

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Friday 24th December 2021):

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

Fri. 24th Dec. 10.00 pm – Mass of the Nativity.

Sat. 25th Dec. 11.15 am – Mons. John Cooke & Aisling Cooke, Gortermone and U.S.A.

Sun. 26th Dec. 11.15 am – May Donohoe, Gortermone.

Mon. 27th Dec. 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Tues. 28th Dec. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.

Wed. 29th Dec. 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Fri. 31st Dec. 7.30 pm – Marian Reilly, Beaghmore (**1st Anniv. Mass**).

Sun. 02nd Jan. 11.15 am – Mons. John A. Young.

Drumeela (Week commencing Saturday 25th December 2021.

Sat. 25th Dec. 10.00 am – Celine, Phil & Josephine Maguire, Cloncoose & all dec'd members of the Maguire families, Drumlara & the Kiernan family, Cloncoose.

Sun. 26th Dec. 10.00 am – Mass for Holy Family Sunday.

Sat. 01st Jan. 12 noon – Mass for New Year's Day.

Sun. 02nd Jan. 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Drumreilly (Week commencing Friday 24th December 2021):

Fri. 24th Dec. 6.00 pm – Children's Mass.

8.00 pm – Candlelit Mass of the Nativity.

Anniversary: Jim Mc Cabe, Corrawaleen.

Thurs. 30th Dec. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.

Sat. 01st Jan. 8.00 pm – John Sutherland, London/Toome (**Month's Mind Mass**) his father Seán & D.F.M's.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Carrigallen €655

Drumeela €345

Drumreilly €363

Christmas in St. Mary's, Carrigallen, Drumeela & Drumreilly.

Our Churches in the Parish continue to work at 50% capacity. Mass times are set out above. As with last year, people are asked to come within the Octave (8 days) of Christmas. Masses will be at the usual times from Christmas Day until New Year's Day. Parishioners can avail of these Masses to receive their Christmas Blessing. All Masses in Carrigallen are livestreamed on <http://www.churchtv.ie> Please remember when attending Mass, to wear a face covering, sanitize and keep the social distance.

Thought for the Week: *He who has not got Christmas in his heart will never find it anywhere else.*

Recent Marriage: Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness to Helene Kiernan, Aughavore and Conall Finnegan, Monaghan who received the Sacrament of Marriage in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Wed. 22nd Dec.

Christmas Essay Competition: This year, Kilmore Youth Ministry ran this essay competition for 6th Class / P7's / Confirmation Classes on the theme of "Why was the first Christmas so important?". The first prize of a family trip to Tayto Park was won by Eimear Mc Caffrey, St. Mary's Primary School, Teemore, Derrylin, Co. Fermanagh in the parish of Knockninny. Congratulations, Eimear. Her essay may be read by opening the following links: [Eimear McCaffrey Essay](#) [Eimear McCaffrey Essay P2](#) or visit www.kilmorediocese.ie

Carrigallen Club Lotto available on-line. Jackpot now stands at **€16,700**. If not won, there are 4 lucky dip prizes of €25. Next draw this Sun. (**26th Dec.**) 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>

Drumreilly Drive-in Bingo: No Bingo this Sunday 26th Dec. Resuming on Sunday 2nd Jan. at 3.00 pm. Best wishes to all our supporters and volunteer helpers for a happy, healthy, peaceful and safe Christmas.

Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Carrigallen: Enrolment forms for September 2022 are now available from the school and from local crèches. Please email Secretary@carrigallenns.ie for further information.

North West STOP would like to most sincerely thank all parishioners for their support during 2021. Demand for our services has risen steeply in the past year and your support has ensured we could meet that demand. We wish you and yours a healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Our office will be closed until 4th Jan. 2022. Our counselling line will be available throughout the Christmas period by call or text to 086-777 2009.

Leitrim Guardian 2022 now on sale in local shops and all usual outlets and online at: www.leitrimguardian.ie and in Dublin at Books Upstairs 17 D'olier Street, Dublin 2 or Tel Mary: 087 6216635. Loads of interesting articles and a great read for the Christmas holidays. Hugh de Paor—Vincent Hoban • Frank Murray • Joe McCartin Kevin McManus • Tommy Moran • Eugene Reilly • Mary Harte • Fr. Ultan Mc Goohan • Nigel Gilhooley • Gerry Mangan • Eamon Daly • Chrisdina Nixon • Tony Fahy • Kevin Patrick • Patricia Kiernan • Prof Michael O'Rourke • Ann Murray • Conor Downes • Erin Kearney • Jim & Jack Williamson • Maura & Lauren • Mervyn & Gladys Richardson • Melvin Lang & Tom Humphreys • Edel & John McCartin & clan and much more.

The Crib Scene.

This Christmas let us ponder on their Child Jesus born into the world. Let us give thanks to Mary and Joseph who said, "Yes" to the will of God at work in their lives. Let us ponder and reflect on the Shepherds out in the fields looking after sheep and cattle. They were not forgotten when they Angel brought them the good news that the son of God was born near them. Also, the wise men that travelled many miles to meet the newborn King. They came in humility, offering gifts to the Child Jesus. They had read the signs and symbols thus discovering that the Word had become flesh.

This Christmas let our crib scene be a reminder that we must stop, ponder and pray before the newborn child, Jesus. He is our Saviour and light for all generations. It is here that our lives will find true meaning and purpose.

Dr. Fallon's Surgery in Carrigallen – Christmas opening hours.

Mon. Dec 27th : Bank holiday Closed.

Tues. Dec 28th: Bank holiday Closed.

Wed. Dec 29th: Covid Vaccine Booster Clinic 9.30 am to 12 noon. *

Thurs. Dec 30th: Covid Vaccine Booster Clinic 9.30 am to 12 noon. *

* This service is **only** available to patients over 16 years **already registered** with the practice. It is a walk-in clinic operated on a **1st come, 1st served** basis due to limited vaccine stocks. Patients should **NOT** attend if they have any of the following:

- 1) Feel unwell, feverish or have **ANY** respiratory or Covid symptoms.
- 2) Less than 3 months since their 2nd vaccine dose or had Covid infection within the last 6 months.

Fri. Dec 31st New Year's Eve: Open 9.00 am -12 noon. Closed pm.

Mon. Jan 3rd: Bank Holiday, Closed.

Tues. Jan 4th: Normal hours resume.

On days when the surgery is closed, please call NEDOC on 1850 777 911.

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. 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

CHRISTMAS 2021

Christmas Message

This has been another unusual year as Covid-19 continues to dominate our lives. We thank God for medical research and the quick roll out of vaccines which has helped to keep us safe. This enormous effort has shown how people when working together can achieve great things. This will continue to be needed to fight the virus and face the challenges of climate change.

God never abandons us. He entered our world as a little baby and dwelt among us. With nothing to prove and nothing to gain He became a vulnerable baby, born of Mary. As St Paul writes: "*He did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself of His Divinity and became as we are (Phil. 2:6). God of infinite power became like us in all but sin.*"

The birth of Jesus reverberates with warmth and reassures us that all creation is good. So, Christmas invites us to recognize that the coming of Jesus is about goodness and love in the world that is sometimes cruel and hard-hearted. We are His hands and feet in the world and so opportunities often come our way to show tenderness and love of God in our lives, it can be seen when people forgive and say sorry, when we are faithful, patient and kind. May we stand true to this love in the face of the sharp edges of life.

In these challenging times I thank you our parishioners for your generosity and help I wish you and your loved ones a joyful celebration of the birthday Jesus at Christmas.

We pray that 2022 will be a safer and healthier year. **Fr. John.**

A Christmas Prayer

Lord, You are a voice that represents our tears. You are a voice that represents our cries. We long to hear You in the dark moments of our life that cripple our response and paralyse our hopes. We pray that in our celebration of Christmas we may make a place at our table for the cries and tears of our world, a world in need of healing, a world that is forever searching, searching for hope and goodness. We yearn to be united in the love of every race and creed, so that our world can imitate a gentle God who is born into our world to care for and love all peoples, whose cries and tears have no voice. Amen.