Annagh*
 Sun 15th 10.00 am Sean Brady and deceased family members *London & Drumreilly*

Drumreilly

Sat 7th Dec 8.00 pm 'Grow in Love' Mass for First Communion Class.
 Thurs 12th 7.30pm Francis Quinn *Drumdiffy*
 Sat 14th 8.00 pm John, Mary & Tommy Kiernan *Aghalough*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

RECENT MARRIAGE Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness to Mary McCaffrey, Bredagh and Philip Mulligan, Cavan who received the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday 29th November in St Mary's Church, Aughnasheelin.



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 Jan./Sun 5th Jan.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Carrigallen: €685 (Incl. €72 returns from Ballinamore/Aughawillan)
Drumeela: €320 (Incl. €62 returns from Ballinamore/Aughawillan)
Drumreilly: €428 (Incl. €155 returns from Ballinamore/Aughawillan)

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting on this

Wednesday night (11th Dec.) at 8.00 pm in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall. All members please attend.

THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS REGIONAL

CENACLE on Wednesday 11th December in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Rooskey. Holy Rosary, Confession and Holy Hour starts at 7.00 pm. Holy Mass at 8.00 pm. *All welcome!*

LEITRIM GUARDIAN 2025

On Sale Now! Lots of local interest

Gerry Mangan ▪ Kevin Patrick ▪ Andy Mel McGovern
 Tommy Moran ▪ Liam Fahy ▪ Margaret's Heritage Day
 200 Years of Drumeela Church ▪ MC Hardcastle
 Alan Taylor ▪ Fr John Sexton ▪ Prof Michael O'Rourke
 Janet Fahy ▪ Gerald McDermott (Morning Glory)
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.leitrimguardian.ie

FAMILY BLESSING FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE:

God of all creation, we praise you for this tree which bring beauty and memories and the promise of life to our home. May your blessing be upon all who gather around this tree, all who keep the Christmas Feast by its lights. We wait for the coming of Christ and the days of everlasting justice and peace. You are our God, living and reigning for ever and ever, Amen." *(Then the lights are turned on).*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL-CARRIGALLEN, DRUMEELA & 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 here 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. *Thank you.*



Carrigallen Club On-Line Lotto Jackpot €11,600. 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 8th December on our Facebook Page.

Tickets <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

Carrigallen GAA 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.



CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOP AT CARRIGALLEN LIBRARY: Join us for an evening of festive fun and Christmas stories with Hannah Carleton on Thursday

12th 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.

DRUMEELA GARDEN CLUB: Christmas Floral Arrangement

Demo takes place in Teach Dúchais on Wed. 11th Dec. at 8.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to this annual festive event where you can sit back and enjoy watching the talented Clairin Molloy at work. Refreshments served afterwards and a raffle where you could win one of the floral arrangements made.

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 ... Carrigallen Hall, starting at 8.30 pm sharp in both venues. Please support your local weekly bingo events.



Soon be Christmas Eve! SANTA! Ho! Ho! Ho!

