

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 27th March 2022):

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

Sun. 27th Mar. 11.15 am – Vincent Gray, Bredagh & all deceased members of the Gray and Smith families.

Mon. 28th Mar. 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Tues. 29th Mar. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.

Wed. 30th Mar. 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Sun. 03rd Apr. 11.15 am – Mary Kate, Philip & James Reilly, Aughawillan.

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

Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 27th March 2022):

Sun. 27th Mar. 10.00 am – Deceased members of Drumeela, Drumreilly and Carrigallen Eucharistic Adoration Groups.

Fri. 01st Apr. 7.30 pm – Mass for the First Friday followed by Stations of the Cross for Lent.

Sun. 03rd Apr. 10.00 am – Joe & Mary Maguire, Drummany.

Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 26th March 2022):

Sat. 26th Mar. 8.00 pm – Missa Pro Populo.

Thu. 31st Mar. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.

Sat. 02nd Apr. 8.00 pm – James Quinn, Drumcoura.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

<u>Church Area</u>	<u>St. Patrick's Day.</u>	<u>Weekend 19th / 20th March</u>
Carrigallen	€712	€582 (incl.€36 returns from Arva)
Drumeela	€280	€150
Drumreilly	€284	€233

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (28th March – 02nd April).

Mon. – St Alexander of Caesarea. **Tues.** – St. Lasar. **Wed.** – St. John Scholasticus.

Thursday – St. Benjamin. **Friday** – St. Ceallach. **Saturday** – St. Francis of Paola.

Saint of the Week - St. Ceallach

Ceallach (also known as Celsus) was born in Armagh in 1080. His personal decision to become a priest and a bishop effected a crucial change in the organisation and reform of the Church in Ireland in the 12th century. He laid down the boundaries of the Diocese of Armagh and appointed St. Malachy as his successor. Ceallach died in 1129 and is buried in Lismore at his own request. His feast day is celebrated on **1st April**.

A Thought for the Week: Mothers hold their child's hand for a moment, and their child's heart for a lifetime.

Electing a New Parish Pastoral Council

The role of the pastoral council is to work alongside the priest to build up the faith in the parish community. The parish pastoral council members are called to be leaders in the parish community. They will assess what are the spiritual and pastoral needs of the parish and initiate practical action to address those needs. Above all, they will endeavour to bring out the gifts that so many in our community have and to invite people to use their gifts and talents for the good of the parish. Nomination forms for electing a new parish pastoral council are available in each of the churches in the parish. All parishioners over 16 years old are eligible to vote. The nomination forms are also available to print from www.carrigallenparish.ie under the 'News and Events' tab if this is more convenient for some. **Completed nomination forms to be returned to the offertory collection boxes in your church area by the 2nd/3rd April.**

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R.I.P.

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We remember in our prayers, Austin Quinn, Ardrum, Ballinamore (*father of Carmel Dockery, Vice Principal, Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Carrigallen*) whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Aghnasheelin on *Thursday 24th March* followed by burial in Oughteragh cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

St. Mary's N.S. Drumlea Open Day: Staff and pupils would like to invite current and prospective parents to visit our school on this *Friday 1st April from 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm*. All are welcome.

Cavan Institute of Further Education are holding an Open Day on *Saturday 2nd April 2022, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM*. All welcome!

Drumreilly Drive-in Bingo on Sunday afternoons 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. The proceeds from last Sunday's raffle in aid of the Ukraine amounted to **€722**. A big thank you to all who so generously supported this worthy cause.

Carrigallen Club Lotto available on-line. Jackpot is now **€18,000**. If not won, there are 4 lucky dip prizes of **€25**. Next draw this Sun. (**27th March**) live on our Facebook Page. Purchase tickets from local vendors or online via our Carrigallen Club App. or at <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

Chime, The National Charity for Deafness and Hearing Loss hold a Monthly outreach service, in Teach Oscail family resource centre, 31 Church Street, Cavan. We provide a **free/confidential support service** on all aspects of Deafness and Hearing Loss including, Assistive Technology, Minor Hearing Aid Repairs on HSE Hearing aids and Batteries, Info & Advice on Tinnitus. Appointment only – Contact: Chime, 14 Jocelyn Street, Dundalk, Tel: **042-9332010**, Email: dundalk@chime.ie, Text: **087-7118717**

Climb with Charlie: During the appearance of Charlie Bird on the Late Late Show where Charlie he stated his desire to climb Croagh Patrick on [2nd April 2022](#) to raise funds for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta House. There are 95 Walk's / Climb's taking place all over the country so if anyone wishes to organise a walk in their area, check out www.ClimbWithCharlie.ie for all the details.

The Prodigal Son

*He acted rash, He took the cash, He made a splash
He went to the dogs, He lost his togs, He ate with the hogs
He felt so sad, He'd been so bad, He ran to his Dad
They dressed the veal, They ate the meal, They danced the reel
The elder son, Refused the fun, His brother had won
But all was cheer, When dad made clear, Both sons were so DEAR!*

A Prayer on Mother's Day

God, our Loving Father, you compare your own love for your people
with the love of a mother for her children.

Look with kindness on all mothers today;

Bless and reward them for their motherly care;

Give them comfort in moments of sorrow,
and give them joy in their work for their families.

Listen to their prayers and bless them in all they do for us:

Bless them with joy, love, laughter and pride in their family,
and surround them with many good friends.

We ask this blessing for the mother of each family in our Parish,
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Priest Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon [433 9610](tel:4339610) / *Mob. 086-2126582.*

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

27th March 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C

(Laetare Sunday / Mothering Sunday)



Gospel Reflection.

In today's Gospel (Luke 15: 1-3 & 11-32), Jesus tells the well-known parable of the prodigal son. A son asks his father for his inheritance, then squanders it recklessly as he lives a life of indulgence. With nothing left of his fortune, he is forced to work as a hired hand for a pig farmer. He is so poor and hungry that he longs to eat the food of the pigs. Realizing that his father's servants have better working conditions, he resolves to return to his father, beg forgiveness, and ask to be his servant.

On arriving at his father's house, he is welcomed with loving arms. His father is overwhelmed with joy at his son's return and holds a feast in his honour. However, the prodigal son's older brother, who has remained serving his father faithfully for years, does not share his father's joy. Instead, he is jealous that his father has not honoured him. His father urges him not to resent his brother, but to instead be happy for him because "*he was dead and has come to life, he was lost and is found.*"

The story of the prodigal son is an example of God's love for us, His children. His love for us is unconditional and does not depend on our faithfulness. Even though we are sinners and often unfaithful, God still remains our faithful and loving Father. When we come to repent of our sins, He is willing to forgive us and welcomes us with open arms.