

PARISH CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2020

Christmas Mass times are as follows—

Christmas Eve: Drumreilly Church 8.00 pm • Carrigallen Church 10.00 pm.

Christmas Morning: Drumeela Church 10.00 am • Carrigallen Church 11:15 am.

*Due to the current restrictions, only limited numbers will be able to attend
Mass in our three churches.*

Seats must be booked in advance for either the
Christmas Eve or Christmas Morning Mass.

Please contact Carrigallen Church bookings:

(049) 4339610 on Thursday 17th December from 7.00-9.00 pm

Please contact Drumeela & Drumreilly bookings:

(049) 4339610 on Friday 18th December from 6.00-9.00 pm

*As we won't be able to facilitate all who may wish to attend, parishioners are
encouraged to consider attending one of the other Masses celebrated during the
twelve days of Christmas up to the feast of the Epiphany on 6th January.*

All Christmas Masses on www.churchtv.ie.

Please remember when attending Mass, you must wear a mask and keep the social distance.

WE PRAY for Bernadette Connolly (née Glennon), Cabra, Dublin (wife of John Connolly, formerly of Drumleela) whose funeral has taken place privately this week in Dublin. Also for Mike Joe Brady, Luton, England and formerly of Corriga, Aughavas (brother of Bridie Holahan, Derrygoan). Private funeral in Luton. Memorial Mass in St Joseph's Church, Aughavas at a later date. May their souls rest in peace.

Christmas Gift Appeal

There are 61 children living in the Direct Provision Centre, BALLINAMORE ranging in age from 1 month to 17 years. An appeal has been launched through their GoFundMe website page by local resident Alice Lynott and friends. The appeal hopes to provide the children with a Christmas gift purchased locally. Any funds leftover will be used for essential items required by the ladies in the Centre. Many of these children have been moving from centre to centre since their arrival in Ireland. We hope to bring a little joy to these children this Christmas. Any donation, no matter how small would be greatly appreciated. Log onto the GoFundMe Website and search for Ballinamore Gift Appeal.



Priests Phone Numbers

Priests phone numbers. Fr John McMahon 049 433 9610. Mobile: 086 2126582.

Fr S Mawn (B'more) 071 9644039/087 6869040. Fr J Cusack (B'more) 087 2408409.

Fr D Hannon (Arva) 087 2830145. Fr C O'Gorman (Killeshandra) 049 4334179.

Fr Peter Tiernan (Cloone/Aughavas) 071 9636016/086 3500114.

*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

13th Dec 2020—3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)—Year B

Carrigallen • Drumeela • Drumreilly

GAUDETE SUNDAY

JOHN 1:6-8 & 19-28

Today is called Gaudete Sunday. The word 'Gaudete' means rejoice.

We rejoice on reaching the mid-point of Advent and that our waiting will soon be over. On the Advent Wreath, the candle of joy which is rose or pink coloured is lit. The change in colour provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas. Today reminds us that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

In today's Gospel, we hear about the prophet John the Baptist explaining that he is not the light but that he has come to tell about the light which of course is Jesus who is the light of the world. Jesus is the Son of God and he shows us how we should live—he is a shining light in the darkness for us to follow.

The Jews and others who were sent by the Pharisees, questioned John about who he really is and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. His reply is "a voice that cries in the wilderness".

John was after coming out from the barren desert with an instruction to all to "make a straight way for the Lord".

In other words, he wanted his listeners to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. So, as we journey through this penitential season of Advent, we pray to the Lord to help us to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus into our lives by our words and our deeds.



Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events

Carrigallen All Carrigallen Masses livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie
Sun 13th Dec 11.15 am Seán, Frank & Pauline Donohoe and deceased family members Gortermone
Mon 14th 11.15 am Annie & Peter McBrien Teamore
Tues 15th 11.15 am Bridie & Francie Smyth and deceased family members Aughawillan
Sun 20th 11.15 am Pat (Patsy) Warde Arva—1st Anniversary

Weekday Masses: Mon & Fri at 10.00 am. Tues. at 11.15 am (Holy Day)

Drumeela

Sun 13th Dec 10.00 am Michael McGerty and deceased family members Annagh
Wed 16th 11.15 am Pro Populo
Sun 20th 10.00 am Victims of the Covid-19 Virus & their bereaved families

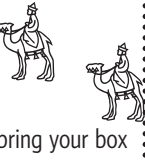


Weekday Masses: None



Drumreilly

Sat 12th Dec 8.00 pm Anna May & Hugh Keegan and remembering Elizabeth Murtagh and deceased family members Gortahose
Thurs 17th 8.00 pm Deceased members of the Maguire family, Ardra & the McCartin family, Ardunsaghan.
Sat 19th Dec 8.00 pm Hughie Maguire, Aghalough & Eamonn Connolly Carrickmakeegan



Weekday Masses: Thurs at 7.30 pm

PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2021

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend 5th/6th Dec

Carrigallen: €865 Drumeela: €352 Drumreilly: €360

Holy Day 8th Dec

Carrigallen: €168 Drumeela: €47 Drumreilly: €92

Reconciliation Service for Christmas

Due to the current restrictions with Covid-19, we will be unable to gather for our usual Reconciliation Service in Carrigallen or Ballinamore. People are encouraged to confidently place their trust in God's mercy through an Act of Perfect Contrition which will be broadcast on the Webcam from St Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Sunday 20th December at 6.00 pm.

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 FLANNAN OF KILLALOE

Flannan lived in the seventh century and was the son of a king of Thomond. He entered Molua's monastery at Killaloe and seems to have become abbot there and is remembered as a powerful preacher. He is the patron saint of the Diocese of Killaloe. The diocesan cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul is in Ennis where portraits of St Flannan and St Senan hang in the sanctuary. The Church of Ireland Cathedral in Killaloe is called after him as is the diocesan college, St Flannan's, Ennis.

His feast day is celebrated on 18th Dec

LEITRIM GUARDIAN 2021

On Sale Now! Lots of local interest

Ron Bell Why Carrigallen? (O'Malley's, MJs & Charley Farrelly's (PHOTOS) Eamonn Daly Glenview Museum • Kevin McManus poem Killian McGuinness • 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CARRIGALLEN, DRUMEELA & AUGHAVAS

St Vincent de Paul is appealing to the public this year as usual with their SVP Christmas Collection. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there are some changes in the way we are collecting donations for SVP. The SVP "donation envelopes" are available in St Mary's Churches, Carrigallen and Drumeela. Please bring one and also one for a neighbour, if you can. An information leaflet is posted in the churches. Donations can also be given in the shops and post office in Carrigallen. The demand for help never stops and the SVP volunteers are trying to ensure that everyone who seeks help gets it. Thank You. Tel. 087-6024223.



Carrigallen Community Care wish to express their regret that due to Covid 19, and the restrictions that are in place there will be no Annual Christmas Party this year. However, it is important for all of us to stay safe in these strange times. We want to take this opportunity to wish you, and your families good health and happiness during the Christmas period. We look forward to better times ahead when we can get back to outings and social events.

Drumreilly Christmas Raffle: Please return the Annual Christmas (Parish Draw)

tickets as soon as possible by giving them to any Committee member, by post or drop them into the Community Centre Letterbox or the Safe Box in the Church Porch. There are no activities in the Community Centre because of Covid-19 but we still have to keep it maintained... As there is no Bazaar this year, this Draw is a very important and necessary fund-raiser. Your support will be very much appreciated!

CARRIGALLEN MACRA

It's coming up to that time of year again and with Christmas just around the corner we have decided to run a Christmas Hamper Draw and we have three lovely hampers up for grabs. If you would like to buy one or two or even three lines, pop into any of the local businesses in Carrigallen and surrounding areas where there will be lines on sale. It's only two euro a line or three lines for five euro. The draw will take place on Sun 20th Dec and thanks to all who donated items for the hampers. For more news and information check out our Facebook, Instagram and Snapchapp pages.

Carrigallen GAA. Club Lotto is available on-line. Jackpot €11,300. 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. Next draw this Sunday live on our Facebook Page.

An Post are offering free mailing to and from Nursing Homes in Ireland. Just write FREEPOST where the stamp should be. Many residents in Nursing Homes receive very few cards or visits even in normal times. Why not send a Christmas Card to a patient from your local community and let them know that you are thinking of them.

Drumreilly Drive-in Bingo Committee

On Sunday afternoons in Drumreilly GAA Park, Carrickmakeegan at 2.30 pm. Usual prizes including €1,000 on the final game. Books €10. Please support this local fund-raising event in aid of Community Care & the GAA Club



See you soon girls & boys!



Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho!