

A PRAYER ON GAUDETE SUNDAY

Dear God, you know that our hearts long for the joy and gladness promised by life with you. Help us to remember that you are with us always, and that our hearts will rest only when they rest with you. Holy Spirit, guide the choices we make throughout this week. Help us endure hardship. Remind us to be patient. Stifle our tendency to complain. Help us realize how much we owe the creator for all we have and all we are.

Father in heaven, we offer thanks to you for sending John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of the saviour. Help us to heed the Baptist's message to repent and to renew our commitment to live in holiness.

Come Lord Jesus. So often we are impatient for your coming, yet we are fearful of living our lives as one with you. Come and ease our anxiety. Come and reward our patience. Come and remove our sorrow. Our communities and our world eagerly await the day of your birth. Amen.

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

Mon Dec 20th to Thurs 23rd: Normal hours.

Fri Dec 24th Xmas Eve: Open 9am-12pm Closed pm

Mon Dec 27th: Bank holiday Closed

Tues Dec 28th: Bank holiday Closed

Wed Dec 29th: Closed, contact Dr Lee in Arva

Thurs Dec 30th: Normal hours

Fri Dec 31st New Year's Eve: Open 9am -12pm 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.

Family Carers: If you would want to join a team of professional home care workers with Family Carers Ireland, please email your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie or visit website www.familycarers.ie Telephone 071-9143123.

Carrigallen Vocational School have launched their School Promotional Video for the 2022-2023 academic year. Enrolment packs have been issued to all local primary schools. Check out our Facebook Page or visit www.carrigallenvs.com or email: office@carrigallenvs.com or call 049-4339640.

Priests Phone Numbers

Priests phone numbers. Fr John McMahon 049 433 9610. Mobile: 086 2126582.

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Fr Peter Tiernan (Cloone/Aughavas) 071 9636016/086 3500114.

You may place your notices in the Diaries in each Church before **5.00 pm on Thursdays**. Notices should be signed, and a phone number provided. Or you may email: carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie by 5.00 pm on Fridays. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend any notice.

Parish Newsletter

12th Dec 2021—3rd Sunday of Advent — Year C

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday's Gospel

(Luke 3: 10-18) continues last week's theme of John the Baptist preparing the way for the Lord. The crowds asks John specific questions about what they should do and he gives them very definite answers. He tells them that they should share their food and their clothing. To the tax collectors he says "exact no more than your rate" and he tells the soldiers that they should act fairly.

The crowds then begin to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, but John tells them that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. He knows very well about his place and his role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person also has a role to play in God's salvation plan. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

Today, the third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday. We light a pink or rose coloured candle instead of a purple one on the Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. It's also the mid-point of our Advent journey and perhaps a good time to reflect on how our spiritual preparations for Christmas are advancing.

When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. Making space in our schedules for prayer and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our Saviour.



Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events

Carrigallen *All Carrigallen Masses livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie*

Sun 12th Dec 11.15 am Neil, Paul & Katie Kerrigan *Beaghmore*
 Mon 13th 10.00 am Mass of the Day
 Tues 14th 7.30 pm Pat & Claire Masterson *Corner House*
 Wed 15th 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo
 Sun 19th 11.15 am Patricia Warde *Arva*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am

Drumeela

Sun 12th Dec 10.00 am Michael McGerty and deceased family members *Annagh* 

Fri 17th 7.30pm Mass of the Day

Sat 18th 12.30 pm Patrick, Margaret & Michael Kellegher *Drumhaldry*

Sun 19th 10.00 am Seán Brady and deceased family members *London & Drumanure*



Drumreilly

Sat 11th Dec 8.00 pm Con & Lizzie McKiernan *Derrindrehid* and their son Con McKiernan, *Templeort*

Thurs 16th 7.30 pm Tom & Molly McCartin and deceased family members *Killameen*

Sat 18th Dec 8.00 pm Hughie Maguire *Aghalough* and Eamonn Connolly *Carrickmakeegan*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

In our Prayers, we remember: Jim Williamson, Arva whose funeral takes place in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arva on Monday 13th Dec. at 12 noon followed by cremation in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan. *May his soul rest in peace.*

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION DEC

4/5th Carrigallen: €514 Drumeela: €466 Drumreilly: €241

7/8th Carrigallen: €135 Drumeela: €92 Drumreilly: €200

Feast Days/Memorials during the Coming Week

13th Dec. - 18th Dec 2021

Monday: St. Lucy. Tuesday - St. John of the Cross.

Wednesday - St. Virginia. Thursday - St. Adelaide.

Friday: St. John of Matha Saturday - St. Flannan of Killaloe



**Soon be Christmas Eve!
SANTA! Ho! Ho! Ho!**



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen*

PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2022

are now available for collection from your local Church. These are clearly labelled and arranged in surname alphabetical order. As the end of the year approaches it would be appreciated if your church contributions were bought up to date. Thanks to all who have contributed to the various collections throughout the past year.

Conversations on our Faith into the Future

Parishes throughout the country are being asked to put forward their views on what issues should be discussed at a General Synod in Rome next year. Questionnaire sheets are available in the Church Porches. You are asked to please bring this sheet home with you, answer the questions on both sides of this sheet and return it to your Church next weekend. This information will then be fed into the Synodality process at Diocesan level.



LEITRIM GUARDIAN 2022



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Books Upstairs 17 Dolier St Dublin 2 or Tel Mary: 087 6216635

The 2022 magazine is now for sale in the usual outlets, or you can purchase online at www.leitrimguardian.ie

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am-8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024. 

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: CARRIGALLEN - DRUMEELA - AUGHAVAS:

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 SVP envelopes which are available 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 collection box in the Church porches. 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

Carrigallen Club Lotto available on-line. Jackpot now stands at €16,500. If not won, there are 4 lucky dip prizes of €25. Next draw this Sun. (12th 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>

Lough Derg Online Shop offers unique Christmas Cards, featuring scenes of the Island from across the centuries and bespoke Gifts including a limited edition of the Lough Derg Christmas Candle. Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available - The Prior will offer a triduum of Masses beginning on Christmas Eve for all those who are enrolled. Visit www.loughderg.live/shop Telephone 0(0353) 71-9861518. Delivery nationwide and Click & Collect Service available.

DRUMEELA NS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

are running their annual Christmas hamper raffle. Lines can be bought from any parent or staff from the school and Richardsons Shop Newtowngore. Main prizes are three luxury hampers. Lines €2 or 3 for €5. Draw will be held on Christmas week. Thank you for all your support.

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. A raffle on the day. Christmas Bingo on Sunday 19th Dec. at 3.00 pm with a free raffle on the day for seasonal prizes after each panel. Thank you for your continued support. 