

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 27th Nov. 2022):

Sun. 27th Nov. 11.15 am – John James McCabe, Druminiiff (**1st Anniv**) & D.F.M's

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

Tues. 29th Nov. 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Wed. 30th Nov. 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Sun. 04th Dec. 11.15 am – Charles & Elizabeth Sheridan, Calloughs & D.F.M's.

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

Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 27th Nov. 2022):

Sun. 27th Nov. 10.00 am – Maureen O'Reilly, Curraghboy & D.F.M's.

Fri. 02nd Dec. 07.30 pm – Felix Prior, Nedd (**Month's Mind Mass**).

Sun. 04th Dec. 10.00 am – Memorial Mass for Michael O'Rourke, New York and Drumshangore.

Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 26th Nov. 2022):

Sat. 26th Nov. 8.00 pm – Memorial Mass for Pat Conefrey, Corrawaleen.
(Requested by Drumreilly Active Age Group)

Thurs. 01st Dec. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.

Sat. 03rd Dec. 8.00 pm – Dec'd members of the Kelleher family, Carrickmakeegan.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Carrigallen €725

Drumeela €376

Drumreilly €253

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (28th Nov. – 03th Dec.)

Mon. – St. Catherine Labouré. **Tues.** – St. Brendan of Birr. **Wed.** – St. Andrew.

Thur. – St. Edmund Campion. **Fri.** – St. Lupus of Verona. **Sat.** – St. Francis Xavier.

Saint of the Week - St. Andrew

St. Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. According to Christian tradition St. Andrew went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. It is believed that he was martyred by crucifixion in Patras on an X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus. He is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either travelled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. The relics of St. Andrew are now kept at a shrine in Patras in western Greece. His feast day is celebrated on **30th Nov.**

A Thought for the Week: "You may never know that Jesus is all you need, until Jesus is all you have."



In our prayers, we remember:

MICHAEL O'ROURKE, Riverdale, New York and formerly of Drumshangore whose funeral took place in St. Margaret's Church, Riverdale on **Wed. 23rd Nov.** followed by private cremation. A Memorial Mass for Michael will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Drumeela on **Sun. 4th Dec. at 10.00 am.**

PATRICK DEVINE, Carramore, Ballyconnell (*brother of Mary Quinn, Drumcoura*) whose funeral took place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ballyconnell on **Sat. 26th Nov.** followed by burial in Dangan Cemetery, Summerhill, Co. Meath.

MARIE CRUDDEN (*née Mc Kiernan*), Mullahoran (*mother of Cáit Gormley, Kilbracken*) whose funeral takes place today, **Sun. 27th Nov.** in St. Joseph's Church, Loughduff followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May their souls rest in peace.

Recent Baptisms: We welcome John Eamon Kiernan, Kilbracken who was baptised into our Faith Community on **Sun. 20th Nov.** in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen and we congratulate his parents, Christina & John.

Accommodation for Ukrainians: Can anyone that has pledged accommodation for Ukrain refugees, please contact the Red Cross or message Becky Thomas on **086-3522476.**

Weekly Parish Bingo on **Friday nights** in Drumreilly Community Centre and on **Sunday nights** in Carrigallen Hall starting at **8.30 pm** sharp in both venues. Over €1,000 in prizes. Please support your local weekly bingo session.

Used Clothes Collection at Drumeela N.S. on **Fri. 9th Dec. 2022.** Please, if you have any bags of used clothing or paired shoes to donate, please leave them in the school shelter before this date. Tell your family members and friends, please.

Drumreilly Active Age hold their weekly meetings in the Community Centre on **Wednesday nights starting at 8.30 pm.** Many varied activities. Refreshments served.

Drumreilly Christmas Raffle: Tickets for this annual raffle are being sent to all households in the community. A book of eight tickets costs **€20.** Stubbs and money can be returned via the metal box in the Church porch or through the letterbox at the Centre or given to any committee member. Draw will take place during bingo on **Friday 16th December.** All proceeds going towards the maintenance and general upkeep of the Community Centre.

Saint Vincent De Paul- Carrigallen, Drumeela and Aughavas: At this time of the year the Saint Vincent De Paul volunteers are busy responding to calls for assistance, especially now as food and fuel prices have increased and the cold weather has arrived. The SVP appeal for funds takes place in early December so that people in need of help can be visited before Christmas. You can contribute to SVP by placing your donation in one of the SVP envelopes available in any of the churches and then putting it into the box in the front porch. If you need a visit or would like to assist financially, please contact our confidential number **087-6024223.** Thank you.

Carrigallen G.A.A. Christmas Market on this **Sunday 27th Nov.** in the G.A.A. Park from **1.00 pm to 5.00 pm.** Large Variety of Stalls – Home Baked Treats – Mince Pies – Mulled Wine – Children's Activities – Carol Singing – Local Musicians – Santa's Visit and much more... All proceeds in aid of our local St. Vincent de Paul.

Christmas Essay Competition: This year, Kilmore Youth Ministry are running a Christmas essay competition for 6th class students. The essay title is “*Why was the first Christmas so important*” and it should be a maximum of 500 words. First prize is family tickets to Tayto Park. The closing date is **Friday 9th Dec.** and the winner will be contacted by **12th Dec.** Please make sure that the school address and contact number are included when sending in the essay. This is open to any 6th Class student from Kilmore Diocese and the essays should be mailed to Francis Keaney, The Conaty Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7. If you have any questions about the competition, contact **049-4375004.**

Garda Information Evening: An Garda Síochána are hosting an information/feedback evening in Ballinamore Library at **8.00 pm on Thurs. 1st Dec.** The event is open to everyone and is aimed at gathering public opinion on how policing could improve in our area. It is an opportunity for everyone to have their say.

ADVENT

The word ‘Advent’ is from the Latin ‘Adventus,’ meaning ‘coming.’ Advent marks the beginning of a new Church year and lasts from the 4th Sun. before Christmas, until the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord. Advent is a period of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to the time when Christ will come again and to the remembrance and celebration of the first coming of Christ to us at Christmas. The advent wreath has a rich meaning. The circle of the wreath, with no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God. The evergreen reminds us of the everlasting life we have in Christ while any pine-cones or pods represent new life and resurrection. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Purple is traditionally a colour of penance and prayer while the rose/pink candle that is lit on the Third Sunday marks our joy as we move ever closer to Christmas.

Preparing Heart, Mind & Spirit as We Journey Towards Christmas

An Advent Service of Carols and Readings, led by Bishop Martin Hayes, will take place in The Conaty Chapel of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan, on the **Second Sunday of Advent, 4th December 2022, at 5:00 pm**, featuring Niamh Feeley as soloist, Thomas Hanley as organist and members of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Éireann an Chabháin. All are welcome to attend this special event. A voluntary collection will be taken up for the St. Vincent de Paul and the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Priest Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon **433 9610 / Mob. 086-2126582.**

Parish Cluster: Fr. S. Mawn, Ballinamore **071-9644039 or 087-6869040**; Fr. J. Cusack, Ballinamore **087-2408409**; Fr. C. O’Gorman, Killeshandra **049-4334179**, Fr. Peter Tiernan, Cloone/ Aughavas **071-9636016 or 086-3500114.**

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 **4.00 pm on Fridays.** The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

Parish Newsletter

St. Mary’s Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

27th Nov. 2022 – First Sunday of Advent – Year A



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel (Matt. 24: 37-44), the emphasis is on the second coming of Jesus. Three events are described which show that we do not know when Jesus will return, but the message is clear: we are to be ready! The first reference is to Noah and the flood. People were occupied with their daily lives—eating, drinking, and marrying. They were completely unaware of what lay ahead - the flood came and wiped them out. In the second example, men were working in the field and women were grinding at the mill. Some were taken and some remained. In the final example, the master of the house could have prevented the robbery if only he had known when the thief would come. This Gospel is a stern caution for each of us to live in preparation for Jesus' return.

We often feel that there is more work to do in a day than we will ever get done. There are always bills to pay, laundry to wash, meals to prepare, shopping to be done, places to go, people to visit and things to fix. Unless we deliberately set aside time to prepare ourselves and our families for Jesus' return, we will continue with the busyness of everyday life like the people of Noah's time and the workers in the field and at the mill. We are therefore asked not to miss the next four weeks of Advent and its joyful and hopeful message. As followers of Jesus, we are asked to prepare and get ready as best we can.