

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events

Carrigallen (Week commencing Saturday 10th April 2021):

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

Sat. 10th April 8.00 pm – Paddy Corby, Kilmore & D.F.M's.

Sun. 11th April 11.15 am – Mary Kate, Philip & James Reilly, Aughawillan.

Mon. 12th April 10.00 am – Eleanor Mc Guckian, Coranagh (*M.M. Mass*).

Tues. 13th April 7.30 pm – Pat & Eugene Corr, Gulladoo.

Wed. 14th April 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Thurs. 15th April 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Fri. 16th April 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Sat. 17th April 8.00 pm – John & Mary Kate Brady, Carrickmakeegan.

Sun. 18th March 11.15 am – Gretta Mc Cabe, Beaghmore.

Drumeela & Drumreilly: No Masses.

Saint of the Week - St. Bernadette of Lourdes

Born near Lourdes on 17th Jan. 1844. Eldest of a family of five, Bernadette worked in a laundry and helped on the family farm. On 11th Feb. 1858, while gathering firewood, she witnessed her first apparition of Our Lady. Fourteen more apparitions occurred over the following weeks and months. Water started flowing at the location and continues flowing to this day and is the source of the water used at all the baths at Lourdes. Bernadette later joined the Sisters of Charity where she remained until her untimely death in 1879. She was beatified in June 1925 and was canonised to Sainthood by Pope Pius XI on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th Dec. 1933. We celebrate her feast day on **16th April**.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Carrigallen €650 Drumeela €250 Drumreilly €276

Life is Stronger.

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer. Death is strong, but Life is stronger. Stronger than the dark or the light; Stronger than the wrong or the right. Faith and Hope triumphant say, Christ did rise on Easter Day.

Words of Wisdom - May you never forget what is worth remembering and never remember what is best forgotten.

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R.I.P.

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Thomas Smith, Bredagh, Carrigallen and formerly of Ardunsaghan, Drumreilly whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly on *Friday 9th April* followed by burial in the adjoining Cemetery

and Patricia Durkin, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon (*sister of Edward & Thomas Corcoran, Cloncorrick*) whose funeral took place in St. Nathy's Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen on *Tuesday 6th April* followed by burial in Kilcolman Cemetery.

May their souls rest in peace.

Baptismal Ceremonies: At the most recent Bishops' Conference it was agreed that Baptisms may now go ahead with the maximum number of (6) participants involved, i.e., parents (2), godparents (2), child and celebrant (2) with all public health safety procedures in place and gatherings afterwards being actively discouraged.

Drumreilly Roadside Litter Pick-up: Drumreilly I.F.A & G.A.A, in conjunction with Leitrim Co. Council, roadside litter picking continues to *14th April* throughout the parish maintaining the current Covid-19 restrictions. All must carry out the litter picking individually with people from their own household within 5km of their own home. Bags collected in the usual places by Seamus or Pádraig. Contact Seamus on *086 8633839*.

Carrigallen G.A.A. Club Lotto is available on-line. Jackpot now **€13,000**. Tickets can be purchased from usual 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 (*11th April*) live on our Facebook Page.

THANK YOU! A big thank you everybody who contributed so generously to the recent 'Chop the Lockdown Locks for North West Hospice' by local man Paddy O'Rourke in aid of the West Hospice. Total amount raised currently stands at **€4,300** via GoFundMe online donations with a further **€960** via cheques / cash bringing it to a total of **€5,265** which will be forwarded to the North West Hospice. Once again, Paddy wishes to thank those who contributed and those who helped out on the night as well as the Easter Bunny for taking time out in his busy schedule to shave!

NORTH WEST SIMON COMMUNITY are asking people to walk 10,000 steps a day for 30 days in April, to help raise vital funds and awareness for the charity. NW Simon work to prevent and resolve homelessness. Sign up and register at: - <https://www.idonate.ie/StepChallengeNWSimon> In 2020 we supported 182 households in the region that consisted of 224 adults & 225 children. Help us to help those less fortunate by raising much needed funds for your local Simon Community.

North West Hospice Memorial Walk 2021: This walk is a special way to celebrate the memory of our departed loved ones. Because of Covid-19 we cannot walk together this year, so we ask you to walk somewhere special with family & friends on *Sun. 25th April*. Register online at www.northwesthospice.ie or call *071-9170523* before *Fri. 16th April* to receive a T-Shirt personalised with the name of your loved one.

DIVINE MERCY

From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we too must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus known as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering A B C :

- A** Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- B** Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C** Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

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

11th April 2021 – Divine Mercy Sunday – Year B

GOSPEL REFLECTION - JOHN 20:19-31

After his death and resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples, and wishes them peace. But one of the disciples wasn't there when Jesus appeared. It was Thomas who was called the twin and when the disciples met him later, he said he would not believe that Jesus was risen from the dead unless he saw it for himself. Thomas wanted to see the holes in Jesus' hand, made by the nails on the cross.

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Many of us can empathise with Thomas as we are all a bit like him sometimes. It isn't always easy for us to believe in God and Jesus especially when our faith is tested. Even though we listen to the gospel and hear about God's love for us, it can be difficult to keep believing when things go wrong and we lose hope.

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Later Jesus appears to Thomas and shows him the holes in his hands and wishes him peace. Thomas believes and replies with the words "My Lord and my God".

Then Jesus says "How happy are those who believe without seeing me!" From then on Thomas became a model disciple as he preached the Gospel far and near.

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We are blessed by God, because we believe in Jesus even though we haven't seen him like the disciples did. This week let us do our best to believe that Jesus is the risen Son of God, the same Jesus who is active in all our lives and in the world around us.

Let us also remember God's continuing love for us, even in these difficult and uncertain times and to share the peace of Christ with each other all around the world.

The 3 o'clock Divine Mercy Prayer

You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.