

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events

Carrigallen (Week commencing Saturday 17th April 2021):

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

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

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

Mon. 19th April 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Tues 20th April 7.30 pm – Jean, Catherine, Mattie & Kathleen Mc Manus, Beaghmore.

Wed. 21st April 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Thurs. 22nd April 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Fri. 23rd April 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Sat. 24th April 8.00 pm – Paddy, Eugene & Tommy Connolly, Ardunsaghan & D.F.M's.

Sun. 25th April 11.15 am – Michael & Annie Reilly, Drumkeelwick.

Drumeela & Drumreilly: No Masses.

Saint of the Week - St. George

George is a Third Century saint and was born in Cappadocia in modern Turkey. He was a Roman soldier and strongly opposed with defiance and fortitude the persecution of Christians for which he gained the admiration of Christians throughout the Roman Empire. He was later tortured and beheaded by a Roman Emperor for his strong faith and is buried in a small chapel near Ben Gurion International Airport in Israel. George is also known as the dragon-slayer. A community near where he lived was terrorised by a dragon which no one could conquer, but George pierced it with a lance and led it away. St. George is the patron Saint of England and his feast day is celebrated on **23rd April.**

Weekly Offertory Collection

Carrigallen €660 Drumeela €243 Drumreilly €294

Life's Journey

Life upon this little globe is just an episode, a journey that we pass but once along this bit of road. So do to others as you would that they should do to you. You will not come this way again. You're only passing through.

The Three C's of Life: CHOICES * CHANCES * CHANGES

You must make a **CHOICE** to take a **CHANCE** or your life will never **CHANGE**.

GALILEE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE ONLINE: In the Age of the Spirit: Four Conversations for Eastertide, Booking and Zoom link: info@galilee.ie. €5. All welcome. 1. **Tues. 20th April 7:30 to 9.00 pm** with Rev. Dr. Ruth Patterson, OBE - The Beloved Community – An Endangered Species? Ruth Patterson has been Director of Restoration Ministries, since 1988, a non-denominational Christian organisation committed to peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. Ruth was the first woman ordained a minister in Ireland and has written extensively about the importance of Community Life.

Carrigallen G.A.A. Club Lotto available on-line. Jackpot stands at **€13,100**. Tickets available from our 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 (**18th April**) live on our Facebook Page.

Carrigallen Parent & Toddler Group: Zoom meeting this Friday, **23rd April starting at 11.00am**. For further information and booking please contact **071-9631253**.

Local Community / Social Employment Schemes: If you are in receipt of a Social Welfare payment and looking for part-time employment in your local area why not contact Leitrim Development Company in Drumshanbo for an application form. Call **071-9641770** or email: schemes@ldco.ie

THE GROW IT FORWARD CAMPAIGN: In partnership with Healthy Ireland, public Libraries Ireland, and in line with the Government of Ireland's Keep Well initiative, Leitrim Co. Library is distributing FREE packs of seeds to local people. To obtain a seed pack, phone **071-9645582** or email: leitrimlibrary@leitrimcoco.ie There are beetroot, carrot, salad leaves, pea and tomato seeds, a guide to grow them and a postcard/gift tags to share them with family and friends.

Fostering: Tusla foster carers have transformed the lives of vulnerable children and young people, by helping to provide a safe home environment where they can grow, flourish and reach the best of their potential. You could be amazing by providing a child/young person with the ordinary things in life. You don't have to be perfect to be a perfect foster carer. What you must have is a desire to provide a child with a nurturing environment in which they can develop. In return, you will gain the satisfaction from helping a child to reach their potential in life and creating a long-lasting legacy of change. Freefone **1800 226 771** or email: tusla.fostering@tusla.ie

Aware is running a number of Phone-in Support & Self Care Groups each week. They are peer to peer groups for anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder & mood related conditions. To register, visit the website at www.aware.ie/support/support-groups or freephone **1800 80 48 48**.

AFFORDABLE LIVE-IN HOMECARE provides live-in care for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in Carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom on **087 9916791 or 087 7440729**. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

Carrigallen Tidy Towns - Spring Clean

Carrigallen Tidy Towns committee would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who safely and COVID compliantly took part in our Spring Clean litter pick on Holy Saturday, April 3rd and in the days leading up to the event. It was a great community effort and showed the genuine concern litter is causing throughout our community. It was fantastic to see everyone from tots to their grandparents lending a much appreciated helping hand. We are grateful to all the many people, organisations and businesses who supported and spread the word to encourage participation in the much needed clean up.

All our pictures were captured by T J Lockhart Media, which he has uploaded on to our Facebook page – thanks to TJ for his availability to capture the event and promote it on social media. Thank you to Sinead in the Environment Section of Leitrim Co. Council who was more than helpful with all our needs and organising the skip to take away the rubbish. Thank you to Pat and Mary Masterson who donated treats for the children and to An Taisce for sending supplies also.

To all the walkers and individuals who, on an ongoing basis show great community spirit by picking up litter, our message to you is, please continue to do so. This terrible culture of littering is unacceptable to us. Keep up the good work and encourage all in your household young and old to do the right thing with their litter. In the words of our great ambassador Seamus O' Rourke, please continue to *'Help tidy up our little corner of this Lovely county'*.

On a very positive note, this has sparked enthusiasm and many people have expressed an interest in becoming actively involved in Carrigallen Tidy Towns. This is a welcome progression, and the many fresh ideas and suggestions will invigorate further action and initiatives. Further details will follow when we can arrange a meeting virtual or otherwise. Anyone interested in continuing to be involved in any capacity is more than welcome to contact Anne O' Malley or Paddy O'Rourke.

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 on 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

18th April 2021 – Third Sunday of Easter - Year B

Gospel Reflection - Luke 24: 35-48

In today's Gospel the two men that met Jesus on the road to Emmaus are now with the Disciples explaining to them what had happened and how they had recognized the Lord when he broke the bread. While they were talking, the Lord suddenly stood among them and said to them, *"Peace be with you."* They were terrified, thinking that they were seeing a ghost. But he said to them, *"Why are you alarmed? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet and see that it is I myself. Feel me, and you will know, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see, I have."* They were filled with joy and wonder.

Then He said to them, *"These are the very things I told you about while I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms had to come true."* He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, *"This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later, and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."*

As we continue our journey through this Easter season and through life, Jesus walks by our side and listens to us as a friend and companion just as He walked along with the men on the road to Emmaus. He asks us to tell Him our story and to share with Him what is deepest and most important to us. Each of us have a personal, unique and sacred story. Pope Francis says that, *'Each of us have a story; a story of grace, a story of sin, a story of journey, many things. It is good to pray with our story.'*