

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

The countdown continues with the daily opening of a door in the Advent Calendar. Some have their minds fixed on consuming chocolate or finding a small gift. Others watch a scene un-fold, a marvellous story slowly, slowly gets told.

Perhaps a candle is lit and left to burn while we reflect on a word, a name or a date. Anticipation builds in the daily noticing, receiving, seeing and reading.

December's cold drabness is lifted by an interest in things outside ourselves. Gradually, these small snapshots of hope, joy, mystery are unveiled and revealed until we reach the climax, where the action really begins with a birth in Bethlehem.

Drumreilly Winter Fundraiser Results

Thanks to all who supported this very successful fundraiser by ticket purchase, donations and sponsorship of prizes. The online draw was held on Sat. 11th Dec. and the net proceeds are divided equally between the

Community Centre Committee and the Afterschool Group.

Congratulations to the Prize winners as follows : 1. Garden Machinery (€1,000) sponsored by Frank & Elizabeth Farry won by Fergal Conefrey, New York. 2. €500 sponsored by Pádraig Fee Construction won by Dean (Denneny) Arkensteijn, Ratoath, Co. Meath. 3. €200 sponsored by Ciarán Holahan Ground Works & Plant Hire won by Sheila Mitchell, Kinkeen. 4. €200 sponsored by Simon Power Cowboys & Heroes won by Noelle Mc Govern, Adra. 5. Fire Logs (€150) sponsored by Kieran Sloyan won by Seán Donegan, Drumcoura. 6. €100 voucher sponsored by Patrick Mitchell Bar & Restaurant won by Gary Murray, c/o Jackie's Bar. 7. €100 voucher sponsored by Richardson's Supermarket won by Patricia Carrigy, Ballinaloe. 8. €70 Hamper sponsored by SuperValu, Ballinamore won by Patricia Sweeney, Ballinamore. 9. €60 voucher sponsored by Karl McCartin School of Irish Dancing won by Max Fee, Newtown Gore.

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.

'Carols By Candlelight' from Knock Basilica taking place on this Sunday, 19th Dec. at 8.00 pm. Lift your spirits and spark the joy of Christmas with loved ones with a Carol Service, performed against the soft glow of candlelight in the breath-taking surrounds of Knock Basilica. Featuring the Basilica Choir together with the Con Tempo String Quartet and Organist Mark Keane. The event will be streamed live to the world on our website www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

Sacred Heart Messenger - Drumeela: Subscription now due for 2022. Thanks to all for your support in 2021 and thanks to all who have already subscribed for 2022. New members welcome. Contact Mary at 087-3104579.

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

19th Dec 2021—4th Sunday of Advent — Year C

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G O S P E L R E F L E C T I O N

In today's Gospel (Luke 1: 39-45) we hear the account of the Visitation of Mary to her cousin, Elizabeth. This event anticipates the birth of Jesus. Mary's journey to Elizabeth immediately followed the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, when she learned that she would give birth to the Messiah. She immediately heads off to see Elizabeth, who was in her sixth month of pregnancy with John the Baptist. This was a meeting like none other between two women who have been called by God to bring forth children into the world who would transform history. John the Baptist would lead the way for Jesus, who in turn would save us from our sins.

Elizabeth greets Mary with the words we say in the "Hail, Mary": "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was expressing her faith that Jesus was the Messiah and she honoured Mary for her important role in bringing the Messiah into this world. God chose to become man in order to save us from our sins. But He did not force Himself into humanity. He did not disrespect our human freedom in order to do so. Rather, He invited Mary to be the mother of the Messiah. And because she said 'yes,' God became incarnate. Mary trusted God, even though what she was entrusted with what was beyond comprehension. Because of her great faith in welcoming Jesus into this world, we proclaim with Elizabeth that Mary is "blessed among women," and most of all, give thanks for the amazing gift of our Lord, Jesus, coming into this world.

As we approach the celebration of Christmas, we offer thanks to God for the greatest gift of all to the human race, His Son Jesus Christ. And, in celebrating Christmas, we should strive to focus our attention on Jesus, rather than the consumerism and commercialism of this time of year. Take time in prayer to give thanks for the blessings we have been given, especially the gift of salvation.

Prayer for the Week: Lord, I invite your peace to rule my heart! As I end this year and reflect on your many gifts you have given me; let my heart be encouraged with the truth that you are a good God. I thank you for sending your Son to die for me. I thank you for the peace I have through you. May my words and actions be ones that glorify you. Amen.

19th December 2021 Carrigallen Parish:

Carrigallen, Drumeela & Drumreilly

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events

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

Sun 19th Dec 11.15 am Patricia Warde *Arva*
Mon 20th 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo
Tues 21st 7.30 pm Francie & Bridie Smith and deceased family members *Aughawillan*
Fri 24th 10.00pm Mass of the Nativity
Sat 25th 11.15 am Mons John Cooke and Ashling Cooke, *Gortermone USA*
Sat 26th 11.15 am May Donohoe *Gortermone*



Drumeela

Sun 19th Dec 10.00 am Seán Brady and deceased family members *London & Drumanure (1st Anniv. Mass)*
Sat 25th 10.00am Celine, Phil & Josephne Maguire and deceased family members of the Maguire families, Drumlara & the Kiernan family, *Cloncoose*
Sun 26th 10.00am Mass for Holy Family Sunday.



Drumreilly

Sat 18th Dec 8.00 pm Hughie Maguire *Aghalough* and Eamonn Connolly *Carrickmakeegan*
Thurs 23rd 7.30 pm Kevin Higgins, also remembering his parents Martin and Mary Ellen Higgins (née Bradley). *Sligo & St. Alban's*
Fri 24th Dec 6.00 pm *Children's Mass (Children & their families are invited to attend this Mass.)*
8.00 pm *Candlelit Mass of the Nativity. Anniversary Jim McCabe, Corrawaleen.*

Advent Penitential Rite

On Mon. 20th Dec. at 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen we will have the Advent Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas. This Service will be a little different from previous years. It will be a guided Service with Readings, Examination of Conscience, Act of Contrition, quiet time, people present coming forward for Absolution, those watching the webcam make a Perfect Act of Contrition, make our Penance together. Final prayer and blessing. Same will happen in Drumeela on Wed. 22nd Dec. at 7.30 pm and in Drumreilly after evening Mass on Thursday

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION DEC

Carrigallen: €730 Drumeela: €148

Drumreilly: €421 (incl. €183 Returns from Oughteragh)

Christmas in 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 St Mary's, Carrigallen will be livestreamed on <http://www.churchtv.ie> Please remember when attending Mass, you must wear a mask/face covering, sanitize and keep the social distance. *Amen*

In our Prayers, we remember: Joe Kiernan, Foxrock and formerly of Aughavas (brother of Martin Kiernan, Clooncorick) whose funeral takes place in Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Foxrock on Mon. 20th Dec. followed by cremation at Mount Jerome Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome the following who have recently been baptised into our Faith Community: Gearóid Noel Grimes, Bredagh and Dara Liam Lomasney, Calloughs who both received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sun. 12th Dec. in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen. Congratulations to their parents, Mairéad & Stephen, Elaine & Liam.

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.

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.



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

Thought for the Week: In every heart lies a Bethlehem, an Inn where we must ultimately answer whether there is room or not.

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 €16,600. If not won, there are 4 lucky dip prizes of €25. Next draw this Sun. (19th 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 Christmas Drive-in Bingo

this Sunday in the G.A.A. Grounds, Carrickmakeegan starting at 3.00 pm sharp. A free raffle on the day for seasonal prizes after each panel. Your continuing support is very much appreciated. Best wishes to all for a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas.



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

