

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

**St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 30<sup>rd</sup> March 2025):**

**Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> March – 11.15 am:** Seamus & Margaret Williams, Cloncorrick.  
**Mon. 31<sup>st</sup> March – 10.00 am:** Mass of the Day.  
**Tues. 01<sup>st</sup> April – 7.30 pm:** Patrick & Gabrielle Maguire, Church Street.  
 Larry, Lucy & Gerard Mc Dermott & all the deceased members of the Mc Dermott & Sheridan families.  
**Wed. 02<sup>nd</sup> April – 10.00 am:** Mass of the Day.  
**Sun. 06<sup>th</sup> April – 11.15 am:** Rita Delaney, Bredagh.  
 Brendan & Mary Hunt, Church 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. 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025):**

**Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10.00 am:** Missa Pro Populo.  
**Fri. 04<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30 pm:** Carmel Gillhooly, Druminaire (***Month's Mind Mass***) followed by **Station of the Cross for Lent**.  
**Sun. 06<sup>th</sup> April -10.00 am:** Dec'd members of the Smith family, Ardunsaghan

**St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025):**

**Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> March – 8.00 pm:** Kay Fee, Clonboyher.  
**Thurs. 03<sup>rd</sup> April – 7.30 pm:** Mass of the Day.  
**Sat. 05<sup>th</sup> April – 8.00 pm:** Tom & Molly Mc Cartin, Killameen.  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Weekend 22 <sup>nd</sup> / 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025
Carrigallen	€728
Drumeela	€305
Drumreilly	€261

**Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (31<sup>st</sup> March – 05<sup>th</sup> April)**

**Mon.** - St. Machaboe. 12<sup>th</sup> Century Abbot of the Monastery of Paul & Peter in Armagh.  
**Tues.** - St. Ceallach (*Celsus*) of Armagh. 12<sup>th</sup> Century Archbishop.  
**Wed.** - St. Francis of Paola. 15<sup>th</sup> Century Italian Friar.  
**Thur.** - St. Richard of Chichester. 13<sup>th</sup> Century Bishop & Patron Saint of Sussex.  
**Fri.** - St. Isidore of Seville. 7<sup>th</sup> Century Hispano-Roman scholar, theologian, Archbishop.  
**Sat.** - St. Vincent Ferrer. 15<sup>th</sup> Century Valencian Dominican friar and preacher.

**THE "THREE G'S" FOR LENT**

**Giving up Something - Giving back Something - Giving Prayer a Chance**



**IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:**

**MICHAEL CASSIDY**, Ballyduffy, Moyne, (*brother of Emily Murray, Mullyaster, Newtowngore*) whose funeral took place in St. Francis Xaviour Church, Moyne on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May his soul rest in heavenly peace.

**OPENING THE BIBLE**—The Kilmore Diocese Lenten Scripture course continues **at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 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)

**PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE DATES 2025:** Next date is Fri.11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm & Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 am – 5.00 pm. Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2025 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm & Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00 am – 5.00 pm. Courses in Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Visit: [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**DRUMEELA LITTER PICK:** It is planned to pick litter off the roadside from the County Bridge to the Mart as part of the "Adopt a Road Program" by Leitrim Co. Council. Assemble at Drumeela Church on **Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00 pm**. Call 086-8499291. Please support.

**CARRIGALLEN COMMUNITY LITTER PICK** are holding the annual Litter Pick Day on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025**. Bags, pickers and gloves can be collected from the Tom Clarke Memorial Room at Carrigallen Hall from **10.00 am on Sat**. If anyone wishes to pick up rubbish before Saturday, feel free to do so. If you wish for bags or heavy items to be picked up, contact Ann on 086-3192874. Also contact us if anyone wants to clean a particular road. Carrigallen Foróige will provide refreshments in the Hall from **11.30 am to 12.30 pm**.

**CARRIGALLEN G.A.A. HEALTHY CLUB:** Our weekly exercise classes continue on **Mondays at 11.00 am** in the GAA Clubrooms with a social cuppa afterwards. All welcome. Our GAA All-Stars Programme continues each **Sat. until 12<sup>th</sup> April**. Contact 086-2455726.

**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.

**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.

**CARRIGALLEN MEN'S WALK & TALK GROUP:** This group meets every **Friday at 7.30 pm** 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 meetings on **Wednesdays at 8.30 pm** in the Community Centre. Interesting activities. Refreshments served. New members welcome.

**ADULT EDUCATION:** Are you an adult considering education and unsure of your options? The Leitrim Adult Educational Guidance Service will be in Mohill Library on **Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> April from 12.00 pm to 4.30 pm** & Ballinamore Library on **Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm** to answer any question you have. No appointment needed, just come along on the day.

**NORTH WEST HOSPICE MEMORIAL WALK** on next **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon** along the Garavogue River in Sligo (*less than 5km*). Register on [www.northwesthospice.ie](http://www.northwesthospice.ie) or call 071-9170523. Who will you remember when we walk together?

**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.

**A WHIST DRIVE** will be held in Newtowngore Hall on this **Tuesday night (1<sup>st</sup> April) starting at 8.30 pm sharp**. Everyone welcome to come along.

**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.

**CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO:** Jackpot **€13,200**. 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 30<sup>th</sup> March** can be viewed on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

**PARISH FINANCE:** There was a limited issue of Charity Tax forms (*Chy 3 Certs*) earlier this year (*along with annual receipts*), mainly to those whose existing certs had expired and to some first-time qualifiers. If you have received one of these partially completed forms and have paid income tax (*Paye or Self-Assessment*) in 2024, then please sign, date, put your PPSN on the form and return it to the Church as soon as possible. The form can be dropped into the collection baskets at weekend Masses, or into the metal boxes in the Church porches or dropped into or mailed to the Parochial House. These forms are held securely in the Parish Office and the information contained on them is used only for the purpose of making this annual claim to Revenue. As this scheme is an important source of government income to the parish, we appeal for your co-operation in this matter. The minimum qualifying envelope contribution is €250 and this yields a tax refund of €112.32 to the parish. Thanks to all who have already returned their forms. Completed forms remain valid for a five-year period.

#### A PRAYER ON MOTHERING SUNDAY

Loving God, our Heavenly Father, today we thank you for all that our mothers mean to us and for all that they do for us. But we also know that for some people this is a difficult day of hurt, grief and perhaps anger. For those whose mother has died, whose child has died, or who have been unable to have children; for those who have, or have had, difficult relationships with mothers, or those whose mothers are unwell. We ask for comfort for all who are grieving, dealing with loss and heartache, especially on this day. And we thank and praise You today for all the women who have cared for us, fed us, taught us, clothed us, believed in us, loved us, made sacrifices for us and given in all manner of other ways to raise us to become the people we are today. Amen.

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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](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**



**30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Year C**

**Laetare Sunday**

**Mothering Sunday**

**"YOU ARE WITH ME ALWAYS, AND ALL I HAVE IS YOURS."**

**(Luke 15:1-3 & 11-32)** The Parable of the Prodigal Son is one we are very familiar with and so sometimes we may think we know it extremely well. But like all Scripture, we can never completely exhaust all its meaning, therefore it is worth reflecting on it again with an open mind and heart. We may have little problem identifying with the younger son, acknowledging that at times we may have drifted away from God, behaved badly, and then returned to a loving Father God who welcomes us with compassion and mercy. This Lent we could perhaps change the focus and reflect on how we may actually be more like the older son. It might be difficult to admit this as we may feel we never step too far out of line, and we try to do what is right. But we may be resentful when someone who has done all the wrong things (as we see it) is welcomed back and indeed celebrated - whether that be in Church, family or social situations. It goes against our sense of fairness, of getting what we have earned, what we feel we are entitled to. Isn't it wonderful that God does not apply our standards of fairness and entitlement when dispensing his grace and forgiveness?

The reality is that all of us need God's grace, including the eldest son in the parable, because he was unable to open his heart to his younger brother, or to appreciate all the gifts he had already been given. His heart was withering from jealousy, envy and bitterness. Can we admit that we sometimes do or feel something similar? We fail to recognise the many wonderful gifts we have been given by God, as we measure and compare and decide who is deserving and who is not. This Lent, let us open our eyes to the bounty that God has already bestowed on us, let us offer thanks and praise in gratitude, and let us look for ways to share out of that bounty with those who are genuinely in need.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM TRÓCAIRE.** We wish all mothers throughout the world well on this day. Women, and in particular mothers, often bare the huge burdens of the impacts of the climate crisis. We ask you to stand in solidarity with these women by becoming campaigners with Trócaire. See more on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)