

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events

Carrigallen (Week commencing Saturday 20th March 2021):

All Masses are private and livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie

Sat. 20th March 8.00 pm – Vigil Mass for 5th Sunday of Lent.

Sun. 21st March 11.15 am – Peter Donohoe, Main Street & Kilbracken.

Mon. 22nd March 10.00 am – Johnny & Anne Mitchell, Kinkeen.

Tues. 23rd March 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day followed by a virtual Holy ½ Hour.

Wed. 24th March 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Thurs. 25th March 10.00 am – Bernard & Elizabeth Magee, Main Street.

Fri. 26th March 10.00 am – Mass of the Day followed by the Stations of the Cross for Lent.

Sat. 27th March 8.00 pm – Kay Fee, Clonboyher.

Sun. 28th March 11.15 am – Vincent Gray, Bredagh and all deceased members of the Gray & Smith families.

Drumeela & Drumreilly: No Masses.

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. Macartan.

St. Macartan was a convert from paganism. He is said to have gone south from his home in the north to hear Patrick preach and that their first meeting took place at Drumlease, near Dromahair. Soon Patrick baptised him and Macartan became Patrick's companion and bodyguard. Because of this, he became known as the "strong man" of Patrick. When Patrick became worn out by his labours, Macartan would carry him on his broad shoulders across rivers and over rough ground. Macartan preached the Gospel in Tyrone and Fermanagh. He died in the year 506 from natural causes and is thought to have been buried at Clogher, Co. Tyrone. Monaghan Cathedral was built high on a hill above the town between 1864 and 1892 and is dedicated to St. Macartan and he is also patron saint of the Diocese of Clogher. His feast day is celebrated on **24th March**.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Carrigallen €658 Drumeela €105 Drumreilly €249

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R.I.P.

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Margaret Diffley (*née Deely*), Summerhill, Carrick-on-Shannon (*mother-in-law of Gerard Holahan, Drumlea*) whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Carrick-on-Shannon on **Thursday 18th March** followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

and

Seán Mc Niff, Drumgowna, Corraleehan (*father of David Mc Niff, Carrickmakeegan*) whose funeral takes place in St. Bridget's Church, Corraleehan **today (Sun. 21st March) at 12 noon** (and may viewed on-line at <https://vimeo.com/526200614>) followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May the souls of the departed rest in peace.

Living with Addiction in the Family: with Mick Devine on **27th March, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm** (via Zoom). Families that live with addiction experience shame, guilt and anxiety and feel it is '*all my fault.*' This workshop offers positive tools for managing addiction in the family so that all family members can work towards greater wellbeing. Cost **€10 or €20** per family. Register and link: info@galilee.ie All Welcome **Carrigallen G.A.A. Club Lotto** is available on-line. Jackpot stands at **€12,700**. Purchase tickets from local vendors and on our new App. Tickets for Members 100 Club also available on the App, see <https://member.clubspot.app/club/carrigallengaa/lotto/tickets>. Next draw this Sunday (**21st March**) live on our Facebook Page.

Daffodil Day 2021 goes viral to help Cancer patients on **Fri. 26th March 2021**. Due to Covid-19 & public health restrictions, the fundraiser is unable to go ahead in the usual way. But people can make donations at participating post office's & at some local pharmacies and shops on the day. Daffodil Day merchandise is available on-line at Irish Cancer society on-line shop. Support services like Night Nursing and Volunteer Driver Services are available because of the vital funds raised on Daffodil Day. Any further information is available from The Irish Cancer Society fundraising team on **1850 60 60 60** or click on this link to donate <https://www.cancer.ie/shop>

Age Action: Now more than ever it is important to have internet skills and to keep in touch with family and friends, so Age Action is offering 5 hours of free remote tutoring by phone / video call to help older people use their smartphone, computer, tablet or i-pad. The programme called **Getting Started KIT** takes place in your own home at a time that suits you and includes a free guide. For further information call **01-4756989** or e-mail gettiingstarted@ageaction.ie

Sligo - Leitrim Alcohol Forum: M-M-PACT supports families to work together to understand how parental alcohol or other drug misuse has affected their lives. Covering a different topic each week, improving understanding and communication skills, the programme increases self-esteem and helps to build better coping strategies whilst encouraging the families to make positive changes. Call Philip on **085-8759313** or Email: sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.org

A Lenten Prayer.

We walk about with secret fears and grief's, with troubles, worries and problems unknown to those around us.....

We know not what weighs upon the heart of the person next to us in line, ahead of us in traffic, or the man or woman, boy or girl, passing by us on our way.....

Help me to be gentle, Lord, today with all whose paths cross mine and remind me that their burdens are at least as many and just as heavy as the ones I bear myself.
Amen.

Pope Francis has designated this year 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph.

Joseph is often called the man of silence because he speaks no word in the Gospel. He is also called the man of dreams because God spoke to him in his sleep.

A Prayer to St. Joseph: St. Joseph, you watched over Mary and you were the first to hold the infant Jesus. You minded, cared and protected them with courage and love in times of danger. Please mind our family and our world this year. Protect us from the modern Herod that is Covid-19. Keep us in your loving care, watch over us when we sleep as you did Mary and Jesus and whisper a prayer for our loved ones as they too sleep in the silence of the night. Amen.

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (22nd – 27th March 2021):

Monday – St. Octavian. **Tuesday** – St. Victorian.

Wed. – St. Macartan of Monaghan. **Thurs.** – The Annunciation of the Lord.

Friday - St. Garbhán of Waterford. **Saturday** – St. Alexander.

Priest Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon [433 9610](tel:4339610) / *Mob.* [086-2126582](tel:0862126582).

Parish Cluster: Fr. S. Mawn, Ballinamore [071-9644039](tel:0719644039) or [087-6869040](tel:0876869040); Fr. J. Cusack, Ballinamore [087-2408409](tel:0872408409); Fr. D. Hannon, Arva [087-2830145](tel:0872830145); Fr. C. O’Gorman, Killeshandra [049-4334179](tel:0494334179), Fr. Peter Tiernan, Cloone/ Aughavas [071-9636016](tel:0719636016) or [086-3500114](tel:0863500114).

Parish Website: 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: This newsletter promotes Church, Voluntary and Community events. Articles for this newsletter, which must state author’s name and phone number, can be written into one of the church diaries before **5.00 pm or Thursdays** or emailed to carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie by **5.00 pm on Fridays**. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

Parish Newsletter

St. Mary’s Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

21st March 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel (John 12: 20-30), Jesus tells us that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain and cannot bear any fruit. But if it dies then it will give a rich harvest. We too can be compared to a kernel of wheat clinging onto our old life, a life without any future. The grain of wheat “dies” not by falling into the ground but by being stripped away from its head. It becomes viable when it’s pulled away from its old source of life and buried in the ground where moisture and nutrients will bring forth its new life.

To get bread we must thresh the wheat. To get wine we must crush the grapes. To get a new life in union with Jesus Christ, the old life must be threshed and buried. We cannot get new life or give new life without some form of dying. Jesus is using the imagery in this Gospel to explain that He must first die on the Cross so that He can rise again to a new life and in so doing, people will believe that He is the Son of God.

ACT OF CONTRITION FOR LENT.

My God, I’m sorry for my sins with all my heart. I choose to do wrong and failed to do good. I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend to do penance, to sin no more and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Jesus Christ suffered and died for me. In His name, I ask for mercy. Amen.