

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 16th Feb. 2025):

Sun. 16th Feb. – 11.15 am: John & Mary Kate Morrow, Aughawillan & D.F.M's.

Mon. 17th Feb. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Tues. 18th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Wed. 19th Feb. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Thurs. 20th Feb. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Sun. 23rd Feb. – 11.15 am: Jim & Lily O'Neill, Killahurk and Lily's sister, Annie Mc Hugh who died in America in December 2024.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 16th Feb. 2025):

Sun. 16th Feb. 10.00 am: Seamus Mc Cartan, Drumucker.

Fri. 21st Feb. 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Sun. 23rd Feb. 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 15th Feb. 2025):

Sat. 15th Feb. 8.00 pm: Aoife Donegan-Kennedy, Gortahose.

Sat. 22nd Feb. 8.00 pm: Hugh Mc Cartin, Ardunsaghan.
James & Ciss Kiernan, Crucklahan and their grandson, Tiernan Byrne, Trim.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 08 th /09 th Feb.	
Carrigallen	€708 (Incl. €58 returns from Ballinamore & Aughawillan)	
Drumeela	€375 (Incl. €142 returns from Ballinamore & Aughawillan)	
Drumreilly	€481 (Incl. €156 returns from Ballinamore & Aughawillan)	

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (17th Feb. – 22nd Feb.)

Mon. – St. Fintan of Clonenagh, Co. Laois. Monk, Hermit & Abbot. (526 – 603).

Tues. – St. Colman of Ardboe, Co. Tyrone. Built a Monastery in the Sixth Century.

Wed. – St. Odrán, Charioteer of St. Patrick & First Irish Christian Martyr. (Died in 452).

Thur. – St. Colgan of Clonmacnoise, Abbot & 'the Chief Scribe of the Scots.' (Died in 796).

Fri: St. Peter Damian of Italy, Benedictine Monk & Doctor of the Church. (Died in 1072)

Sat: The Chair of St. Peter, wooden throne symbolizing the Pope's magisterial authority.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The crown of health is worn by healthy people
but is seen only by the sick.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING EVENING: This information evening takes place on **Monday 3rd March 2025 at 8.30 pm** in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall. All those involved in the supervision of children and those visiting the sick and housebound are asked to please attend. There is also an open invitation for all parishioners to attend. This meeting will be facilitated by Shannon Edwards, Parish Safeguarding Rep. and Fr. John Mc Mahon.

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 087-7917000.

SCOIL MHUIRE NAOFA, CARRIGALLEN: Enrolment forms for September 2025 are now available from the school and or local Creches for Mainstream and Special Class (ASD) including Early Intervention (ASD) Preschool. Completed forms must be returned together with the Child's Birth Certificate and a copy of a utility bill on or before **Friday 28th February 2025**. Phone 049-4339929 or email: secretary@carrigallenns.ie

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE in the Main Hall of the RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 on **21st, 22nd, & 23rd February 2025**. This year's theme is 'Repent, so that a time of refreshing may come'. Tickets can be purchased by phone on 085-2216128 or on www.divinemercyconference.com Friday evening is free. Some of this year's speakers will be Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Fr. Pat Collins and Fr. Brendan Walsh.

BIO-DIVERSITY GARDENING CLASSES are being held in Margaret's Corner, Carrigallen H12 P744. Course Co - Ordinator is Zara Evans, Community Horticultural Advisor with Leitrim Development Co. Classes starting on **Wed. 26th Feb. for 6 weeks 7.00 – 9.00 pm**. €50.00 for all 6 classes or €10.00 pay as you go. Refreshments served. To register your interest, contact 089-2712131 or email: margaretscornercc@gmail.com

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 sharp**. Raffle on the night. All support appreciated.

CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO: Jackpot **€12,600**. 4 lucky dip prizes of **€50** if not won. Extra prize for holders of "weekly recurring tickets". Click on "Automatically Renew Purchase" at checkout. Live Draw this **Sunday 16th Feb.** can be viewed on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

TABLE QUIZ: Drumreilly G.A.A. Club are holding a Table Quiz in Drumcoura Lake Resort on **Saturday 1st March at 8.30 pm**. Also, a raffle on the night. All funds raised go towards sponsoring Niall Gallogly's participation in the upcoming Quid Game Fundraising Event being run by Leitrim G.A.A. County Board. We welcome your support on the night.

THE MARRIAGE BAR AND IRISH WOMEN AT WORK: This matter will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Deirdre Foley in Ballinamore Library on **Friday night, February 21st starting at 8.00 pm**. This is a free event and all are welcome.

HOME ALONE AWAY TOGETHER: Day Trip to Carlow Snowdrop Festival. Bus leaves Kilmore Hotel at **9.00 am on Friday 21st February**. Suitable for gardeners, nature lovers and curious travellers. Bookings: Tel:/WhatsApp/Text: 087-0617300.

NATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK provides training for people with disabilities or people requiring additional supports throughout Irish communities and operate nationally across 50 locations. We provide free training and specialised support to individuals who, for various reasons, may need assistance entering the job market. One of our programmes is the Digital Skills Enhancement. This course allows individuals who may find it difficult to attend on a full-time basis due to mobility or location or who may struggle in larger class settings or require additional supports and seeks to include these individuals who have training needs. Email: info@nlm.ie

EVENING COMPUTER COURSE for beginners starting in late February. From **7.00 pm to 9.00 pm on Tues. & Thurs.** each week in the Mohill Enterprise Centre. Leading to a Major Award - Certificate in Information and Communication Technologies. Modules include - Computer Literacy, Word Processing, Communications, Spreadsheets, Internet Skills, Mathematics. Contact: 071-9632024 or email info@mct.ie to book a place now.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – ‘A CALL TO ACTION!’

The celebration of Jubilee 2025 has now begun throughout the universal Catholic Church on the theme: ‘Pilgrims of Hope’. Everyone is invited to participate in this special year of faith. Specifically, Pope Francis is encouraging each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world during this holy year. In our Christian tradition, the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can experience it at least once in a lifetime. In dioceses and parishes around Ireland people are celebrating specific jubilee occasions both locally and in Rome. Reflecting the Jubilee Year in the Universal Church, the Irish Synodal Pathway will also focus on hope ahead national pre-synodal assembly in Kilkenny on 18 Oct. 2025. For further info. on Jubilee 2025 Year of Hope, see the dedicated page on www.catholicbishops.ie for all Jubilee-related updates, including a live calendar featuring events happening across the island. To keep the Jubilee page vibrant, we invite you to contribute by sharing videos and photos from events in your diocese. Your contributions will help showcase and amplify the Jubilee celebrations across Ireland.

Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon [433 9610](tel:4339610) / *Mob.* [086-2126582](tel:0862126582).

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 on 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

16th Feb. 2025 – 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In today's Gospel (Luke 6: 17 & 20 - 26), we hear about some of the Beatitudes (full version contained in Matthew's Gospel, 5: 3-11). Jesus and His disciples come down the mountain to where the ground is level. A large crowd had gathered to hear Jesus teach and to perform cures. However, Jesus directs His words to the disciples only, and He

tells them that those who are poor, hungry, weeping or persecuted are called blessed. This goes somewhat against popular opinion at the time as those often thought to have been forgotten by God are now to be called blessed. On the other hand, those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are now being warned about the peril of their ways. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise but our misplaced trust in them will lead to our eventual demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living and a way which teaches us about who will find favour with God. Jesus did not say that it was wrong to own things, have enough to eat or a comfortable home, but his sermon reminds us that this should not be our sole focus in life. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but much more importantly, to be first in the eyes of God. This Gospel challenges us to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate goal in life which is to reach the eternal Kingdom of God.