

A VERY DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS

This year, Christmas will be different but the reason for celebrating still remains the same. We will celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem all those years ago. When Baby Jesus was born there were no big celebrations or Christmas parties, and the only visitors were the shepherds and their sheep.

This December we may not have Nativity Plays, Christmas Concerts or Carol Singing but we can still celebrate Christmas.

We can put up our decorations, we can sing carols at home, some of us can go to Mass while others will view Masses via webcams, we can visit the crib and the cemetery. If we can't visit family members in person, we can stay in touch with them using our phones or computers.

There has been a lot of sadness during 2020 and it has been a very lonely year for many people. But a lot of good things happened too as illustrated by the many acts of kindness and care shown to those in need. Difficult times often bring out the best in people. And so, as we wish each other happiness and good health over the Christmas Season and the New Year, let us also make a promise to Baby Jesus to help each other more in 2021.

We have no idea what the New Year will bring but we can still look after each other and we can give thanks for all the good things we have in our lives.

PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2021

are now available for collection from the Churches. Please bring your box home as soon as possible.

Priests Phone Numbers

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You may place your notices in the Diaries in each Church before 5.00 pm on Thursdays. Notices should be signed, and a phone number provided. Or you may email: carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie by 5.00 pm on Fridays.

The editors reserve the right to omit or amend any notice.

Parish Newsletter

Christmas Eve 2020

Carrigallen • Drumeela • Drumreilly

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

This has been a year like no other. Covid-19 has changed our lives. We have had to come to terms with lockdowns, wearing masks, social distancing. This Christmas we will be celebrating in a different way. Our family gatherings will be smaller and this applies to our larger family, the Church. Although this year has been difficult for many, Christmas invites us to rejoice because Jesus Christ our Saviour is born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. God sending his son among us leading us to a fuller life and to deeper happiness. This helps us cope with difficulties in life.

During the past nine months we have seen people at their best. The courageous service of frontline workers, those who expressed their empathy to bereaved families in new ways and those who responded to hard pressed Charities. Pope Francis is full of praise for the way "Many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children in small gestures how to face up to difficulties in life by lifting their gaze and fostering prayer. Prayer and quiet service— these are the weapons in this crisis."

With these words of encouragement, I want to thank all of you for how you have responded. Those who delivered food and meals to the housebound, those who helped in the parish during lockdown, those who answered the call as stewards when the Churches re-opened, those who sanitized our Churches so that we can worship safely. All who continued to contribute to our Offertory and Dues collections when Masses were on-line.

I thank all of you for your generosity and help. May the Christ Child be born again in your hearts and lives this Christmas, and we pray that 2021 will be a safer and healthier year.



Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events

Carrigallen

All Masses from 26th Dec are private and livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie

- Thurs 24th 10.00 pm Mass of the Nativity
Fri 25th 11.15am Msgr John Cooke, New Jersey & Gortermone
Aisling Cooke, Linwood, New Jersey.
Sat 26th 8.00pm Jim McCabe Corrawallen
Sun 27th 11.15 am Msgr John A Young
Mon 28th 11.00 am Mass of the Day
Tues 29th 11.00 am Pro Populo
Wed 30th 11.00 am Paddy McGovern Newtowngore
Thurs 31st 11.00 am Mass for New Year's Eve
Fri 1st Jan 11.00 am Mass for New Year's Day
Sat 2nd 8.00 pm Seán Sutherland Toome, Margaret Sutherland Newtowngore and deceased family members
Sun 3rd 11.15 am Rose Ann, Joe & Gerard McCabe Drumminiff



Drumeela

- Fri 25th 10.00 am Philip & Josephine Maguire Cloncoose & deceased members of the Maguire family, Drumlara & Kiernan families Cloncoose



Drumreilly

- Thurs 24th 8.00 pm Candlelit Mass of the Nativity



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

SAINT OF THE WEEK — ST EOGHAN (EUGENE)

Eoghan was born in Leinster and became a monk after training at St. Ninian's Monastery in Galloway, Scotland. When he returned to Ireland, he founded a monastery at Kilnamanagh. Here he stayed for fifteen years and trained bishops and many priests, including his nephew Caoimhín (Kevin) of Glendalough. Both the Church of Ireland and the Catholic Cathedrals in Derry are dedicated to St. Eugene. His feast day is celebrated on 30th Dec



Thanks

to all who prepared the Churches for Christmas. And to everyone who took part. The editors of the Newsletter wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas

Christmas Prayer Cards — are now available from the Churches. Please take one home with you.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

John Connell, Fardromin, Ballinamuck (father of Deirdre Harte, Beaghmore) whose funeral took place in St Patrick's Church, Ballinamuck on Tues 22nd Dec followed by burial in the New Cemetery and

Kathleen (Katie) Gormley (née Harahan), Enaghan, Aughnaccliffe (aunt of Mary Rose Holahan, Drumlea) who funeral took place in St Columille's Church, Aughnaccliffe on Wed. 23rd Dec followed by burial in the adjoining Cemetery.

May their souls rest in peace.

LEITRIM GUARDIAN 2021



On Sale at last (sorry we are late)! Lots of local interest

Ron Bell Why Carrigallen? (O'Malley's, M Js & Charley Farrelly's (PHOTOS) • Killian McGuinness • Eamonn Daly Glenview Museum • Kevin McManus poem Maura Williamson O'Reilly—Vera Kelly • Brendan Madden—Not in Carrigallen anymore—Tom Morrow • Michael O'Rourke Drumshanbo Gin • Book Covers: Kevin Patrick, Seamus O'Rourke, Kevin McManus & Mary Binchey McLean In all the local shops

LEITRIM GUARDIAN for sale in Dublin at Books Upstairs 17 Dolier St Dublin 2 or Tel/Mary: 087 6216635

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00 am - 8.00 pm by calling 0818 222 024, and will remain open over the Christmas period.



LEITRIM DEVELOPMENT CO



have published their annual winter Community Newsletter which this year focuses on Drumreilly. These newsletters are available in the Churches.

Carrigallen GAA Club Lotto is available on-line. Jackpot €11,500. Tickets can be purchased from our usual vendors and also on our new App. Tickets for Members 100 Club also available on the App, see https://member.clubspot.app/ club/carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets. Christmas draw this Sunday (27th Dec.) live on our Facebook Page

Childcare Assistants

Leitrim Development Co are now recruiting Part-time Childcare Assistants. 19.50 hours per week. On-site training provided. Work near home. More info from Anne on 086-391439



Drumreilly Drive-in Bingo

This Sunday afternoon in Drumreilly GAA Park, Carrickmakeegan at 2.30 pm. Usual prizes including €1,000 on the final game. Books €10. Thank you for your continuing support for this local fund-raising event in aid of the Community Centre and the GAA Club. Our annual Parish Christmas Raffle will also take place during this event.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend 19th/20th Dec

Carrigallen: €1,183 (including €14 Returns from Kildallan)

Drumeela: €529 (including €62 Returns from Kildallan)

Drumreilly: €455



A Happy Christmas from Santa, the elves and Rudolph and the reindeers! Ho! Ho! Ho!— Ho! Ho! Ho!