

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 12th Jan. 2025):

Sun. 12th Jan. – 11.15 am: Kevin Mc Cabe, Drumsilla (**1st Anniv. Mass**).

Sat. 18th Jan. – 12 noon: Kevin Mc Manus, Church St. (**M.M. Mass**).

Sun. 19th Jan. – 11.15 am: Maurice, Aidan & Mary E. Brady, Scordan Rd.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 12th Jan. 2025):

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

Sun. 19th Jan. 10.00 am: P. C. Lynch, Annagh & D.F.M's.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 11th Jan. 2025):

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

Sat. 18th Jan. 8.00 pm: Theresa & Killian Mitchell, Kinkeen & D.F.M's.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

<u>CHURCH AREA</u>	<u>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 05th/06th Jan.</u>
<u>Carrigallen</u>	<u>€755</u>
<u>Drumeela</u>	<u>€160</u>
<u>Drumreilly</u>	<u>€329</u>

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (13th Jan. – 18th Jan.)

Mon. – St. Hilary of Poitiers. **Tues.** – St. Baetan of Inisbofin.

Wed. – St. Ita of Killeedy. **Thur.** – St. Furse (Fursa) of Connaught.

Fri. – St. Anthony of Egypt. **Sat.** – St. Margaret of Hungary.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”.



RECENT BAPTISM: With joy, we welcome Baby Croía Marie Curry, Carrickmakeegan who was baptised into our Community of Faith on **Saturday 4th January 2025** in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly and we congratulate her parents, Marian and Paul.

A EUCHARISTIC HEALING CONFERENCE will take place from **Friday 17th to Sunday 19th January 2025** in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers will include Fr. John Keane, Fr. Benny Mc Hale, Fr. Brendan Kilcoyne, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Bill Keogh, Eddie Stones, Deacon Don Devaney, Deacon Thady O'Connor and many more. Registration is €45. Contact Mary on 087-7847304 or 086-3152460.

STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE, IS THIS FOR YOU? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before **11th February 2025**. Find out more on our website, www.prioryinstitute.com Click [here](#) to see a 2 minute introductory film.

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 **Thurs. 20th Feb. 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, Ballinaglera and online at www.eventbrite.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 N.S. 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.

RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME (RSS): A vacancy has arisen for an RSS employee in Drumreilly G.A.A. Park, Carrickmakeegan. Contact any club officer for more details.

DRUMREILLY G.A.A. and the Mc Girl families wish to thank everyone who supported their annual St. Stephen's Day Tournament Game. All gate receipts were donated to The Patient Comfort Fund, Ballinamore Community Nursing Unit and Primary Care Centre.

GAA HEALTHY CLUB: IRELAND LIGHTS UP - commencing on this **Wednesday, 15th January 2025** at Carrigallen GAA Pitch Walking Track. This event will continue on every Wednesday for six weeks. The track will be open and lit up with sign in from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there and hope it will be a good opportunity to walk safely, enjoy a chat and get fit on these dark winter evenings. Please wear a hi-vis. Everyone welcome.

WEEKLY PARISH BINGO in Carrigallen Hall on this **Sunday night (12th Jan. - Third last night)** starting at 8.30 pm sharp and in Drumreilly Community Centre on **Friday nights also at 8.30 pm**. Raffles at both bingos. All support appreciated.

CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO: Jackpot **€12,100**. 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 12th January** on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

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.

BALLINAMORE ATHLETIC CLUB are currently celebrating it's 60th Anniversary. We will resume weekly training at Ballinamore Sports Hall on **Tuesday next, 14th January starting at 7.00 pm sharp.** New members will be enrolled.

5 STEP SUPPORT SERVICE: Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual ? 5 Step Support can help you; it is a free , non-judgemental, one - one consultation service. Putting your needs and wellbeing first , helping you manage often stressful, difficult, emotional issues. Contact 071-9150578/085-8759319. Email: sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com You haven't to be addicted to suffer from addiction!

HEDGE CUTTING GRANT SCHEME 2025: This scheme is closing shortly. It 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.**

'THE LEITRIM GATHERING' is a celebration of Leitrim, which takes place from **Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May 2025.** The event promises a weekend of exciting activities for all the family with a series of literary, cultural, heritage, music and dance events taking place. The event is designed to connect with the Leitrim Diaspora all over the world and encourage as many as possible to attend the event or alternatively to organise an event to celebrate their Leitrim roots wherever they reside. A warm welcome awaits everyone who calls Leitrim home. For those living abroad, check out a competition for free flights home to 'Lovely Leitrim' - visit www.theleitrimgathering.com/competition

Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon [433 9610](tel:4339610) / *Mob. 086-2126582.*

Parish Cluster: Fr. Seán Mawn, Ballinamore [071-9644039](tel:0719644039) or [087-6869040](tel:0876869040);

Fr. Andrew Tully, Killeshandra [049-4334179](tel:0494334179) or [086-8050526](tel:0868050526);

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

12th Jan. 2025 – Baptism of the Lord - Year C

REFLECTING ON OUR BAPTISM

Today is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own baptism. It is not something which happened a long time ago and which 'made' us Catholics. It is not just a ceremony lasting a few minutes which produces magical effects. Rather, it is the beginning of a lifelong journey. It is the beginning of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as one of its members.

Our baptism is essentially a community experience; it is not just a private or a family event, although in the way it was "celebrated" it may have looked like that. It involves active participation in the life of the Church, not just passive membership and not asking what the Church can do for you, but what you can do for the Church.

Each one of us is called to be a living witness to the Gospel - to be the salt of the earth, a city on a hill, a lamp radiating light for all. Our baptism is a never-ending call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Every word of Isaiah can also be applied to each one of us who has been baptised. So let us today renew our faith in and our commitment to following Jesus. Let us re-affirm our readiness to carry on his work. For it is a sobering fact that without our co-operation, much of God's work will never get done.

PRAYER: Lord, thank you for the precious gift of baptism, that we can publicly declare our love and passion for You. We ask for Your goodness and blessings to be poured out on us. We pray that You would work deeply within our hearts and souls to renew and refresh us each day. Amen.