

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events

Carrigallen (Week commencing Saturday 24th April 2021):

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

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.

Mon. 26th April 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Tues 27th April 7.30 pm – Brendan Hunt, Church Street.

Wed. 28th April 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Thurs. 29th April 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Fri. 30th April 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Sat. 01st May 8.00 pm – John & Mary Gaffney, Corrala.

Sun. 02nd May 11.15 am – Frank & Elizabeth Mc Glynn, Cloncorrick

Drumeela & Drumreilly: No Masses.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Carrigallen €373 Drumeela €160 Drumreilly €184

Diocesan Vocations and Support Services Collection 2021

This annual collection is due next weekend (2nd / 3rd May) and you will find an envelope for this purpose in your Parish Envelope Box. It is a Diocesan Levy imposed on the Parish and this year it amounts to **€8,283.69**. This money supports various counselling and other services provided by the Diocese and also assists students from the Diocese currently studying for the priesthood.

Please be as generous as you can. *Thank you.*

Saint of the Week - St. Asicus

St. Asicus is the patron saint of the Diocese of Elphin and is buried at the top of a field between Donegal Town and Ballyshannon near Ballintra. He was a skilled coppersmith and silversmith, and copperwork can be seen on the shamrock patterned beaten brass altar screen in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Sligo. He was one of the earliest of St. Patrick's disciples and after St. Patrick established the diocese of Elphin in Co. Roscommon, he appointed Asicus as it's first bishop. He was later Abbot-Bishop of Ireland. He left Roscommon and travelled to Rathlin O'Birne Island in Donegal Bay where he resigned his office and became a hermit, living for a while at the top of Sliabh League along the area called 'The Pilgrim's Way.' His feast day is celebrated on **27th April**.

Thought for the Week

"We are not put on this earth to see through one another but to see one another through."



We remember in our prayers, Very Rev. Fintan Mc Kiernan P.E. Kildallan and retired Parish Priest of Derrylin whose funeral took place in St. Patrick's Church, Kilnavart on **Sat. 24th April** followed by burial in St. Ninnidh's cemetery, Derrylin. May his soul rest in peace.

GALILEE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE ONLINE: Four Conversations for Eastertide, Booking and Zoom link: info@galilee.ie €5. All welcome. **April 27th** - Bishop Paul Dempsey: **The Contemporary Irish Church - A Church of Crisis or Opportunity?** A native of Carlow, Paul was ordained for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin in **1997**. He has worked in parish ministry, mainly in large urban settings. He was Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry and Vocations for a number of years and worked in the area of communications and local radio. He was ordained Bishop of Achonry in **Jan. 2020**.

Overseas Volunteers Training Course September 2021 - Open to all!

Viatres Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since **1960**. VC runs an online volunteer preparation course covering Community Development, Health, Global Awareness, Mission, etc. This is open to all! Once completed, participants can be considered for volunteer roles through VC EU Aid Volunteers #EUAVI programmes. If you want to know more, click [here](#) or visit the News section of our website www.vcvolunteers.ie or email: info@vioreschristi.com

Poetry Competition: Trócaire and Poetry Ireland have launched their annual poetry competition which this year will focus on the theme 'Pathways to Peace'. The closing date for entries is **Friday 7th May 2021**. This year's competition invites you to explore the theme of conflict from a local to global perspective. Poems in English or Irish, written or spoken word, are welcome. Full details on how to enter are available on Poetry Ireland's website or visit www.trocaire.org

Carrigallen G.A.A. Club Lotto available on-line. Jackpot stands at **€13,200**. 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 (**25th April**) live on our Facebook Page.

Drumreilly G.A.A. Club are holding a fundraising raffle. Win **10** Rolls of Silage Wrap for **€10**. Tickets available from any club member or online on the following link: www.clubfunder.com/Clubs/Drumreilly One ticket for **€10** or three for **€20**. All support very much appreciated.

Drumreilly Drive-in Bingo will restart in the G.A.A. Grounds, Carrickmakeegan on **Sunday afternoons** as soon as the current Covid-19 restrictions are eased. Watch this space for updates or follow us on the Drumreilly G.A.A. Facebook Page.

An Extract from the Message of Pope Francis for Vocations Sunday 2021

“God looks on the heart and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of “the saints next door”. At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.

St. Joseph suggests to us three key words for each individual’s vocation. The first is dream. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. We rightly nurture great hopes, lofty aspirations that ephemeral goals – like success, money and entertainment – cannot satisfy. If we were to ask people to express in one word their life’s dream, it would not be difficult to imagine the answer: “to be loved”. It is love that gives meaning to life because it reveals life’s mystery. Indeed, we only have life if we give it; we truly possess it only if we generously give it away. St. Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift.”

A Prayer for Vocations: Loving God, You speak to us and nourish us through the life of this church community. Lord, we ask you to send your Spirit to us so that men and women among us, young & old, will respond to your call to service and leadership in the Church. We pray, especially, in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, sister, brother, or deacon. May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service. Amen.

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

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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. Newsletter articles must state author’s name & 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

25th April 2021 – Good Shepherd Sunday - Year B

“I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord.



I know my own sheep and my own know me.”

(John 10: 14)

The Church today is in great need of good shepherds who are totally committed to the Way of Jesus. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray that our Christian communities will be graced with good shepherds and pastors. We sometimes tend to narrow the term ‘vocation’ to those who feel called to the priesthood or religious life whereas in essence every baptised person has a vocation. Everyone is called by God to play a specific role in the Christian community and in the wider community.

Unless we Christians see that ‘vocation’ is something that we are called to, it is unlikely that there will be enough people to meet the service needs of our Christian communities which can only grow and thrive when every member makes a contribution to the well-being of the whole community.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd and He wants us to follow his example by being Good Shepherds in the way that we care for others - our brothers and sisters around the world, no matter who they are or where they come from. And he doesn’t want us to run away when things are difficult and the going gets tough. That’s when we are needed most and when He wants us to stand up for what we believe and know to be right.

On this, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2021 we pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, speak to your local priest, or the Diocesan Vocations Director Fr. Ultan Mc Goohan who may be emailed at: bailieboro2@kilmorediocese.ie or email: The National Vocations Office at: info@vocations.ie