

**Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:**

**St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2025):**

**Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. – 11.15 am:** Maurice, Aidan & Mary E. Brady, Scordan Rd.

**Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. – 10.00 am:** Teresa & Hugh Mc Goohan, Kilmore.

**Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. – 7.30 pm:** Hugh & Ann Mc Guire, Drumderglin & D.F.M's

**Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. – 10.00 am:** Mass of the Day.

**Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. – 7.30 pm:** Kevin Percival, Beaghmore & D.F.M's.

**Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. – 11.15 am:** Mary Mc Intyre, Church Manor (M.M. Mass).  
Thomas & Brigid Baxter, Drumshinglebe.

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

**St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2025):**

**Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am:** P. C. Lynch, Annagh & D.F.M's.

**Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am:** Missa Pro Populo.

**St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2025):**

**Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm:** Theresa & Killian Mitchell, Kinkeen & D.F.M's.

**Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 7.30 pm:** Mass of the Day.

**Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm:** Una & Hughie Maguire, Aghalough.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

| CHURCH AREA | OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Jan. | CRIB DONATIONS |
|-------------|---|----------------|
| Carrigallen | €610  | €----          |
| Drumeela    | €335  | €80            |
| Drumreilly  | €334  | €94            |

**Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (20<sup>th</sup> Jan. – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan.)**

**Mon.** – St. Féichín of Fore.      **Tues.** – St. Agnes of Rome.

**Wed.** – St. Vincent of Saragossa.      **Thur.** – St. Colman of Lismore.

**Fri.** – St. Francis de Sales.      **Sat.** – Conversion of St. Paul.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates. At the first gate, ask yourself, "Is it true?". At the second gate ask, "Is it necessary?". And at the third gate ask, "Is it kind?".

**"GROW IN LOVE":** Our parish and parents are continuing to prepare their children for First Confession and First Holy Communion by taking part in the programme "Grow in Love" on next **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00 pm** in St. Mary's, Drumreilly and on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 11.15 am** in St. Mary's, Carrigallen.



**IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:**

**EILEEN MAGUIRE (née Lee)**, Ballinamore and formerly of Drumeela whose funeral took place on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** in St. Patrick's Church, Ballinamore followed by burial in Oughteragh Cemetery.

**WILLIE CONEFREY**, Fenagh (uncle of Ediel Mc Cartin, Mullyaster), whose funeral took place on in St. Mary's Church, Foxfield on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January** followed by burial in Fenagh New Cemetery. *May their souls rest in heavenly peace.*

**CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025:** This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ'. Our Catholic schools are places where faith is lived in service to one another in a spirit of inclusion, joy, hope and belief in one another as gifts from God. Catholic Schools Week 2025 is to be celebrated from **Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. to Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan.** We pray for and support our local Catholic schools so that, together with us, the parish community, they will be alive with the joy and hope that is Christ. Jesus Christ calls us together as a living faith community so that our schools, parish and families may support and animate one another.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – SAT. 18<sup>th</sup> to SAT 25<sup>th</sup> JAN:** 2025 marks the 1,700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea in 325 AD. This commemoration provides an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the Nicene Creed, which traces its origins to the Council of Nicaea which led to the adoption of the Nicene Creed as an expression of the common faith of Christians. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians. The theme for the week, "**Do you believe this?**", comes from John 11:17-27 and takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of Lazarus.

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE:** As part of the week of prayer for Church Unity, an Ecumenical Service will be held in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arva on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at 7.30 pm.** Archdeacon Hazel Hicks, Fr. Andrew Tully and Fr. Oliver O'Reilly will lead the Service and everyone is welcome to come along and join in.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2025:** Direct from Dublin to Mostar from **Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> to Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> June.** €805 if deposit of €200 is paid before **31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2025**, otherwise €855 applies. The Spiritual Leader is Rev. John Chester P.P. Roslea, Co. Fermanagh and the Group Leader is Marian Kane, Cavan who can be contacted on 087-2713260. Alternatively, you can email: [parishofroslea@gmail.com](mailto:parishofroslea@gmail.com) or phone 048-67215832.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE** who contributed to the recent Christmas Church collections in Drumeela and Carrigallen and the numerous people who contribute otherwise at this time and throughout the year. All of this money is for local people, so that nobody in this community has to do without food or heat. **The local SVP confidential number is 087-6024223.**


**JOB VACANCY:** A vacancy exists for a Rural Social Scheme (RSS) worker at Drumreilly G.A.A. Park, Carrickmakeegan. Contact any Drumreilly GAA Club officer for more details.

**WEEKLY PARISH BINGO** in Carrigallen Hall on this **Sunday night (19<sup>th</sup> Jan. - second last night of the current season)** 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.

**GAA HEALTHY CLUB - IRELAND LIGHTS UP** continues on *Wednesday nights* at Carrigallen GAA Pitch Walking Track. The track will be open and lit up with sign in from **7.00 pm to 8.30 pm**. This is a good opportunity to walk safely, enjoy a chat and get fit on these dark winter evenings. Please wear a hi-vis. Everyone welcome.

**CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO:** Jackpot **€12,200**. 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 19<sup>th</sup> January** on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

**POWER & WATER OUTAGES:** Were you affected by the recent electricity and water outages following the storm, if so, come along to a public meeting on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.00 pm** in The Den (Sports Complex), Swanlinbar Road, Ballinamore, have your say and hear what others have to say. This meeting is organised by Leitrim PPN and will have an independent facilitator. All community groups invited to attend.

 **THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE** is accepting blood donations at the Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon on this **Wednesday & Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 15.50 to 20.10 pm**. Phone 1 800 222 111 for an appointment, with your donor ID number if an existing donor. All blood groups urgently needed. New donors welcome. Ring 1 800 731137 to register. Give blood and save a life ! Thank you.

### ACCORD PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES 2025

**FRI. 7<sup>th</sup> FEB:** 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm & **SAT . 8<sup>th</sup> FEB.** 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.  
**FRI. 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL:** 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm & **SAT . 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL** 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.  
**FRI. 10<sup>th</sup> OCT:** 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm & **SAT . 11<sup>th</sup> OCT.** 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

All courses will take place in the Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan, H12 E5C7.

To book a course, lease log on to: [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

### PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

God grant us the patience to work together, bring us all together as a family with understanding and compassion in our hearts. Let us not be rude or arrogant towards one another, as we light the way to your heavenly kingdom. Teach us to love as you did, even to laying down our lives for our friends. Help us to carry the cross daily with you. Be with us as we travel the pilgrim road so that our hearts may ever burn with love and joy. Amen.

**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](http://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](mailto: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

19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### WATER INTO WINE



The Wedding Feast at Cana is a well-known account of Jesus turning water into wine. The wine was running low and in Galilee which was a wine producing region, it would have been very embarrassing for the bride and groom if the wine ran out. Now Jesus's mother, Mary, was among the guests and she is the one who first brings the request to Jesus to solve the problem. His response might seem a bit negative as He says "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not yet come." Of course, Jesus was merely expressing to Mary that if He performed this miracle, it would begin the sequence of events that would eventually lead to His death on the Cross.

Mary was a woman of wisdom and strong faith, so she did not shy away from the issue. She knew all about her Son's earthly mission and so she told the servants to "Do whatever He tells you." The servants did as requested, and Jesus performed His first public miracle of changing water into wine. Of course, this Gospel (John 2: 1-11) is not only about Jesus fixing a practical problem. It is much more about the words of Mary - *Do whatever Jesus tells you*. These are the words which Mary, our spiritual mother, is still telling us today. If we follow this instruction, we won't go too far wrong. Even if we go astray for a while, we will always be welcomed back with open arms.

**PRAYER:** Dear Lord, Your first miracle was at a wedding feast where You changed water into wine. At the Last Supper, Your great gift to us was the changing of bread and wine into Your Sacred Body and Blood. Help me to receive You worthily into my body, my heart and my soul through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Amen.