**Commencing 2nd January 2021**

**Parish Masses / Anniversaries/ Other Events**

***CARRIGALLEN*: All Masses are private & livestreamed on** [**www.churchtv.ie**](http://www.churchtv.ie)

**Sat 2nd Jan 8.00 pm** Seán Sutherland, Toome,

Margaret Sutherland,

Newtowngore & D.F.M’s.

**Sun 3rd Jan 11.15 am** Rose Ann, Joe & Gerard McCabe, Druminiff.

**Mon 4th Jan 10.00 am** Mass of the Day.

**Tues 5th Jan 8.00 pm** Vigil Mass for the Feast of

the Epiphany.

**Wed 6th Jan 11.15 am** Bridget Ledwith, Portlongfield& Navan.

**Thurs 7th Jan 10.00am** Pro Populo.

**Fri 8th Jan 10.00 am** Mass of the Day.

**Sat 9th Jan 8.00 pm**  Tommy Connolly,

Ardunsaghan (*1st Anniv. Mass).*

**Sun 10th Jan 11.15 am** Mary Hunt, Church Street.

***DRUMREILLY & DRUMEELA: NO MASSES***

**Offertory Collections**

 **Christmas Eve/ Day 26th & 27th Dec**

**Carrigallen** €1,160 €826

**Drumeela** €530 €74

**Drumreilly** €589 €203

**AN 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.

**RECENT DEATHS**

We remember in our prayers:

Marian Reilly *(née Canny)*, Beaghmore whose funeral took place in St. Mary’s Church, Carrigallen on Friday 1st Jan. followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

Kimeiga Kalupnice *(daughter of Inga Kalupnice, Cloncorrick*) whose funeral took place in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan on Thursday 31st Dec. followed by cremation. Burial of ashes in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Carrigallen at a later date.

 Seán Brady, London and formerly of Druminure. Funeral arrangements later.

**May their souls rest in peace.**

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** We welcome Leanne Holly Holohan, Gortahose who was baptised into our Faith Community in St. Mary’s Church, Drumreilly on Sunday 27th Dec. and we congratulate her parents, Clare and Francis.

***Saint of the Week - St. Charles of Mount Argus.***

St. Charles was a Dutch Passionist priest born in 1821. He showed extraordinary compassion for the sick and those in need of guidance. Many came asking his prayers, and in later life his reputation for healings was such that a reference is made to him by James Joyce in Ulysses. He was renowned for his gifts of bodily and spiritual healing during his many years of service at the Passionist Church, Mount Argus, Harold’s Cross, Dublin. A man healed of a seemingly terminal illness through his intercession attended his canonisation in Rome on the 3rd June 2007. His feast day is celebrated on ***5th Jan***.

**DRUMREILLY DRIVE-IN-BINGO:** In keeping with current Government/HSE pandemic restrictions and guidelines there will be no Sunday afternoon Bingo sessions until further notice. Thanks to all who have supported this weekly fund-raising event over the past number of weeks in all kinds of weather conditions. We hope to resume as soon as restrictions are eased.

**CARRIGALLEN G.A.A. CLUB LOTTO** is available on-line. Jackpot ***€11,600*.** 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 (3rd Jan.) live on our Facebook Page.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**Carrigallen, Drumeela and Aughavas would like to thank everyone who contributed to the recent SVP annual appeal to all who contribute at various times of the year and to the anonymous donors.  These funds go to help our local people, especially at Christmas time.  To the shops and post office for allowing us to place collection boxes, we are very grateful.   Your donation goes to help those who need it most in the above local areas, thank you. **To help** **SVP or to seek help ring our confidential number 087-6024223.**

**A NEW CALENDAR - A NEW YEAR**

It is good to throw away the old calendar with this all too familiar picture and hang something fresh on the wall. How clean and bright the new calendar looks ! It seems to symbolise the high hopes of this new morning of a new year. The crisp new pages create an awareness of the strange mystery of the future. These pages with their neat rows of dates represent un-lived Time, the promise of seasons not yet come to fulfilment, days not yet granted, days that are still God’s secret.

***NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS*.**

Every time a new year begins, we make resolutions that we know we can’t keep. Whether it’s to lose weight, save money, or spend more time with family and friends, we know it’s important, but for some reason we fail. We set ourselves up for failure. For 2021 why not make resolutions that will help us to deepen our relationship with God, and let’s keep them. Here are a few ideas that will help you to make a new year’s resolution that you can keep.

***1. Rekindle Your Relationship with God.***

**God hasn’t forgotten about you.** If anything, you’ve probably put Him on the back burner to give priority to something else in your life, undoubtedly fashioning for yourself false gods in the place of your eternal Father. Or maybe you think you’re as close as humanely possible to the living God, in which case you’ve completely missed the point.

***2. Establish a Goal***

**Your goal as a Christian is—and always should be—sainthood.** You were made for heaven! Remember that you don’t want to be a saint, just to be a saint, but because sainthood is complete union with God, which is what this is all about. So set your sights high! There are plenty of inspiring figures in the history of the Church that you can look up to on your journey. That’s what’s great about being Catholic. You have an unimaginably large family, not just on earth, but in heaven. Their examples of holiness can serve as inspiration and motivation, but they can also pray for you. The prayers of the saints are powerful, and they live to intercede for you.

***3. Take Practical Steps***

Now that you know what you’re shooting for you can work towards it. It’s called *conversion* and it should be seen as a gradual, continual process of transformation of which God holds control. Your job is to make yourself available—to open your heart and your mind to Him—so that He can fill you with the gifts of His love, mercy, and peace. You can examine your conscience and evaluate yourself to see what areas you need to work on. The Sacrament of Reconciliation—commonly referred to as confession—is the perfect avenue for this growth and for that reason Jesus established it.

***4. Ask for Help***

Jesus told us to ask for anything in His name and it would be granted. He is our mediator. You can’t do it on your own. You might think you have the power to, but that power comes from Him. And it’s not like He is going to run out of it, so keep asking for more of His grace—the gift of whatever it is that you need to keep going. You are a work in progress, and you’ve got lots of work to do.

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**Parish Newsletter**

**3rd Jan. 2021 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas – Year B**

**Carrigallen ~ Drumeela ~ Drumreilly**

***The Epiphany of the Lord - 6th Jan.***

*On this day we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord and we place statues of the Three Kings in the Crib. The word Epiphany means “to manifest” or “to make known.” Baby Jesus is revealed or made known as the light of the world. Three wise men (the Magi) otherwise known as the three Kings travel a long way from the east following a star which stops over Bethlehem. They know that this is the birthplace of the Messiah and when they reached the stable, they kneel in adoration before the new-born King.*

*They bring with them expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus because they believe he is the King of the Jews. The Magi were generous and sincere visitors, whose gifts expressed reverence, gratitude and love for the child in the manger.* *We too can bring gifts to our local community and the people around us. Gifts which don't cost anything like sharing the talents which God has given to us, an encouraging word, a friendly smile, a random act of kindness, a listening ear, a visit to a sick or elderly person and so on.*

***Epiphany Blessing Prayer****: Lord God of heaven and earth you revealed your only begotten son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless our homes and all who inhabit them. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*