

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events

Carrigallen (Week commencing Saturday 27th March 2021):

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

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

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

Mon. 29th March 10.00 am – Mass for Monday of Holy Week.

Tues. 30th March 7.30 pm - Missa Pro Populo followed by Reconciliation Service.

Wed. 31st March 10.00 am – Mass for Spy Wednesday.

Holy Thurs. 01st April 8.00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper.
(Anniversary: James Quinn, Drumcoura).

Good Friday 02nd April 3.00 pm – Service of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Sat. 03rd April 8.00 pm – Tess Gallogly, Curraghtawny (1st Anniv. Mass)

Easter Sun. 04th April 11.15 am – Paddy Cooke, Gortermone (M.M. Mass).

Drumeela & Drumreilly: No Masses.

Act of Spiritual Communion

“When you cannot receive Holy Communion and you do not attend Mass you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it, the love of God will be greatly impressed on you” (St. Teresa of Avila).

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.

Church Area	Weekend 20 th / 21 st March	St. Patrick's Day
Carrigallen	€696	€479
Drumeela	€210	€100
Drumreilly	€212	€209

Thought for the Week

" Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf in springtime."

TRÓCAIRE: Please remember to drop your Trócaire contributions for 2021 into the secure metal boxes in the Church Porches during the coming week.

Thank you.



'Stations of the Cross for our times' has been recorded in the Conaty Chapel in the Kilmore Diocesan Centre. It will be available to view from **Mon. 29th March** and can be accessed on the Kilmore Diocesan Website at www.kilmorediocese.ie

Digges Beekeeper's Association are holding our annual beginner's course in practical beekeeping soon, via Zoom. Those interested in registering should contact Kathleen Kearns on **086-3802292** or Email: kathkayok@gmail.com

Carrigallen G.A.A. Club Lotto is available on-line. Jackpot stands at **€12,800**. 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 (**28th March**) live on our Facebook Page.



CHOP THE LOCKDOWN LOCKS FOR THE NORTH WEST HOSPICE

Councillor for the Ballinamore Electoral Area of County Leitrim, Paddy O'Rourke is having a beard and head shave on Holy Saturday Night 3rd April 2021 which will be live-streamed on Facebook (@paddyleitrim) in aid of the North West Hospice. Councillor O'Rourke the proud bearer of an accidental beard during the lockdown was inspired to nominate the North West Hospice as his charity of choice having seen the excellent care that was extended to a member of his community prior to and at the time of her passing last July. Please donate what you can to what is a worthy cause. For more information call or text me on **087 293 0415**. The GoFundMe link is as follows: <https://gofund.me/f8d58ef4> THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

St. Mary's N.S. Drumlea are looking for donations of old/new paint (*bold colours*) to do up the gardens/play area in the school grounds and also an old slide to make it a feature. If you can help, leave the stuff at the school gates. Thank you.



Carrigallen Tidy Towns - Spring Roadside Litter Pick:

Carrigallen Tidy Towns in conjunction with Leitrim Co. Council and many local organisations are holding a roadside Litter Pick on **Sat. 3rd April** throughout the Parish. With current Covid-19 restrictions in place, everyone must carry out their Litter Pick individually or with people from their own household within **5km** of their home. Walkers and individuals are already doing a great job with collecting roadside litter. However, we all can make a difference to minimise litter in our community if we all become proactive. Handheld litter pickers, H-Vis vests and bin bags will be available for collection on **Sat. 3rd April between 9.30 & 10.00 am** from **Carrigallen Hall and Carrigallen GAA pitch**. A designated Drop-Off point for the collected rubbish will be informed to Litter Pickers when collecting their hand pickers & bags. People can send their photos to environment@leitrimcoco.ie to be in with a chance to win some spot prizes. All queries to Anne O'Malley on **086-3192874** or Paddy O'Rourke on **087-293041**.

Blessed Palm Branches.

As we begin this journey of Holy Week, people are invited to decorate the doors of their homes with blessed palm, saying the following prayer:

Increase O Lord our faith as we place our hope in you and graciously hear the prayers of our hearts as we call on you, that we who adorn our entrances with branches, to hail Christ may bear fruit for you by good works. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Perfect Act of Contrition.

After Mass on Tuesday next on the livestream, we are invited to reflect on our lives and acknowledge the times we have not lived as Jesus has called us to.

Lord our God, source of all goodness and mercy, we set this time aside to seek your forgiveness. Give us true sorrow for our failings. Give us loving trust in your compassion. Grant us to clearly see our own sins and not to judge our neighbour.

Oh my God, I thank You for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving You. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen.

A Prayer for Holy Week

Jesus, my Lord, let me strengthen my courage by taking on the courage of all those people who have been "centurions" for me. Many have faced disasters and hard times with great constancy. The upper hand of evil never turned them against you. They kept going. Let me be like them, Lord. No matter what the cross, let me never stop declaring you to be truly the Son of God, the source of my hope, the reason why I will never give up on life. I make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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

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

28th March 2021 – Passion (Palm) Sunday - Year B

Palm Sunday & Holy Week

For the second year running we celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Week in our homes via the medium of modern technology. Our celebration is tinged with real sadness for the loss of contact with our physical communities and the constraints of this present time. Nonetheless, we still connect with today's celebration of Jesus as King, but as we do so, just like Jesus, we are also very conscious of what happens during the week ahead. The crowds welcomed Jesus and sang "Hosanna" as he entered Jerusalem on a donkey.

A few days later they turned against Him and asked Pilate to have Him crucified. Holy Week brings with it a rollercoaster of emotions from today's joy, to betrayal, humiliation, persecution, forgiveness and mercy, death, mourning and new life. The greatest act of mercy ever shown to the world happened on that first Good Friday when Jesus uttered the words "forgive them for they know not what they do."

The message for us today is that God's love for us is so immense that he is always ready to forgive us and walk with us, guiding us in choosing the right path and helping us through the rocky patches. We are called to be steady in our trust of God, even when our hope is challenged. The passion is a clear reminder that even those that stumble are given the opportunity to be forgiven and continue to spread the good news; to be signs and bearers of God's love and compassion to those that we meet along life's journey. So, this week let us try to follow Jesus by turning away from what is wrong and by putting ourselves and our selfishness on the Cross so that we too can experience a glorious resurrection.



Blessed Palm Branches are available for collection from today in each of our Churches. 