

Commencing 1st January 2022

Parish Masses / Anniversaries/ Other Events

Carrigallen (livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie)

Sun 2nd 11.15 am Monsignor John A. Young.
Tues 4th 7.30 pm Mass of the Day.
Thurs 6th 11.15 am Mass for the Feast of the

Sun 9th 11.15 am Thomas & Mary Baxter,
 Drumminshin Glebe & D.F.M.'s
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm &
 Wednesdays after the 10.00 am
 Mass.

Drumeela

Sun 2nd 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo.
Thurs 6th 10.00 am Mass for the Feast of the
 Epiphany
Fri. 7th 7.30 pm Mass for the First Friday.
Sun. 9th 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo.

Drumreilly

Sat. 1st 8.00 pm John Sutherland, London &
 Toome (*Month's Mind Mass*), also
 remembering his father, Seán and
 & D.F.M.'s.
Wed. 5th 8.00 pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of the
 Epiphany.
Sat. 8th 8.00 pm Tommy Connolly,
 Ardunsaghan.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. – 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Offertory Collections

	24 th & 25 th Dec	26 th to 31 st Dec
<i>Carrigallen</i>	€1940	€1352
<i>Drumeela</i>	€510	€255
<i>Drumreilly</i>	€612	€822

Thought of the Week

Learn from Yesterday, Live for today and Hope for tomorrow.

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (03rd Jan. – 08th Jan. 2022).

Monday – St. Munchin of Limerick.
 Tuesday – St. Abraham of Scetes.
 Wednesday – St. Charles of Mount Argus.
 Thursday – The Epiphany of the Lord.
 Friday – St. Raymond of Penafort.
 Saturday – St. Albert of Cashel.

Saint of the Week - St. Raymond of Penafort.

Raymond was born in 1175 in Penafort, near Barcelona in Spain. He was a brilliant lawyer and at the age of 47 became a Canon of the Cathedral and joined the Dominican Order, eventually being elected their master general. Noted for his knowledge of canon law, especially in its application to the sacrament of penance, and for his scholarly apostolate to Jews and Muslims. Raymond died in 1275 and was buried in the Cathedral of Barcelona. He was canonised by Pope Clement VIII in 1601 and is the patron saint of canon lawyers. His feast day is celebrated on 7th Jan.

Carrigallen Club Lotto available on-line. Jackpot now stands at €16,800. If not won, there are 4 lucky dip prizes of €25. Next draw this Sun. (2nd Jan.) 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>

Give Blood: The Irish Blood Transfusion Service are accepting blood donations during the coming week at St. Brigid's Community Centre, Loch Gowna on Wed. 5th Jan. and Thurs. 6th Jan. from 15.45 pm to 20.00 pm by appointment only. Please ring 1800 - 222 111 with your donor ID number (the number underneath the barcode on your Donor card) to make your appointment.

Be Safe – Be Seen: With so many people out walking and cycling on our roads at this time of year, the Road Safety Authority is appealing to everyone to wear highly visible reflective material so that they can be seen by motorists.

Drumreilly Drive-in Bingo: Resuming on this Sunday afternoon in Drumreilly G.A.A. Car Park, Carrickmakeegan starting at 3.00 pm sharp. The prize fund is €1,750 with €500 on the last game. Books cost €10 and there is a raffle on the day. Play bingo from the safety and comfort of your car. Proceeds go towards the running costs of the Community Centre and the G.A.A. Club. Best wishes to all our Bingo supporters and volunteer helpers for a happy, healthy, peaceful and safe 2022.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2022:

Website: www.med-irishcentre.com 7 Nights Apartment B & B, return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing, and at a guaranteed Airport transfer price. Call us for more details and bookings at 01-4434 510 or email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Accord Pre-Marriage Course Dates for 2022

in the Diocese of Kilmore will take place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Conaty Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7 on 19th February and on 9th April. These are a one day 5 hour course – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Please book online at www.accord.ie For further information, please ring Mrs. Eileen Connolly in the Cavan Accord office on 049-4375004

St. Vincent de Paul: Carrigallen, Drumeela and Aughavas

would like to thank everyone who contributed to the recent SVP annual appeal at any of the above churches, to all who contributed during the past year and to the anonymous donors. Thanks to everyone who contributed at the GAA Christmas Outdoor Market and to those who assisted SVP. To the shops and post office for allowing us to place collection boxes, we are very grateful. These funds go to help our local people at Christmas time and throughout the year. **To help SVP or to seek help ring our confidential number 087-6024223.**

KILMORE APOSTOLIC SOCIETY MONTHLY DRAW

The winners of the December monthly draw held on Friday 31st Dec. are as follows: 1st Prize €200 – Gemma Malanaphy, Kinawley, Co. Fermanagh. 2nd Prize €100 – Bernadette Shannon, Belturbet, Co. Cavan.

The Feast of the Epiphany

The Feast which is celebrated on 6th January commemorates the visit of the wise men (*the Magi*) to worship the Baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. The wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them.

These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

The Epiphany Sonnet

It might have been just someone else's story, some chosen people get a special king.

We leave them to their own peculiar glory, we don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.

But when these three arrive they bring us with them, Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;

A steady step that finds an inner rhythm, A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.

They did not know his name but still they sought him, they came from elsewhere but still they found;

In temples they found those who sold and bought him, But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground,

their courage gives our questing hearts a voice, to seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.

Old Year / New Year

God of all time, who makes all things new, we bring before you the year now ended. For life full and good, for opportunities recognised and taken, for love known and shared, we thank You. Where we have fallen short, forgive us. When we worry over what is past, free us. As we begin again and take our first few steps into the future, where nothing is safe and certain, except You, we ask for the courage of the wise men who simply went and followed a star. We ask for their wisdom, in choosing to pursue the deepest truth, not knowing where they would be led. In the year to come, God of all time, be our help and company. Hold our hands as we journey onwards and may your dream of shalom, where all will be at peace, be our guiding star. Amen.

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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. Visit our website:

www.carrigallenparish.ie. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend any notice.

Parish Newsletter

2nd January 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Christmas – Year C

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Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel (*John 1: 1-18*) we hear that "The Word was made flesh, and He lived among us". From the very beginning of time the Word was with God and the Word was God. And the Word brought life and light into the world. God sent his only Son, Jesus, into the world to be with us to show us how to live our earthly lives and to get to know God better. By listening to Jesus through prayer and meditation and by following his example we can learn to live our lives as God wants us to.

Jesus came to earth as one of us, as a human being, even though he was God's son. Like our ordinary daily lives, He too lived an ordinary life in many ways and so He knows what it is like for us living our lives today. He also experienced the ups and downs of life and the emotional rollercoaster that life can sometimes be. So, when we share our problems and worries with Jesus in prayer, we can rest assured that He will completely understand us and be with us during the difficult times. Of course, we should also share the good times with Jesus too and give thanks as He is always with us throughout our lives.

Towards the end of the Gospel, we are reminded that John the Baptist came before the Word. His role was to give witness to the light, but he himself was not the light. In many ways, the role of John is also ours. We are not the light, but we hope that through our baptism and participation in the light of the Christian community, we give witness to the light. And so, this week we pray that God may grant us an ever-growing understanding of his Word, as shown to us in the life and words of Jesus. Let us be filled with its light and share that light with others so they, too, may have the precious experience of knowing Jesus and the happiness and peace that it brings.

Amen.