

**Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:**

**St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025):**

**Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 11.15 am:** Vincent Gray, Bredagh & all deceased members of the Gray & Smith families. Alice & Charlie O'Reilly, Beaghmore.

**Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> March – 10.00 am:** Mass of the Day.

**Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30 pm:** Elizabeth & Bernard Magee, Main Street.

**Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> March – 10.00 am:** Mass of the Day.

**Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30 pm:** Michael Mc Cusker, Aughawillen (**Month's Mind Mass**) followed by **Stations of the Cross for Lent.**

**Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> March – 11.15 am:** Seamus & Margaret Williams, Cloncorrick.

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

**St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025):**

**Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 10.00 am:** John & Mary Kate Dolan, Drumbrick.

**Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> March - 10.00 am:** Missa Pro Populo.

**St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025):**

**Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 8.00 pm:** James Quinn, Drumcoura & Fr. John Quinn.

**Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30 pm:** Esther Maguire, Carrickmakeegan (**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Mass**).

**Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> March – 8.00 pm:** Kay Fee, Clonboyher.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

<b>CHURCH AREA</b>	<b>Weekend 15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>
<b>Carrigallen</b>	<b>€715</b>	<b>€1,415</b>
<b>Drumeela</b>	<b>€330</b>	<b>€526</b>
<b>Drumreilly</b>	<b>€371</b>	<b>€296</b>

**Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (24<sup>th</sup> March – 29<sup>th</sup> March)**

**Mon.** - St. Macartan of Clogher. Baptised by St. Patrick at Drumlease, near Dromahair.

**Tues.** – The **Annunciation of the Lord** by the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary.

**Wed.** St. Mochta of Inis-Mochta in Meath. Established a Monastery in the 10<sup>th</sup> Century

**Thur.**-St. Augusta of Triviso. 5<sup>th</sup> Century Italian Virgin Martyr.

**Fri:** -St. Conon of Naso, Sicily. Italian monk. Died in 1236.

**Sat:** St. Gladys of Wales. 6<sup>th</sup> Century Welsh Queen and mother of St. Cadoc "the wise."

**THOUGHT FOR LENT**

**"Apart from the Cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven."  
(St. Rose of Lima)**



**IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:**

**TERESA MC KIERNAN** (*née Walsh*), Aughawillan (*aunt of Peter O'Connell, Curraghtowney*) whose funeral took place in St. Patrick's Church, Aughawillan on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May her soul rest in heavenly peace.



**RECENT BAPTISMS:** With joy, we welcome **Lena Mae Smith** and **Cora Grace Smith**, Navan Road, Dublin who were baptised into our Community of Faith on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March** in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly and we congratulate their parents, Lisa & Niall.

We also welcome **Baby Esmé Joan Lockhart**, Drimnagh, Dublin who was baptised into our Community of Faith on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March** in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen and we congratulate her parents, Aisling & T.J.

And we welcome **Baby Ruairí Gerard Mc Manus**, Beaghmore who was baptised into our Community of Faith on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March** in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen and we congratulate his parents, Rebecca & Ronan.

**OPENING THE BIBLE**—The Kilmore Diocese Lenten Scripture course continues at **7.30 pm on Tuesdays: 25<sup>th</sup> March and on 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie)

**NOVENA OF HOPE AT THE GRAAN** continues until **Mon. 31<sup>st</sup> March**. All details and the list of speakers on [www.thegraan.com](http://www.thegraan.com) The two times to remember is 12:30 pm and 7:30 pm each evening. (*Except Wed. (26<sup>th</sup>) and Sat. (29<sup>th</sup>), the times on those days are at 11.00 am and 7:30 pm*). The Sacrament of the Sick will take place on Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> and Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. May this special time be a moment of grace and blessing for all who attend.

**LENTEN EVENING OF PRAYER AND HEALING** in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan led by Fr. Cyriacus on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Confessions from 6.15 pm, Rosary at 7.00 pm and Holy Mass at 7.30 pm. Fr Cyriacus will pray with everyone individually after Mass. The evening will conclude with Benediction. All welcome.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** The Next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is at Knock from **Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> - Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2025**. The best gift you'll ever give to each other. Book now at [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**BREIFNE COLLEGE OLDER WISER LEARNING EVENT:** For people who need tips on Wifi, Bluetooth, A.I., Zoom calls, PC security, Website safety, Online Shopping, Data transferring, Social Media Group chats, connecting devices etc. Tea and refreshments will be provided. Bring your own device. It takes place in **Breifne College, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm**. Come along or ring 049-4331735 for further information.

**CARRIGALLEN G.A.A. HEALTHY CLUB:** We are delighted to welcome Maj Cunningham to discuss Women & Bone Health at the GAA Clubrooms on this **Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 pm**. All welcome. Our weekly exercise classes continue on **Mondays at 11.00 am** in the GAA Clubrooms with a social cuppa afterwards.

**BIO-DIVERSITY GARDENING CLASSES** in Margaret's Corner, Carrigallen on **Wed. nights from 7.00 – 9.00 pm**. Course Co-Ordinator is Zara Evans, Community Horticultural Advisor with Leitrim Dev. Co. €10.00 per class. Refreshments served. Call 089-2712131.

**TABLE QUIZ** in Aid of Margaret of New Orleans Cottage, Tully is being held on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:margaretofneworleans@gmail.com) Do come along for a fun night with friends.

**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.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm**. All proceeds to benefit the Irish Cancer Society. We welcome your support.

**R.S.S. SCHEME:** Leitrim Dev. Co. have vacancies in the local area on the R.S.S. Scheme. To participate in the Scheme, you must be in receipt of an eligible Social Welfare Payment such as Farm Assist, Job-seekers Allowance or Disability Allowance etc... The individual or family member must have access to an active Herd No. Contact 086-7716896 or 071-9644170.

**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 **€13,100**. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March** can be viewed on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

**ALZHEIMER'S INFORMATION CAFÉ** in the Commercial Hotel, Ballinamore on this **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 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. **TOPIC:** Age Friendly Leitrim. Contact Mary on 087-0024190 for more info.

**HOME ALONE WAY TOGETHER:** - A Mother's Day bonus gift - book our 1 Day Bus Trip from Cavan to Boyle to celebrate all women from our local area. Lunch and Guided tour at King House & viewing of President Mc Aleese's State Gifts. Contact Martina on 087-0617300.

**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBANUS:** OPEN NIGHT on this **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 pm** in the Hive, Castlecara Rd. Carrick-on-Shannon N41 FD83. The Carrick Primary Council (Branch), known as CK88, caters for faithful Catholic men, living in Carrick-on-Shannon/Ballinamore/Boyle/Bornacoola/Carrigallen/Cloone/Dromod/Drumsna/Drumshanbo/Mohill/Rooskey/ Newtowngore and surrounding areas. If you are interested in finding out more about the Knights of St. Columbanus please contact Ciarán on 086-6027126. Attendance by pre-arrangement only. Website: [www.knightsofstcolimbanus.ie](http://www.knightsofstcolimbanus.ie)

**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](http://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](mailto: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

23<sup>rd</sup> March - 2025 - Year C



### "THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE." (Luke 13: 1-9)

This Gospel provides an example of the cruel and brutish behaviour of the Roman Governor Pilate. For whatever reason he ordered a massacre of some Galileans who were offering sacrifices in the temple. We can imagine the shock and consternation of the followers of Jesus. He knew that it was often assumed that terrible things, or tragic accidents like the tower at Siloam that collapsed killing eighteen people, only happened to people who had 'sinned' or 'deserved' it in some way. Jesus immediately put this idea to rest; he is clear that those who are caught up in accidents and tragedies are not to blame, neither are these events punishments from God. Jesus called on the people to repent, to change the focus inward to an examination of their own hearts.

Was there fruit growing in their hearts or were their hearts withered like the fig tree? It was not too late, Jesus assured them, to embrace a change of heart. With the right approach and care, they too could bear fruit. All they needed to do was turn away from their old ways that were taking them away from God and turn back towards a merciful God. Today we are called to look into our own hearts and be honest about the fruit we are growing there. Jesus tells us elsewhere in the Gospel, "A good person brings out what is good from the store of goodness of the heart." When we look into our hearts what do we see? A heart full of goodness, compassion, and love, towards myself and others or a heart withering through bitterness, jealousies, worries, fears and cares? If the latter, now is the time to turn back to God and open our hearts to his love and grace. In that way we can bear fruit again and be a blessing to others and to the world.

**LIMA, THE MOTHER OF THE FAMILY ON OUR TRÓCAIRE BOX THIS YEAR, SAYS:** 'We have noticed the weather changing in the last few years. It is now hotter, and we have more droughts. Then it starts to rain, and it won't stop raining. A more intense rain, more frequently.' Find out more about Lima and the Climate Crises at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)