

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

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

Sun. 16th March – 11.15 am: Barry Mc Intyre, Cloncorrick.
Mon. 17th March – 11.15 am: Anna Mary Nash, Kivvy (*Month's Mind Mass*).
Tues. 18th March – 7.30 pm: Peter Donohoe, Main Street & Kilbracken.
Wed. 19th March – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.
Fri. 21st March – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day followed by Stations of the Cross.
Sun. 23rd March – 11.15 am: Vincent Gray, Bredagh & all deceased members of the Gray & Smith families. Alice & Charlie O'Reilly, Beaghmore.
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 March 2025):

Sun. 16th March – 10.00 am: Owen & Margaret Connolly, Druminshingore & D.F.M's
Mon. 17th March – 10.00 am: Tosh, Mary E. & Sr. Cecilia O'Rourke, Killerrin.
Sun. 23rd March – 10.00 am: John & Mary Kate Dolan, Drumbrick.

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

Sat. 15th March – 8.00 pm: John Armstrong, Crucklahan & D.F.M's.
Sun. 16th March – 8.00 pm: Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day.
Thurs. 20th March – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.
Sat. 22nd March – 8.00 pm: James Quinn, Drumcoura & Fr. John Quinn.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 08 th /09 th March 2025
Carrigallen	€1,170 (Incl. €37 returns from Ballinamore/Aughawillan/Aughnasheelin).
Drumeela	€395 (Incl. €80 returns from Ballinamore/Aughawillan/Aughnasheelin).
Drumreilly	€373 (Incl. €115 returns from Ballinamore/Aughawillan/Aughnasheelin).

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

Mon. - St. Patrick. Patron of Ireland. Died in 461. Buried in Downpatrick, Co. Down.
Tues. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem. 4th Century Bishop and Theologian.
Wed. – St. Joseph of Nazareth. Husband of the Virgin Mary & foster father of Jesus.
Thur. -St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, Northumbria. 7th Century monk, bishop & hermit.
Fri: -St. Enda of Aran. 6th Century monk. Known as “the Patriarch of Irish Monasticism”.
Sat: St. Lea of Rome. Patron Saint of Widow's and those who have lost children. D. 384

THOUGHT FOR LENT - Fasting is the soul of prayer, and mercy is the lifeblood of fasting.

GROW IN LOVE: Our parish and parents are continuing to prepare their children for First Holy Communion by taking part in the programme “Grow in Love” on **Sat. 22nd March at 8 pm** in St. Mary's, Drumreilly and on **Sun. 23rd March at 11.15 am** in St. Mary's, Carrigallen.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

CARMEL REGAN (*née Reynolds*), Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon and formerly of Mullinadarragh, whose funeral took place in St. Nathy's Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen on **Mon. 10th March** followed by burial in Kilcolman Cemetery.
TERENCE (TERRY) MURRAY, Aughavore, Carrigallen whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Drumeela on **Wednesday 12th March** followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. *May their souls rest in heavenly peace.*



RECENT BAPTISM: With joy, we welcome Baby Joseph Cathal Masterson, Firmullagh, Moyne who was baptised into our Community of Faith on **Sunday 9th March** in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen and we congratulate his parents, Róisín & Brian.



RECENT MARRIAGE: Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness to Dermot Holohan, Gortahose and Laura Geraghty, Ballinabrackey, Co. Meath who received the Sacrament of Marriage in the Church of the Assumption, Ballinabrackey on **Saturday 15th March**.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION 2025

“Some give by going, others go by giving.”

Your generosity to the St. Patrick's Day Collection will help:

1. St. Paul's Missionary Society and the Diocese of Minna, both who have a number of Priests who work in our Diocese.
2. Support Irish Missionaries working in African Countries.
3. Provide support to the Irish Emigrant Chaplaincy abroad.

We appeal for your continued generosity to this year's St. Patrick's Day Collection. See Church notice boards for where your 2024 contributions went to help.



FOURTH ANNUAL NEWTOWNGORE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE on

this **Monday 17th March 2025 at 4.30 pm**. Sponsorship appreciated and will be acknowledged on the day. 3 best judged floats will receive prizes. Entertainment. Raffle. Spot prizes. Also, a fundraising **Cake Sale** for the Parade in **Teach Dúchais after the 10.00 am Mass today, Sun. 16th March**. We welcome & appreciate your support. Thank you.

OPENING THE BIBLE—The Kilmore Diocese Lenten Scripture course continues at **7.30 pm on Tuesdays: 18th, 25th March, and 1st & 8th April (online via Zoom)**. Bishop Emeritus Leo O'Reilly 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

'SONGS OF HOPE' – FRIDAY 21st MARCH: An evening of Gospel Songs, Country Music and Inspirational Hymns in Knock Basilica with John Mc Nicholl, Donna Taggart, Louise Morrissey, Brendan & Emily Shine, with Una Nolan, director of Sacred music and Schola Cantorum Basilicae. Tickets online from Eventbrite.ie or from the Information Centre, Knock Shrine. Contact 094-9388141. Proceeds to Knock Community Centre Re-development Fund.

ONE DAY RETREAT - KNOCK PRAYER CENTRE – SAT. 22ND MARCH: This one-day retreat offers a serene space for silence/quiet prayer/reflection/spiritual direction. Participants guided through moments of scripture-based prayer/group sharing/personal spiritual guidance. €70 including refreshments and lunch. Tel. 086-0108623. Email: prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie

DRUMREILLY FINANCE COMMITTEE are holding a meeting on this **Tuesday night 18th March at 8.30 pm** in the Sacristy. All members are asked to attend.

CARRIGALLEN TIDY TOWNS: A meeting of Carrigallen Tidy Towns will be held in Tom Clarke Memorial Room on **Thursday 20th March at 8.00 pm**. All members please attend. New members /volunteers are very welcome.

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. **NOTE: NO CLASS THIS MONDAY 17th MARCH.** We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 24th March. Everyone welcome. Contact: 089-2712131.

DRUMREILLY COMMUNITY CENTRE: Committee meeting on this **Tuesday 18th March starting at 8.30 pm** sharp in the Centre Meeting Room. All members are requested to attend.

BUS TO BELFAST: There is a bus going to Belfast from Carrigallen on next **Saturday 22nd March at 8.50 am**. There are still places if anybody would like to join on this trip. Cost €17.50 for the bus. Please contact Lucy on 087-4073480 to book your place.

TABLE QUIZ in Aid of Margaret of New Orleans Cottage, Tully is being held on **Friday 28th March 2025 at 8.00 pm** in Kilbracken Arms Hotel, Carrigallen - Raffle + Spot prizes on the night. Children and Adults tables. Contact 089 271 2131 or Email: margaretofneworleans@gmail.com Do come along for a fun night with friends.

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP hold meetings on **Wednesdays at 8.30 pm** in the Community Centre. Interesting activities. Refreshments served. New members welcome.

COFFEE MORNING in Newtowngore Hall on **Saturday 29th March from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm**. All proceeds to benefit the Irish Cancer Society. We welcome your support.

WEEKLY PARISH BINGO continues in Drumreilly Community Centre on **Friday nights at 8.30pm sharp**. Raffle each night with extra prizes on long weekends. All support appreciated.

CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO: Jackpot **€13,000**. 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 March** can be viewed on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

SAINT PATRICK'S PRAYER: *May the Strength of God pilot us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May the Host of God guard us against the snares of the evil ones and the temptations of the world. May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us and all around us! May Your Salvation, Lord, always be ours, this day and forevermore. Amen.*

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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

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"THIS IS MY SON, THE CHOSEN ONE. LISTEN TO HIM."

(Luke 9: 28-36)

In the Bible, when someone went up a mountain, there was often an encounter with God. In the Gospel today, Jesus brings His core group of disciples, Peter, James, and John, with Him when He ascends the mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying, these apostles witnessed a unique and incredibly special moment, a moment of transformation. They were privileged to see Jesus as Son of God, in all His majesty and glory. Peter, overwhelmed by the experience, wanted to stay there; he wanted the experience to last. But Jesus knew that His mission lay elsewhere at the bottom of the mountain, He knew he had to continue His journey to Jerusalem and the cross that awaited him there. Without that there could be no resurrection.

The three apostles were given a brief vision of who Jesus really was, as a preview of the future, and to sustain them in the challenging times ahead. Times of connection with God through prayer, contemplation, and the Eucharist are meant to sustain us as we go about our lives in their ordinariness, their messiness, their challenges, and their disappointments. We cannot stay on the mountaintop no matter how spiritual or deep our encounters with God. The challenge of being a follower of Christ must be lived out at the bottom of the mountain, being Christ to everyone we meet, supporting and sustaining others, helping to bring justice and fairness to our unjust and unfair world.

LIMA AND JULIO HAVE FOUR CHILDREN, and you can see their photo on our Trócaire box this year. They depend on farming for their livelihood. Like many families and communities Trócaire work with, they are experiencing increasingly erratic weather patterns due to climate change. This is having life-changing consequences on their livelihoods, wellbeing and future. Find out more at www.trocaire.org