

AN ADVENT PRAYER — COME, LORD JESUS

My hidden Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You with profound gratitude for uniting Yourself with fallen humanity. When You first entered into this world, You remained hidden for nine months in the immaculate womb of Your Blessed Mother. She carried You, body and blood, soul and divinity, within the sanctuary of her body. She also carried You within her heart as a result of her perfect love for You and her perfect obedience to the will of the Father.

Precious Lord, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully as Advent draws to a close. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world.

My loving Jesus, I choose You as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said “Yes” to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example, so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son. *Amen.*

PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2021

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

RECENT MARRIAGE

Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness to Declan Grimes, Mullinadarragh and formerly of Drumconlevin and Mairéad Carroll, Drung, Co Cavan who received the Sacrament of Marriage in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Drung on Saturday 12th Dec. 2020

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

20th Dec 2020 — 4th Sunday of Advent — Year B

Carrigallen • Drumeela • Drumreilly

GOSPEL REFLECTION

LUKE 1: 26-38

In today's Gospel, the angel Gabriel comes from God to a small town in Galilee to tell a young girl called Mary that she will have a very special baby, that he will be the Son of God and will be called Jesus. Mary was frightened at first. Her life was going to change forever. But she trusted in God and said 'yes' to all that God asked of her.

God wants us all to be His messengers in the world to share the good news of His love for everyone. This is especially important at this time of year with Christmas so near. Even though we are very busy and excited, we should take time out to think about the true meaning of Christmas—that God loves all of us, rich or poor, happy or sad, young or old.

This week, could you be a messenger of good news to someone in your family, local community or around the world. Christmas is nearly here. Spend some time remembering why Christmas is so special—a time for becoming one with Jesus. A time for celebrating God's love for us which he showed by sending his Son Jesus to live among us, to teach us and show us the way to eternal life.

NOTE: *The Christmas Newsletter will be published on Thursday next (24th Dec) and will be available at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.*



Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events

Carrigallen *All Carrigallen Masses livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie*
 Sun 20th Dec 11.15 am Pat (Patsy) Warde *Arva—1st Anniversary*
 Thurs 24th 10.00 pm Mass of the Nativity
 Fri 25th 11.15am Msgr John Cooke, *New Jersey & Gortermone*
Aisling Cooke, Linwood, New Jersey.
 Sun 27th 11.15 am Msgr John A Young



Weekday Masses: Mon & Wed at 10.00 am. Tues at 7.30pm

Drumeela
 Sun 20th Dec 10.00 am Victims of the Covid-19 Virus & their bereaved families
 Wed 23rd 7.30pm Pro Populo
 Fri 25th 10.00 am Philip & Josephine Maguire *Cloncoose* & deceased members of the Maguire family, Drumlara & Kiernan families *Cloncoose*
 Fri 27th 10.00 am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family.

Weekday Masses: None



Drumreilly
 Sat 19th Dec 8.00 pm Hughie Maguire, *Aghalough & Eamonn Connolly Carrickmakeegan*
 Thurs 24th 8.00 pm Candlelit Mass of the Nativity
 Sat 26th 8.00pm Jim McCabe *Corrawallen*

Weekday Masses: None

Christmas Mass Tickets – Carrigallen: Those who have booked seats for the Christmas Masses in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen are asked to collect their tickets from the Parochial House on this Monday (21st Dec.) between 10.00 am & 12 noon. Drumeela and Drumreilly are not using the ticket system.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Weekend 12th/13th Dec
 Carrigallen: €630 Drumeela: €227
 Drumreilly: €342 (including €67 Returns from Oughteragh)

Santa and the Elves filling the sacks
Rudolph and the other reindeers all ready for action! Ho! Ho! Ho!

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 STEPHEN

Stephen is the first Christian martyr after Jesus himself. His story is told in the Acts of the Apostles and his cult spread widely from Jerusalem to Constantinople, north Africa, Rome and Prague. Without any trial, the Jews stoned Stephen to death for blasphemy. His only "crime" was to have spoken hard truths that his audience did not want to hear. When dying, Stephen commended his spirit to Jesus, and with his dying breath prayed for his killers
His feast day is celebrated on 26th Dec

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Saoirse Margaret Dunphy, Crossdoney who was baptised into our Community of Faith in St Mary's Church Carrigallen on Sunday 13th Dec and we congratulate her parents, Thomas & Caitriona.



LEITRIM GUARDIAN 2021



On Sale at last (sorry we are late)! 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



Our Christmas Hamper Draw for three hampers will take place on this Sunday 20th Dec. Thanks to all who donated items for the hampers.
For more news check out our Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat pages.

Carrigallen GAA Club Lotto is available on-line. Jackpot €11,400. 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 20th 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 Christmas 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.