

National Tree Day – 7th Oct

This year's theme is "Trees are Good Neighbours". Trees are vital to our environment and our planet. They support the lives of many plants, insects, birds and mammals as they provide them with food, shelter, shade, resting and nesting places allowing them to hunt and capture prey. Most importantly trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, helping in the fight against climate change. So, this week why not do your bit for the environment by planting a tree.

October: Mission Month / Rosary Month

During this month of October, we pray for our missionaries - lay and religious. It has been a difficult time for those working on the missions because of the anti-Christian hostility they face in many countries. The number of lay Christians, religious priests, sisters and brothers who have been persecuted, imprisoned and killed over the past year needs to be highlighted at both national and international level. To paraphrase a quote from Jesus to his disciples - 'when good people remain silent in the face of injustice the stones cry out'.

The month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Rosary. The History can be traced back to the life & preaching of St. Dominic. The Rosary can enable us to meditate on the mysteries of our Lord's life and that of his Blessed Mother.

Prayer to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, in these times of such brazen impiety, manifest thy power with the signs of thine ancient victories. From thy throne whence thou dispense pardon and grace, mercifully regard the Church of thy Son, His Vicar on Earth, and every order of clergy, religious, and laity, who are oppressed in this mighty conflict. Thou who are powerful, the vanquisher of all heresies, hasten the hour of mercy, even though the hour of God's justice is every day provoked by the countless sins of men, the sons and daughters of Adam. Obtain for me the grace I need to live righteously upon earth, in order to be numbered among the just in heaven. In the company of all faithful Christians throughout the world, I salute thee and acclaim thee as Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

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Parish Website

Our website is www.carrigallenparish.ie. The Parish Newsletter is uploaded to the site each weekend and 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 5pm on Thursdays or emailed to carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie by 5pm on Fridays. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

Parish Newsletter

3rd October 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Carrigallen ~ Drumeela ~ Drumreilly

Gospel Reflection

Mark 10: 2-16

In today's Gospel, Jesus emphasises the life-long commitment of marriage. As we can see from the disciples' reaction this was a controversial issue even in Jesus' time, and Moses had allowed the people to divorce. As such, Jesus completely understands the difficulties that spouses encounter in their marriages, and he is very sympathetic to them. But Jesus has come to restore all things to the loving plan that the Father had for humanity from the beginning. And in that plan a man and a woman are united in one body through marriage. "So then, what God has united, man must not divide". God, in fact, is only recognising and sealing the life-long commitment that the couple themselves have made to one another.

The Gospel then continues with telling us that people were bringing little children to Jesus to be touched by Him, and that the disciples tried to turn them away. But Jesus says "Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to them". In God's eyes we are all his children, and he looks with mercy and love on all of our doings, even when we get things wrong. Jesus also requests that we welcome the kingdom of God like little children, and when we do this, we become humbler and kinder to one another, and more open to God's grace in our lives. Ultimately, it is this grace, and not our own efforts, that will make our marriages, our vocation choices and our lives places of love, fidelity and blessing. If at times in the Gospel, Jesus seems to be making big demands of us, it is only because He deems us worthy to share in His everlasting and unconditional love for us.

**Parish Masses Week Commencing
Sat 2nd October 2021**

Carrigallen:

All Masses are live streamed on www.churchtv.ie - click on Carrigallen
Sun 3rd 11:15am Deceased members of the McGoochan Family, Kilbracken
Tue 5th 7:30pm Michael & Christina Hackett, Church St
Wed 6th 10:00am Missa Pro Populo
Sat 9th 1:00pm M.M. Sean Duffy, Errew
Sun 10th 11:15am Jack & Rose McManus, Bredagh & Deceased family members
Rose McHugh, Scramoge



Weekday Mass: Mon, Wed, 10:00am, Tues at 7:30pm, Sat 1:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 6:30pm-7:30pm and Wed 10:30am-11:30am

Drumeela:

Sun 3rd 10:00am Eugene & Bridie O'Kelly, Drumloona, their daughter Cathriona Lydon, London & Deceased family members
Sun 10th 10:00am Winifred & Ned Lynch, Drumbrick
Weekday Mass: Fri at 7:30pm

Drumreilly:

Sat 2nd 8:00pm Michael Donohoe, Drumcoura (1st Anniv), his parents Patrick & Mary Theresa, Ardunsaghan & deceased family members
Thurs 7th 7:30pm M.M. Willie O'Beirne, Whiterock
Sat 9th 8:00pm John Gaffney, Mullaghboy & deceased family members
Weekday Mass: Thurs at 7:30pm
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Carrigallen Club Lotto

Available online at <https://member.clubspot.app/club/carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets> or from local vendors. Jackpot €15,500. If not won there will be four lucky dip prizes of €25.

Drumreilly Drive-In Bingo

Every Sunday in the G.A.A. Grounds, Carrickmakeegan starting at 3.00 pm. The prize-fund is €1,750 with €500 on the last game and books cost €10. A raffle is held on the day. Please support your local Parish Bingo.

Collections Last Weekend

Carrigallen	€513
Drumeela	€265
Drumreilly	€223

Ballinamore Athletic Club



Outdoor training for the Cross Country season, confined to those born in 2012 or earlier, will resume at St Felim's Grounds on Tue next, 5th Oct at 8:00pm. New members welcome.

We Pray For ...

Patsy Murray, Manchester and formerly of Kinkeen, Drumreilly who died on 30th Sept. Funeral arrangements later.



Classroom Change

Drumeela National School have temporarily transferred their classes to Teach Duchais to facilitate major construction work at the school. Contact numbers are now 087-3794330 and 087-3834368

Small Coin Collection

St Mary's National School, Drumlea annual small coin collection week continues until Sat 9th Oct. There will be a collection bucket in the church during Mass on Sat night, or you can drop your coins into the school Mon-Fri during school hours. Thank you.

Baptism



We welcome Diarmuid Lynch, Annagh who was baptised into our faith community in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Sun 26th Sept and we congratulate his parents, Sheila and Brendan.

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting takes place on Mon 11th Oct in the Parish Hall, Carrigallen at 8:00pm. All members please attend.

Synodal Pathway 2021-2023

Pope Francis has invited all baptised Catholics to begin a conversation on our faith. This process or pathway will lead to a Synod in 2023. Our Diocese will begin walking this pathway during the coming months. Bishop Martin Hayes has produced a short video to explain the process and how to get on the road. This video is available to view at www.kilmorediocese.ie. Please watch the video as we begin to walk together.

Day for Life 2021

On Sun 3rd Oct we celebrate this year's Day for Life on the theme 'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'. In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year's Day for Life message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life. See www.councilforlife.ie for more information.

Prayer for the Care of Creation

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of your hands. We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of your creation. In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering. Through faithfully following your Son, guide and direct us to prepare for a better future. Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You. Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all you have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us. Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and reign, world without end. Amen.

Saint of the Week - St Francis of Assisi

Francis was born in Assisi (Italy) in 1181 and died nearby in 1226. He was one of 7 children of a wealthy merchant but gave up his inheritance to embrace utter poverty. Under a simple gospel rule, he and his Friars were authorised to be preachers. He is the originator of the Christmas Crib and it was in the town of Greccio near Assisi that he used real animals to create a live Nativity scene. Worshippers could contemplate the birth of the child Jesus in a direct way, making use of their senses, especially sight. Pope John Paul II declared him patron saint of the environment and we celebrate his feast day on 4th Oct.

Thought for the Week

"Give not from the top of your purse but from the bottom of your heart."