

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 28th November 2021):

All Masses in Carrigallen are livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie

Sun. 28th Nov. 11.15 am – Mass for the First Sunday of Advent.

Mon. 29th Nov. 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Tues. 30th Nov. 7.30 pm – November Mass for the Holy Souls.

Wed. 01st Dec. 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Sun. 05th Dec. 11.15 am – Elizabeth & Charles Sheridan, Calloughs & D.F.M's

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. after 10.00 am Mass.

Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 28th November 2021):

Sun. 28th Nov. 10.00 am – Maureen & Benny O'Reilly, Curraghboy & D.F.M's.

Fri. 03rd Dec. 7.30 pm – First Friday Mass.

Sun. 05th Dec. 10.00 am – Therese & Pauric Mc Gurren, Corglass & their grandparents.

Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 27th November 2021):

Sat. 27th Nov. 8.00 pm – November Mass for the Holy Souls.

Thurs. 02nd Dec. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.

Sat. 04th Dec. 8.00 pm – Benedict Connolly, Drumlea.
Bernie Connolly, Dublin & D.F.M's.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Carrigallen €691

Drumeela €188

Drumreilly €327

Grow in Love in the Parish.

We continue to welcome those children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time, next year. The children with their parents will attend Mass next Saturday evening in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly and on Sunday morning in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen.

Cavan General Hospital Remembrance Mass

On **Tuesday 30th Nov. at 10.00 am**, the Chaplaincy Department of Cavan General Hospital are holding a Remembrance Mass, for those who passed away in the hospital during the past year and also for departed relatives and friends of Staff. It will be held in the Cathedral of Saints Patrick & Felim, Cavan and we invite you to join us in the Cathedral, or you can watch online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral> and light a candle at that time in remembrance of your loved one.

A Thought for the Week:

I don't need everyone to hear me say "I'm a Christian" but I need everyone to see Christ in me.



We remember in our prayers: Gerry Lyons, Clonsilla, Dublin (brother of Noel & Vinny Lyons, Killahurk) whose funeral takes place in the Church of St. Philip the Apostle, Mountview, Clonsilla on **Tues. 30th Nov.** followed by burial in Mulhuddart Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

St. Vincent de Paul: Carrigallen - Drumeela - Aughavas (TEL: 087-6024223)

We are appealing to the public this year as usual for donations to our annual Christmas Collection. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we will be using special envelopes available in the churches. The SVP envelopes can be got in St. Mary's Churches, Carrigallen & Drumeela. Please bring one and also one for a neighbour if you can. The sealed envelope with contribution is then placed in the dues box in the main porch of the church in Carrigallen or the dues box in Drumeela. The demand for help never stops, we must try to give as generously as possible. Thank you. If you need help or would like to contribute in another way, please ring our confidential no: 087-6024223

North West Hospice Memorial Tree will be lit up at **5.00 pm on next Sun. 5th Dec.** in the Hospice Memorial Garden. The tree will be adorned with lights illuminating thousands of memories. Each light costs €5 and will shine throughout the festive season. To sponsor a light, go to www.northwesthospice.ie/memorialtree

Drumreilly Winter Fundraiser: The Draw which was scheduled to take place on this Saturday has now been postponed until **Sat. 11th Dec, in the Community Centre at 9.00 pm.** Tickets still available from any member of the Committee. Cost: €10 for 1 ticket, €20 for 3 or €50 for the full book of 8 tickets. Purchasing a ticket will enter you into a draw to win up to 9 prizes ranging from a Garden Bundle worth €1,000 to Cash & Vouchers. Tickets also available online at: www.idonate.ie/raffle/drumreillycommunityfundraiser All support for this annual fundraiser very much appreciated.

Drumreilly Drive-in Bingo this Sunday in the G.A.A. Grounds, Carrickmakeegan starting at **3.00 pm sharp.** The prize-fund is **€1,750** with **€500** on the last game and books cost **€10.** Raffle on the day. Please come along & support your local weekly bingo event.

Carrigallen Club Lotto available on-line. Jackpot now at **€16,300.** If not won, there are 4 lucky dip prizes of €25. Next draw this Sun. (**28th Nov.**) live on our Facebook Page. Purchase a ticket from your local vendor or online via our official Carrigallen Club App. or at <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

Carrigallen G.A.A. Christmas Market this **Sun. 28th Nov.** in the G.A.A. parking grounds from **12 noon to 5.00 pm.** Grand opening with Seamus O'Rourke. **Car Boot Sale – Local Business & Transition Year Stalls – Home Baked Treats – Mince Pies & Mulled Wine – Carol Singing – Santa Visit – Children's Games/Activities in Marquee – Local Musicians, Special Guests & much more.** All funds raised on the day in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. A fun day out for the Community and a chance to purchase festive treats.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

The Church has many seasons. Advent is a season of preparation for the great feast of Christmas. In the 4 weeks of Advent, we have a time to prepare spiritually for Christmas marking the arrival of the Son of God to a stable in Bethlehem. We are tired by the strain of this pandemic and the disruption that it has brought to our lives. We yearn for constancy, we seek out signs of hope, and we long for something to fill the void in our lives. Our constancy and our hope are found in God. God is with us. As we set out on our journey towards Christmas, we may find ourselves connecting with the emotions of weariness, anxiety and fear felt by Mary and Joseph on the road to Bethlehem.

May Christ Emmanuel be with you in these weeks of waiting and anticipation and we pray that, as you journey through Advent, you will grow closer to Christ experiencing the hope, love, joy, and peace that a relationship with Jesus brings.

Advent Calendar 2021: Archbishop Eamon Martin recently launched the **2021** interactive digital Advent Calendar, which will go live on www.catholicbishops.ie on the First Sunday of Advent. Now in its eight year, the unique digital Advent Calendar offers resources for schools and families which can be accessed behind a virtual door each day during the season of Advent. The content is aimed at assisting people of all ages to pray and reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season.

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (29th Nov. – 04th Dec.2021).

Monday – St. Brendan of Birr. **Tuesday** – St. Andrew (*Patron Saint of Scotland*).

Wednesday – St. Edmund Campion. **Thursday** – St. Lupus of Verona.

Friday – St. Francis Xavier **Saturday** – St. John of Demascus.

Priest Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon **433 9610 / Mob. 086-2126582.**

Parish Cluster: Fr. S. Mawn, Ballinamore **071-9644039 or 087-6869040;** Fr. J. Cusack, Ballinamore **087-2408409;** Fr. D. Hannon, Arva **087-2830145;** Fr. C. O’Gorman, Killeshandra **049-4334179,** Fr. Peter Tiernan, Cloone/ Aughavas **071-9636016 or 086-3500114.**

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

28th Nov. 2021 – First Sunday of Advent – Year C

Gospel Reflection – Luke 21: 25-28 & 34-36.

In today's gospel reading, Jesus Himself calls us to prepare for His Second Coming and He indicates that devastating events will surround that event. He describes His return with these words: "they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Jesus encourages His followers to be prepared, remaining awake and "vigilant," so that they may not be caught by surprise when He returns. If we are prepared, the return of Christ will be a joyous day, for on that day our "liberation will be at hand." Therefore, the Second Coming is something to look forward to.

If we are, however, unprepared, then Jesus' return will catch us like a "trap." It will be the cause of great fear, for it will be the day of our judgment. Therefore, let us not be found sleeping in our faith. Let us not become over anxious about the cares of daily life. Rather, let us focus our lives on what really matters like knowing, loving, and serving God. This is all that will matter in the end anyways.

This Season of Advent gives us an opportunity to prepare to meet the Lord. If He were to return today, would He find us ready? We will all meet the Lord one day, whether at our death or at His Second Coming. So, this week let us think about what needs to change in our lives for us to be ready for that encounter and ask God for the grace to help us make these changes.