

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 23rd Feb. 2025):

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.

Mon. 24th Feb. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Tues. 25th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Wed. 26th Feb. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Sat. 01st March – 12.30 pm: Monthly Confessions.

Sun. 02nd March – 11.15 am: Johnnie & Eileen Lee, Main Street.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 23rd Feb. 2025):

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

Fri. 28th Feb. – 7.00 pm: Monthly Confessions.

-7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Sun. 02nd March – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 22nd Feb. 2025):

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

Thurs. 27th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Eddie Wrynn, Drumcoura (**1st Anniv. Mass**).

Sat. 01st March – 7.30 pm: Monthly Confessions.
8.00pm: Tom, Bridget & Lily Mimna, Drumshangore & D.F.M's.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 15 ^h /16 th Feb.	LOURDES COLLECTION 2025
Carrigallen	€603	€385
Drumeela	€332	€200
Drumreilly	€476	€282

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (24th Feb. – 01st March)

Mon. – St. Adela of Normandy. Daughter of William the Conqueror. Died in 1137.

Tues. – St. Croine of Dublin. Established a community of Holy Women in Tallaght.

Wed. – St. Isabelle of France. Daughter of King Louis V111. Patroness of the Sick.

Thur. – St. Leander of Seville. A Benedictine sixth century monk and Bishop.

Fri: - St. Oswald of Worcester. Of Danish ancestry. 10th Century Archbishop of York.

Sat: - St. David. Patron Saint of Wales. Born 500 AD. Died 589 AD. Canonised in 1123.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Life is like a piano; the white keys represent happiness and the black show sadness. But as you go through life's journey, remember that the black keys also create music.

IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:



ANNA MARY NASH (née Kiernan), Kivvy, Carrigallen whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen on **Tuesday 18th February** followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

TONY MC GIRL, Laytown, Co. Meath and formerly of Derrygoan, Drumreilly whose funeral took place in the Star of the Sea Church, Mornington on **Wed. 19th February** followed by burial in Reilig Mhuire Cemetery, Piltown.

DESMOND JOSEPH MC NAMEE, Albuquerque, New Mexico and formerly of Kilnamar, Carrigallen whose funeral took place in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Albuquerque on **Friday 21st Feb.** followed by burial in the National Cemetery, Santa Fe.

May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING EVENING: This information evening takes place on **Mon. 3rd March 2025 at 8.30 pm** in the Tom Clarke Room, Carrigallen Hall. All those involved in the supervision of children and those visiting the sick and housebound are asked to please attend. 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.

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

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 G.A.A. HEALTHY CLUB: Ladies weekly gentle exercise classes resuming this **Monday 24th February at 11.00 am** with social cuppa afterwards. We look forward to seeing you. Everyone welcome.

CARRIGALLEN MEN'S WALK & TALK GROUP: This group meets every **Friday at 7.30pm** in the GAA Park for a leisurely walk at their own pace into town and maybe further afield before returning. Some nights they might have a social cuppa. The group is about meeting up & having a social chat while getting some exercise in a safe environment.

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP hold their meetings on **Wednesday nights at 8.30 pm** in the Community Centre. Now taking membership for 2025. Our A.G.M. will be held on this **Wednesday 26th Feb.** The group enjoyed a delicious meal on Sunday afternoon last in the Kilbracken Arms Hotel, Carrigallen. Other outings in the pipeline.

CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO: Jackpot **€12,700**. 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 23rd Feb.** can be viewed on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

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

COFFEE CONNECT CONVERSATION - Everyone welcome. It happens in Margaret's Corner C.C. Carrigallen on a **Thursday from 11am -12 noon** -This a FREE of charge event.

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.

LEITRIM FLEADH 2025: Ballinamore will host this year's Fleadh from **Fri. 25th to Sun. 27th April 2025**. Entries are now being accepted, and the closing date is strictly **Fri. 7th March**. Entry forms available from music/dance teachers or locally from Fiona O'Reilly, Toome (Ceol Álainn CCÉ). Email: fionao.reilly@hotmail.com Phone 086-8614290.

A NEW BRANCH OF COMHALTAS IS STARTING IN CARRIGALLEN including surrounding areas, called Ceol Álainn. There will be a launch on **1st March at 6pm** in the Kilbracken Arms Hotel. All Welcome to share and enjoy songs, tunes, stories and dance.

ALZHEIMER'S INFORMATION CAFÉ in the Commercial Hotel, Ballinamore on this **Thursday 27th February from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm**. A warm welcoming place for people to meet others also living with dementia/cognitive impairment, their carers and health & social care professionals. Contact Clair on 085-8720043 for more information.

OPENING THE BIBLE – AN ON-LINE LENTEN PROGRAMME: Starts: **Monday 3rd March, 8.00 pm - 9:15 pm. Continues: Tuesday 11th, 18th, 25th and 1st and 8th April 2025**. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, a time of renewal and spiritual growth, the Pastoral Team of the Kilmore Diocese invites you to explore Scripture through a series of programmes throughout 2025. We begin with our Lenten programme, Opening the Bible, from the Tarsus Scripture School. This course is designed for anyone who wants to know more about how the Bible came about, what books are in it, and why it is God's Word. Through six insightful video sessions, followed by time for discussion, we'll guide you in opening the Bible and discovering its life-changing message. The programme will be held online, and you'll need a Zoom link to join the sessions. Whether you're new to Scripture or seeking a fresh perspective, this is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and hope this Lent. All are welcome! For details and to register for your Zoom link, contact Martina Gilmartin at pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie Let's journey together in faith this Lent!

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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.

Parish Newsletter

St. Mary's Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

23rd Feb. 2025 – 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In today's Gospel (Luke 6: 27-38) there are many themes including mercy, forgiveness, love of enemies and generosity. Jesus does not only teach about forgiving the enemy, but asks His followers go a bit further in both loving and praying for their enemies: "Give to everyone who asks of you", says Jesus. And He also says "Treat others as you would like them to treat you." Jesus wanted all his listeners to go beyond the conventional rules of the time, to go the extra mile, so to speak. That extra mile is to love without expecting anything in return and to love even those who ignore you. He also asks for generosity, not only to those from whom we can get something in return, but to people who cannot afford to pay back such generosity. Jesus wants his followers to imitate God who is constantly kind even to both the ungrateful and the selfish. He also asked His disciples to be merciful as God is merciful and that they should neither judge nor condemn others. More still, he wanted them to understand that when they forgive others, God will forgive them their sins and when they are generous, God will even be more generous to them.

So, this week, let the teaching of Jesus be translated into our daily lives. Let us ask God for the grace to love our enemies with sincerity. Jesus did not only instruct His disciples about the need to forgive enemies, but He practiced what He preached. When he was hanging on the cross, He uttered these famous words for those who had crucified Him, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." The amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.