

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 2nd March 2025):

Sun. 02nd March – 11.15 am: Johnnie & Eileen Lee, Main Street.
Mon. 03rd March – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.
Tues. 04th March – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.
Wed. 05th March – 11.30 am: Mass for Ash Wednesday.
Fri. 07th March – 7.30 pm: Sheila Doonan, Bredagh (*First Anniv. Mass*) followed by Stations of the Cross for Lent.
Sat. 08th March – 12.30 pm: Monthly Confessions.
Sun. 09th March – 11.15 am: Delia Higgins, Aughawillen (*First Anniv. Mass*).
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 2nd March 2025):

Sun. 02nd March – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.
Sun. 09th March – 10.00 am: Sheila, Danny & Kevin Mitchell & D.F.M's, NTG. John & Cathriona O'Brien & D.F.M's, NTG.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 1st March 2025):

Sat. 01st March – 8.00pm: Tom, Bridget & Lily Mimna, Drumshangore & D.F.M's.
Wed. 05th March – 7.30 pm: Mass for Ash Wednesday.
Thurs. 06th March – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.
Sat. 08th March – 8.00pm: John & Mary Kate Brady, Carrickmakeegan.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 22nd /23rd Feb.
Carrigallen	€968 (Including €383 returns from Aughavas/Cloone/Killeshandra)
Drumeela	€397 (Including €38 returns from Aughavas/Cloone)
Drumreilly	€449 (Including €87 returns from Aughavas/Cloone)

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

Mon. - St. Foila of Killeely, Galway. Credited with many miracles. 6th century saint.
Tues. - St. Casimir. Patron Saint of Lithuania. Died, aged 25 on 4th March 1484.
Wed. - St. Kierán of Saighir, Co. Offaly. One of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland.
Thur. - St. Colette of Corbie, France. A Franciscan Abbess & reformer of the Poor Clares
Fri. - Saints Perpetua & Felicity of Carthage in Tunisia. 3rd century Christian Martyrs.
Sat. - -- St. Senán of Kilrush. 6th century Bishop. Patron saint of West Clare.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - There are two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group, there is much less competition !

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH: For Families in Crisis - Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

MICHAEL MC CUSKER, Aughawillen, Carrigallen whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen on **Wednesday 26th February** followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

CONOR MC GUINNESS, Tullamore and formerly of Aughavas & Mullahoran (*brother of Killian Mc Guinness, Drumbreanlis*) whose funeral took place in the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore on **Thursday 27th February** followed by burial in Clonminch Cemetery.

CARMEL GILHOOLY (née Reilly), Drumanure, whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Drumeela on **Saturday 1st March**, followed by burial in Killegar Churchyard.

FRANK SHANNON, Killeshandra and formerly of Glangevlin (*father of Rosie Lang, Kivvy, Carrigallen*) whose funeral takes place this **Sunday 2nd March** in St. Patrick's Church, Glangevlin followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. *May their souls rest in heavenly peace.*

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: Our 8th annual Safeguarding Sunday takes place in our diocese this weekend, **1st/2nd March**. We hope to create a greater awareness of safeguarding in our parishes and diocese and to acknowledge the great contribution of the faithful in ensuring that our diocesan safeguarding policies are implemented. The annual safeguarding newsletter is available to download from www.kilmorediocese.ie/safeguardingchildren section. Please download a copy and inform yourself of developments in safeguarding.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING EVENING: This information evening takes place on this **Mon. 3rd March 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.

OPENING THE BIBLE—The Kilmore Diocese Lenten Scripture course begins on **Monday 3rd March at 7.30 pm and continues Tuesdays: 11th, 18th, 25th March, and 1st, 8th April (online via Zoom)**. The Pastoral team are delighted to have Bishop Emeritus Leo O'Reilly in attendance, who will be on hand to answer questions and offer fresh insight. **All are welcome!** To register and receive your Zoom link, contact Martina Gilmartin at pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING on this **Thursday night (6th March) at 8.30 pm** in the Meeting Room, Drumreilly Community Centre. All members please attend.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE in Carrigallen Church of Ireland on this **Friday 7th March starting at 8.00 pm**. Tea afterwards. Everyone welcome.

BIO-DIVERSITY GARDENING CLASSES in Margaret's Corner, Carrigallen on **Wednesday nights from 7.00 – 9.00 pm**. Course Co-Ordinator is Zara Evans, Community Horticultural Advisor with Leitrim Dev. Co. €50.00 for all 6 classes or €10.00 per class. Refreshments served. Call 089-2712131 or email: margaretscornercc@gmail.com

CARRIGALLEN G.A.A. HEALTHY CLUB: Ladies weekly gentle exercise classes on **Monday mornings starting at 11.00 am** in the G.A.A. Clubrooms with social cuppa afterwards. We look forward to seeing you. Everyone welcome. Contact: 089-2712131.

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

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP hold their meetings on **Wednesday nights at 8.30 pm** in the Community Centre. Many interesting activities including some gentle exercise. Refreshments served and new members always 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.

CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO: Jackpot **€12,800**. 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 March** can be viewed on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

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.

DRUMSHANBO TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SPRING CHARITY CONCERT on **Friday 7th March 2025 at 8.00 pm** in the Mayflower Centre, Drumshanbo. The concert will raise money for two charities—the Alzheimer Society of Ireland and North West Hospice. Tickets costing €10 are available at the door or through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/beo-leceol-tickets-1241991974429> (U12's go free). Donations can be made through iDonate (www.idonate.ie/BeoleCeoltradcourse2025) For more information, contact Mossie Martin on 087-7640332.

A MILESTONE FOR KILMORE DIOCESE: LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY JOURNEY HAS BEGUN

On Sat. 15th Feb., twenty-one dedicated participants of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Programme took their first step on a six month journey of discernment at St. Aidan's, Derrylin. Representing over 19 different parishes, the group consists of eight men and thirteen women. Leading them was Fr. Hugh Lagan SMA, a priest of the Society of African Missions and a distinguished Chartered Clinical Psychologist. With his deep well of spiritual and psychological wisdom, shaped by years of guiding retreats worldwide, Fr. Hugh offered invaluable insights to the group on call to ministry, among other topics. Also present in support were Martina Gilmartin, Director of Pastoral Development and Faith Formation, and Sean Coll, Director of the Kilmore Pastoral Centre. As these individuals take this time to discern their call to ministry, let us keep them in our prayers. May they walk this path with courage and faith, secure in the wisdom of God, our loving Father. Amen.

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.

Parish Newsletter

St. Mary's Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

02nd March 2025 – 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY 2025

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel (Luke 6: 39-45) we hear that the blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be good unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds, they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

Jesus is asking us to put our own house in order first before trying to reform others. This is a very appropriate invitation to all of us as we are about to begin the Holy season of Lent, an observance of 40 days fasting and penance. It occurs during Springtime, & we are reminded to do some spring-cleaning and stocktaking in our lives, and enjoy new life as a result. It's a time to leave the trappings of sin behind us and to grow closer to the Lord.

Ash Wednesday – 05th March 2025 - 1st Day of Lent - Day of Fast & Abstinence

Masses and Distribution of Ashes:

St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen ~ 11:30 am

St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly ~ 7:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Prayer: Dear God, on this Ash Wednesday may the ashes on our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to Your Son, and may our worship, prayer and penance be sustained throughout this holy season of Lent. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.