



This weekend we light the 2nd Purple Candle in the Advent Wreath. This candle is known as the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Peace and Preparation. God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to get ready. During the Second Week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We also remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

**Gaudete & Bambinelli Sunday — 3rd Sunday of Advent** Next week the Infant Jesus from the family crib will be blessed. After Mass the figure is taken home and wrapped like a Christmas gift and placed under the tree. On Christmas Eve you gather as a family and take that gift, unwrap it as your first Christmas gift (the real gift of Christmas). You place it in the Crib and say a Hail Mary together asking the new-born child to watch over and protect your family in 2023.

**Advent Prayer**—Gracious God, send us your grace this Advent Season so that we can prepare for your coming. Touch our hearts with longing so that we can better love and serve you and each other. Fill us with the hope that we can be transformed by your Spirit and so help transform the world. Give us the peace of knowing that you came to share our human life and redeem us for the sake of love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus whose Kingdom we seek. Amen.

**Feast Days/Memorials during the Coming Week**

*5th Dec-10th Dec 2022*

Monday – St Crispina • Tuesday – St Nicholas • Wednesday – St Ambrose  
Thursday – Immaculate Conception • Friday – St Juan Diego • Saturday – Our Lady of Loreto

**SAINT OF THE WEEK— ST AMBROSE**

**St Ambrose was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church, born in Trier (Germany) c 340, ordained bishop in 374 and died at Milan in 397. He was a lawyer who became governor in Milan. While still a catechumen, he was elected bishop by popular acclaim. He upheld orthodoxy against the Arians and won many Christian converts, encouraged monasticism and defended the independence of the Church against secular authority. He was honoured as an outstanding pastor through his writings on the sacraments and Christian ethics, his homilies, instructions, and hymns** His feast day is celebrated on 7th Dec.

**Priests Phone Numbers**

Priests phone numbers. Fr John McMahon 049 433 9610. Mobile: 086 2126582.  
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Fr D Hannon (Arva) 087 2830145. 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](mailto:carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie) by 5.00 pm on Fridays.  
The editors reserve the right to omit or amend any notice.

# Parish Newsletter

4th Dec 2022—2nd Sunday of Advent — Year A

**Carrigallen • Drumeela • Drumreilly**



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

*In today's Gospel (Matt. 3: 1-12) we hear about the work and preaching of John the Baptist who was a prophet before the birth of Jesus but also lived during Jesus' time on earth. His appearing was previously prophesied by Isaiah. John spent 'quiet time' in the desert and lived on locusts and wild honey. On leaving the desert, he began preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. He also baptised many in the river Jordan after they had confessed their sins. Then along came the Pharisees and Sadducees seeking baptism without expressing sorrow for their sins. They and many other groups at the time practiced rituals and followed fully the rules of the faith without producing 'any fruit' or expressing their lives in a way which would lead others to believe. John rebuked them and threatened them with what was to come unless they mended their ways. We then hear John's well-known statement, "I baptise you with water, but the one who follows me will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire".*

*So, this Gospel challenges us to prepare ourselves and be ready for Jesus' coming. It is not enough for us to simply follow the rules and rituals of our faith. The very actions of our lives must show to others what we believe about our faith. Sometimes, like John in the desert, we need to take some quiet time by ourselves in order to reflect on and focus our lives more intentionally on what is truly important. Advent gives us an opportunity to respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be modern-day prophets of Christ, who by our lives announce the coming of the Lord.*

**Prayer for the week:** *God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen*



**Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events**

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

Sun 4th Dec 11.15 am Charles & Elizabeth Sheridan and deceased family members *Calloughs*  
 Mon 5th 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo  
 Tues 6th 7.30 pm Paul, Katie & Niall Kerrigan *Beaghmore*  
 Thurs 8th 11.15 am Vincent & Lena Hoban *Main Street*  
 Sun 11th 11.15 am Berney & Josephine McHugh *Sonnagh*

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

**Drumeela**

Sun 4th Dec 10.00 am Memorial Mass for Michael O'Rourke *New York & Drumshangore*  
 Thurs 8th 10.00 am Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
 Fri 9th 7.30pm Patsy Kiernan *Aughavilla*  
 Sun 11th 10.00 am Bridie & Eugene O'Kelly & their daughter, Cathriona Lydon *Drumloona*.

*The Children's Choir from Drumeela NS will sing at this Mass.*

**Drumreilly**

Sat 3rd Dec 8.00 pm Deceased members of the Kelleher family *Carrickmakeegan*  
 Wed 7th 8.00 pm Francie Quinn *Drumdiffer*  
 Sat 10th 8.00 pm Pat Stretton *Gubbs [MONTHS MIND]*

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

**RECENT MARRIAGE:** Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness to Gary Reynolds, Gortermone and Rachel Dowdall, Dublin who received the Sacrament of Marriage in St Martin of Tours Church, Culmullen, Co Meath on Fri 26th Nov.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Catherine (Mina) Gokoolsingh (née Kearns), Florida and formerly of Drumcoura who died 25th November, 2022. May her soul rest in peace.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Carrigallen: €600 Drumeela: €222 Drumreilly: €325



**SANTA Filling the Sacks!**



Ho! Ho! Ho!

**Knock All-night Vigil**

The Vigil begins with Confessions from 10.00 pm until Midnight on the night of Wed. 7th Dec. and continues in the Basilica from Midnight with Rosary, Holy Hour, Reflections and Prayer, concluding with Mass at 4.00 am. The Vigil will be live-streamed online on the Knock Shrine website and Facebook page.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

To help new Ukrainian migrants learn and improve their English through the Fáilte Isteach Programme. Classes will be held in the Kilbracken Arms Hotel, Carrigallen on Tuesday evenings from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm. No experience necessary as training will be provided. Contact Caillin Reynolds on 085-7653152 or email: caillin@ldco.ie On this Tuesday 6th Dec. between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm there will be coffee and tea in the Kilbracken Arms Hotel and an opportunity to meet with our Ukrainian Residents in the area. This is open to the whole community. Please feel free to come along. *Everyone welcome*

**Christingle Service**

All are welcome to a short Christingle Service in Newtowngore Hall on Sunday 11th December at 4.00 pm. The Christingles will be made in the hall then we will sing carols outside and the Christmas tree will be lit.

**North West Hospice Memory Tree** Light up a Life this Christmas by sponsoring a light on the North West Hospice Memory Tree for €5.00. You can record a memory of your loved one in our online book of treasured memories. Call 071-9170523 or Visit [www.northwesthospice.ie/lightupalife](http://www.northwesthospice.ie/lightupalife)



**LEITRIM GUARDIAN 2023**



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 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 • Dave Kelly  
 Charlie McGettigan • Fr Oliver Kelly

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 Books Upstairs 17 Dolier St Dublin 2 or Tel Mary: 087 6216635  
 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. 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.



**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 Sun. (4th Dec.) on our Facebook Page. Tickets from local vendors or online at <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

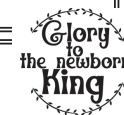
**Carrigallen GAA Healthy Club** We are proud to announce our Men's social 'walk and talk' group for men of all ages and all fitness levels. You can walk and talk at your own pace. Meeting at the G.A.A. Park every Friday evening at 7:30 pm with a social cuppa afterwards. All welcome. Please join us.

**Drumreilly Finance Committee** Meeting in the Sacristy on this Tuesday night, 6th Dec. at 8.15 pm. All members are asked to be in attendance.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** Thursday 8th December at 8.30 pm in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall. All members please attend.

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

**USED CLOTHES COLLECTION AT DRUMEELA & DRUMREILLY NATIONAL SCHOOLS**



Final call for bags of used clothing and paired shoes which can be left in Drumeela school shelter or dropped into the school in Drumreilly before this Friday, 9th Dec. Thank you.

**Weekly Parish B I N G O**

continues on Friday nights in Drumreilly Community Centre and on Sunday nights in Carrigallen Hall starting at 8.30 pm sharp in both venues. Usual prizes, raffles etc... Thank you for your continuing support.

**Thought for the Week:** Just because you're a lone voice in the wilderness, doesn't mean you're wrong.