

## A NEW CALENDAR—A NEW YEAR



It is good to throw away the old calendar with this all too familiar picture and hang something fresh on the wall. How clean and bright the new calendar looks! It seems to symbolise the high hopes of this new morning of a new year. The crisp new pages create an awareness of the strange mystery of the future. These pages with their neat rows of dates represent un-lived Time, the promise of seasons not yet come to fulfilment, days not yet granted, days that are still God's secret.

### *As the Dawn breaks on a New Year...*

Let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.  
Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains.  
Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.  
Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, colour or creed.  
Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day.  
Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.  
Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.  
May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love.  
May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

### *A New Year's Wish*

Dear Lord, I wish to have a few friends who understand me and remain my friends;  
A work to do which has real value, without which the world would be the poorer;  
A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed; An understanding heart;  
A sense of humour; Time for quiet silent meditation; A feeling of the presence of God;  
The patience to wait for the coming of these things with the wisdom to recognize them when they come *Amen*.

### *The Epiphany Blessing Prayer*

DLord God of heaven and earth you revealed your only begotten son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless our homes and all who inhabit them. May we be blessed with good health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

### **Feast Days/Memorials during the Coming Week** 2nd Jan – 7th Jan 2023

Monday – St Basil the Great • Tuesday – St Munchin of Limerick

Wednesday – St Abraham of Scetes

Thursday – St Charles of Mount Argus • Friday – The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday – St Raymond of Penafort

### **Priests Phone Numbers**

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

Fr S Mawn (B'more) 071 9644039/087 6869040. Fr J Cusack (B'more) 087 2408409.

Fr C O'Gorman (Killeshandra) 049 4334179.

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

1st Jan 2023—New Year's Day—Year A

**Carrigallen • Drumeela • Drumreilly**



## NEW YEAR MESSAGE

*A New Year gives us a lift, it brings us expectations, it reminds us that life moves on, that things can be different or better if the past year has been tough.*

*At the beginning of a New Year, we can make a wish as we think of family and friends and even those who cause us difficulties. We pray that they will find peace, happiness and prosperity.*

*My hope would be that our faith would be rekindled in our lives and that people would reconnect with the Parish Community at weekend Masses which is the source and summit of our faith.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who help in the Parish. The Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committees, Church Sacristans, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs, Altar Servers, Parish Newsletter Editors, Altar Societies, Church Cleaners, RSS Scheme, those who open and close the Churches. Kathleen Gray and Brian Kiernan who work in the Parish Office.*

*I would also like to thank anyone who has helped out in anyway and supported the Parish through the year.*

*As we begin 2023, perhaps one question we can ask ourselves: What message does my life give?*

*Am I making my Parish Community a better place?*

*I wish each of you health and happiness in the coming year. Fr John.*

### *A Prayer for the New Year*

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year and for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

### Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events

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

Sun 1st Jan	11.15 am	Jack & Mary McManus	<i>Kilbracken</i>
Mon 2nd	10.00 am	Marian Reilly	<i>Beaghmore</i>
Tues 3rd	7.30pm	Mary Hunt	<i>Church Street</i>
Wed 4th	10.00 am	Mass of the Day	
Fri 6th	11.15 am	Missa Pro Populo	
Sun 8th	11.15 am	May Donohoe	<i>Gortermone</i>

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

#### Drumeela

Sun 1st Jan	10.00 am	Paddy McGovern	<i>Newtowngore</i>
Fri 6th	10.00 am	Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany	
Sun 8th	10.00 am	Therese McGurran and all deceased members of the McGurran family	<i>Corglass</i>

#### Drumreilly

Sat 31st Dec	8.00 pm	John Sutherland [1st ANNIV MASS] also his father Seán & deceased members of the Sutherland family	<i>Toome</i>
Thurs 5th Jan	8.00 pm	Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany	
Sat 7th	8.00 am	Jimmy, Pat & Agnes Mitchell	<i>Drumcour</i>

**Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 to 8.00 pm.**

*The Editors of the newsletter would like to wish everyone a Happy & Peaceful New Year.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** In our prayers, we remember **Margaret Sheridan** (née McGovern), Drumminshinglebe and formerly of Corlough whose funeral took place in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Thurs 29th Dec followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

ALSO

**Helen Fullen** Laheen, whose funeral will take place on St Brigid's Church, Killeshandra on Monday 2nd January at 11.00am followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. May both their souls rest in peace.

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS (24th/25th Dec)

Carrigallen: €3,140 Drumeela: €770 Drumreilly: €1,159



**See you all next Christmas!!  
SANTA! Ho! Ho! Ho!**



**Carrigallen Library** re-opening this Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at the usual time

#### STOP SMOKING SUPPORT

Are you interested in stopping smoking? Trained HSE Stop Smoking Advisors are offering FREE support to help you. For further info. or an appointment, you can contact Greg on 087 0608651 at the Carrick on Shannon Stop Smoking clinic. Please note that *Stop Smoking Support* can be delivered via face to face appointments/virtual (Phone/text/Attend Anywhere) or a mix of face to face and virtual. Or alternatively contact Edel on 087 0624215 (Virtual clinic Thursdays 9am-2pm) or the national QUIT support team on 1800 201203 or www.quit.ie

#### Volunteer Drivers

Leitrim Volunteer Centre needs drivers for vulnerable members of the community who cannot access public or other forms of transport to and from essential appointments with G.P's, Hospitals etc... The scheme operates through the Social Car Scheme. Call 071-9622537 or email: [info@leitrimvolunteer.ie](mailto:info@leitrimvolunteer.ie)

**North West STOP** would like to most sincerely thank all parishioners for their support during 2022. Demand for our services has risen steeply in the past year and your support has ensured we could meet that demand. We wish you and yours a healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Our office will be closed until 3rd Jan. 2023. Our counselling line will be available throughout the Christmas period by call or text to 086-777 2009.



#### LEITRIM GUARDIAN 2023



**Make it that Special Buy for the New Year!**

*Nuala Curran Gretta and Leila McCabe*

*Hubert McMorrow on Jim Williamson RIP • Kevin McManus  
Tommy Moran • Eugene Reilly • Kevin Patrick  
Bishop Martin Hayes on Drumeela with Edel & John McCartin  
Gerry Mangan • Eamon Daly • Tony Fahy • Fr John Sexton  
Prof Michael O'Rourke • John Kenny • Dave Kelly  
Charlie McGettigan • Fr Oliver Kelly*

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The 2023 magazine is now for sale in the usual outlets, or you can purchase online at [www.leitrimguardian.ie](http://www.leitrimguardian.ie)

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL-CARRIGALLEN, DRUMEELA & 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. Our appeal for funds is now taking place so that people in need of help can be visited before Christmas. You can contribute to SVP by placing your donation in an SVP envelope 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.

#### ART CLASS

The Ukrainian Art Group are inviting children to attend a winter themed Art class on Saturday 7th January 2023 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. National school classes 7 years of age upwards. Ten places available and it's free. Please book your place by calling 086-3522476. *Thank you.*

#### Carrigallen GAA Healthy Club

Men's social 'walk and talk' group for all ages and fitness levels. You can walk and talk at your own pace. Meeting at the G.A.A. Park every Friday evening at 7:30 pm with a social cuppa afterwards. All welcome. Please join us.

#### Drumreilly Astro Pitch

This facility which is located in front of the G.A.A. Park in Carrickmakeegan is now available for hire. Contact Michael McGirl on 086-3615283 for more information. .

#### Carrigallen Club On-Line Lotto

Jackpot capped at €20,000 until won. 4 lucky dip prizes of €25 if not won. Extra prize for holders of "weekly recurring tickets". Click on "Automatically Renew Purchase" at checkout. Draw this Sunday 1st Jan. on our Facebook Page. Tickets from local vendors or online at <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

#### Hedge Cutting Grant

Leitrim County Council invite Applications for this Scheme, which aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along Public Roads which need attention. A Grant of €75 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees available. Scheme is open to individuals, communities and groups of applicants/residents. Minimum length of road per application is 1km. Applications open until the last day of January 2023. Forms are available as follows: Roads Department, Leitrim County Council, Park Lane House, Carrick on Shannon. Phone: 071 9620005 Ext: 630. Email: [roads@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:roads@leitrimcoco.ie)

#### Parish Bingo Events

On Friday nights in Drumreilly Community Centre at 8.30 pm and on Sunday nights in Carrigallen Hall at 8.30 pm. Usual prizes, raffles etc. We welcome and appreciate your support.

**Thought for the Week: "God is always on your side but are you always on God's side?"**