

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 05th Jan. 2025):

Sun. 05th Jan. – 11.15 am: Ellie Maguire, Cois Locha (**1st Anniv. Mass**).

Sun. 12th Jan. – 11.15 am: Kevin Mc Cabe, Drumsilla (**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. 05th Jan. 2025):

Sun. 05th Jan. 10.00 am: Deceased members of the Drumeela, Drumreilly & Carrigallen Eucharistic Adoration Groups.

Sun. 12th Jan. 10.00 am: Paddy Mc Govern, Newtowngore.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 04th Jan. 2025):

Sat. 04th Jan. 8.00 pm: Missa Pro Populo.

Sat. 11th Jan. 8.00 pm: Tommy Connolly, Ardunsaghan.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

<u>CHURCH AREA</u>	<u>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 28th/29th Dec. 2024</u>
Carrigallen	€1,200
Drumeela	€525
Drumreilly	€662

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (06th Jan. – 11th Jan.)

Mon. – The Epiphany of the Lord. **Tues.** – St. Brannock of Devon.

Wed. – St. Albert of Cashel. **Thur.** – St. Adrian of Canterbury.

Fri. – St. Dermot of Inchcleraun. **Sat.** – St. Alexander of Italy.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Life is like a coin - you can spend it anyway you want, but you can only spend it once."

IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

JERARD O'ROURKE, Yorkshire, England (*brother of Kieran O'Rourke, Tully*) who died on **29th December 2024**. Funeral arrangements later.

May his soul rest in heavenly peace.

RECENT BAPTISM: With joy, we welcome Baby Sheenagh Méabh Nash, Drumderglin who was baptised into our Community of Faith on **Sunday 29th December 2024** in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen and we congratulate her parents, Sinéad and Noel.



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 this Friday 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.

PRAYER BY TELEPHONE: The Sisters of Mercy, "Bethany", 34 Point Road, Dundalk welcome any person who may wish to request prayer. All requests are confidential. Phone line open **daily from 9.00 am – 9.00 pm.** Telephone: 042-9331602. One of the Sisters will be happy to LISTEN and PRAY WITH YOU.

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

MICHAEL ENGLISH IN CONCERT at Cavan Cathedral on **Thursday 20th February 2025. Doors open at 7.15 pm with Concert starting at 8.00 pm.** All proceeds going to the Lourdes Assisted Pilgrim Fund. Tickets are available from the Presbytery, Cavan, the Farnham Arms Hotel, Cavan, Fr. Tom Mannion, the Parochial House, Ballinaglera and online at www.eventbrite.ie

IRISH MESSENGER MAGAZINE – DRUMREILLY: There are still a few subscriptions outstanding for 2025. Please drop them into the secure metal box in the Church Porch as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

CARRIGALLEN LIBRARY: Your local Library is re-opening at **2.00 pm on this Tuesday 7th January 2025.**

CARRIGALLEN BINGO CANCELLED for this Sunday night (**5th Jan.**) due to adverse weather conditions. Will resume on Sun. 12th Jan. at 8.30 pm. Bingo also in Drumreilly Community Centre on Friday nights at 8.30 pm. Please support your local weekly bingo.

CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO: Jackpot **€12,000.** 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 05th January** on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

THE 13TH ANNUAL 'LEITRIM SPORTS STAR AWARDS' organised by the Leitrim Sports Partnership will take place on **Saturday 8th February 2025** in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon. The purpose of the awards is to acknowledge Individuals, Sports Clubs, Teams, Schools and Community Volunteers for their outstanding contributions, achievements and recreation in sport in Leitrim. Speaking at the launch of the event Mick O'Rourke, Leitrim Sports Partnership Chairperson said "*The awards aim to recognise not just people operating at the top level of their sport in the county but also to acknowledge those who provide vital supports to their clubs, team and communities*". Nomination forms and further details available on www.leitrimcoco.ie

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Holy Door Opens Jubilee Year 2025. Though the first Holy Year took place in 1300, it was not until 1423 that records the opening and closing of the Holy Door, in the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. It has become the great sign of the Jubilee Year, beginning at St. Peter's since 1500 and then, the other major basilicas in Rome, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside-the Walls. The door became a wall, from 1500 to 1975, with the Pope using a hammer and trowel; now, a door that the Pope simply pushes. As pilgrims of hope may we go through the Holy Door, in St. Peter's or elsewhere, near or far, real or imaginary and enter Jubilee 2025 and experience grace and peace.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER 2025

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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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.

Donate to your local Church online: Visit 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

05th Jan. 2025 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas - Year C

THE EPIPHANY



The word *Epiphany* means to reveal or to make known. The Three Kings, also known as the Three Wise Men or the Magi, were led and drawn by the light of a star to come and pay homage to Jesus.

Their names were Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar and they came from the East. They arrive with expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh only fit for a king as they bend low and kneel in front of the King of Kings. They were humbled by the experience.

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is not about something that happened long ago - this great feast reminds us to look for and find God within and around us. The Three Kings had the light of a star to guide them on their way. Similarly, we have the light of our faith to guide us through the ordinary events of our daily lives. We pray for ourselves and all people of good will who are searching for God that all may have the courage, wisdom and faith to follow God's lead and direction.

A NEW YEAR PRAYER

God of this new year, we are walking into mystery. We face the future, not knowing what the days and months ahead will bring to us or how we will respond. Be love in us as we journey. May we welcome all who come our way. Deepen our faith to see all of life through your eyes. Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that you dwell in us amidst our joys and sorrows. Thank you for the treasure of our faith life. Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance of your walking through the day with us. God of this new year we praise you. Amen.