

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 02nd Feb. 2025):

Sun. 02nd Feb. – 11.15 am: Gráinne Heslin, Cloncorrick & Fr. Dominic Heslin
Fiona Kiernan, Aughavore.

Mon. 03rd Feb. – 10.00 am: Dec'd members of the Mc Gee family, Aughavore

Tues. 04th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Wed. 05th Feb. – 10.00 am: Dec'd members of the Rowan & Doonan families, Bredagh.

Fri. 07th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Fr. Patrick Young.

Sun. 09th Feb. – 11.15 am: Thomas Molahan, Tully.
Bridget & Vincent Greene, Drumcannon & D.F.M's.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 02nd Feb. 2025):

Sun. 02nd Feb. 10.00 am: Mass for Candlemas Day.

Sun. 09th Feb. 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 01st Feb. 2025):

Sat. 01st Feb. 8.00 pm: Missa Pro Populo.

Thurs. 06th Feb. 7.30 pm: Jimmy Mitchell & his parents, Pat & Agnes, Drumcoura.

Sat. 08th Feb. 8.00 pm: John Blessing, Corrala & D.F.M's.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 25 th /26 th Jan.
Carrigallen	€730
Drumeela	€120
Drumreilly	€191

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (03rd Feb. – 08th Feb.)

Mon. – St. Blaise of Armenia. **Tues.** – St. Lomman of Lough Owel.

Wed. – St. Agatha of Sicily. **Thur.** – St. Dorothy of Caesarea.

Fri. – St. Mel of Ardagh. **Sat.** – St. Josephine Bakhita.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Life is like a candle. It slowly burns away. So, try to make the most of it, enjoy it every day. Sometimes the candle flickers, which makes it less light. But then the candle burns steady, and again, everything is bright. This is just how life is, we get to share our sorrow. But like the candle burning, it will be bright again tomorrow.

POPES INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life -
Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL DATES 2025

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

SATURDAY 03RD MAY - ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DRUMREILLY AT 12 NOON.

SATURDAY 17TH MAY - ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CARRIGALLEN AT 12 NOON.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

SATURDAY 10TH MAY - ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CARRIGALLEN AT 11.00 AM.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

PATRICK J. MULLIGAN, Aughtnaclyffe and formerly of Gulladoo whose funeral takes place in St. Joseph's Church, Purth on **Mon. 3rd Feb.** followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May his soul rest in heavenly peace.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting on this **Thursday night (6th Feb.)** in the Parochial House starting at 8.30 pm sharp. All members please attend.

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL'S STORM ÉOWYN SUPPORT HELPLINE IS OPEN:

Sunday 02.02.25- 9.00 am-1.00 pm & Monday 03.02.25-9.00 am-1.00 pm. Call 071 965 0471 or email storm@leitrimcoco.ie Emergency calls should be directed to 999 or 112 in the normal way. For more information and to view a list of Support Hubs please visit Storm Éowyn-Response on www.leitrim.ie

THE BACKPACK FOR ADULTS: Following on from the success of the 'The Backpack for Adults' in previous years, the course will run again at Cavan Institute on Tuesday evenings beginning on 4th February for 8 weeks. The Backpack is a human and spiritual development programme containing topics such as Psychology, Spirituality, the Neuroscience of the Brain, Anxiety, Negative Looping Thoughts, Resilience Building, Self-Awareness, Boundary Setting and Healthy Relationship with Self, Others, and God. Apply online: cavaninstitute.ie/eveningcourses or call: 049-4377940.

THE YOUNG PARENTS SUPPORT PROGRAMME- offers support young parents who are expecting a baby or already have a child. This support can include but not limited to pre and post-natal support, independent living and education/training. This is a free and confidential service. If you would like to get involved contact: lindahalstead@homeyouthliaisonservice.ie or ring 087-7917000.

SCHOOLS MEDIA COMPETITION – FINAL CALL: 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 this **Friday 7th February 2025**. For entry and further information, please view: www.columbancompetition.com Written prizes—1st €300; 2nd €250 and 3rd €100. Image prizes—1st €300; 2nd €150 and 3rd €100.

DRUMREILLY COMMUNITY CENTRE: A Committee Meeting will be held in the Centre Meeting Room on this **Tuesday 04th February starting at 8.30 pm (if power is restored)**. All members are asked to attend and new members very welcome.

LEITRIM SPORTS STAR AWARDS 2025: Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Carrigallen have received a nomination for an award in the category “**SCHOOL SPORTS INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR.**” The Awards Ceremony takes place on next **Saturday night (8th Feb.)** in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon. Tickets for the event are now available on www.leitrimsports.ie Best of luck on the night to our local National School.

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 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.

WEEKLY PARISH BINGO continues in Drumreilly Community Centre on **Friday nights starting at 8.30 pm (power dependent)**. Raffle on the night. All support appreciated.

CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO: Jackpot **€12,400**. 4 lucky dip prizes of **€50** if not won. Extra prize for holders of “*weekly recurring tickets*”. Click on “*Automatically Renew Purchase*” at checkout. Live Draw this **Sunday 02nd Feb.** can be viewed on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

LEITRIM VOLUNTEER CENTRE OUTREACH OFFICE based in The Island Theatre Ballinamore, working with volunteers and organisations to promote and enhance volunteering across Leitrim. For more information and to register your group or as an individual contact Claire on 087-769 6514 or e mail claire@volunteerleitrim.ie

BALLINAMORE ATHLETIC CLUB: We hold our weekly training at Ballinamore Sports Hall on **Tuesday evenings starting at 7.00 pm sharp**. New members very welcome.

A PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED PERSONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of You and send Your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 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.

Parish Newsletter

St. Mary’s Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

2nd Feb. 2025 – World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)

Today’s feast (*Presentation of the Lord*) is celebrated on 2nd February every year. It’s also known as Candlemas Day, a day we associate with candles and light. Recently we have come to appreciate the value of candles more than ever and how lost we have been during the temporary absence of power and light in our lives. Think of how much worse we would be without Jesus in our lives, the Light of the World, the true light that pierces through the darkness, that the darkness could not overcome.

In today’s Gospel we meet the Holy Family and also Simeon & Anna. In the Jewish faith tradition, the firstborn male child was dedicated to God and this was done forty days after birth. So, the Holy Family made their way to the Temple to fulfil this custom. It was also customary to offer a sacrifice of two doves or pigeons which was appropriate for a poor family. At the same time, Simeon, a prophet was prompted by the Holy Spirit about Jesus’ imminent arrival at the Temple, so he made his way there too. Simeon prophesied the coming of the Messiah who was destined to be both accepted and opposed. He also foretold that Mary’s soul would know the sword of sorrow. Now he holds Jesus in his arms and praises God for allowing him to live long enough to see the promise of salvation fulfilled.

And finally, we meet Anna who was an elderly prophetess who lived in the Temple, worshipping, fasting and praying. On seeing Jesus, she too praised God and spoke about Jesus as the long-awaited deliverer. Following these events, the Holy Family returned to their home in Nazareth where with parental guidance, the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom and the favour of God was upon Him.

A QUOTE FROM ST. FRANCIS: “All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”