

THE ADVENT CANDLES — WEEK 3



This weekend we light the 3rd Candle in the Advent Wreath. This candle is pink or rose coloured and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus. It reminds us that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

It's also the mid-point of our Advent journey and perhaps a good time to reflect on how our spiritual preparations for Christmas are advancing.

A PRAYER ON GAUDETE SUNDAY

Dear God, you know that our hearts long for the joy and gladness promised by life with you. Help us to remember that you are with us always, and that our hearts will rest only when they rest with you. Holy Spirit, guide the choices we make throughout this week. Help us endure hardship. Remind us to be patient.

Stifle our tendency to complain. Help us realize how much we owe the creator for all we have and all we are. Father in heaven, we offer thanks to you for sending John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of the saviour. Help us to heed the Baptist's message to repent and to renew our commitment to live in holiness.

Come Lord Jesus. So often we are impatient for your coming, yet we are fearful of living our lives as one with you. Come and ease our anxiety.

Come and reward our patience. Come and remove our sorrow. Our communities and our world eagerly await the day of your birth. Amen.

Feast Days/Memorials during the Coming Week

12th Dec-17th Dec 2022

Monday – Our Lady of Guadalupe • Tuesday – St Lucy • Wednesday – St John of the Cross.
Thursday – St Virginia • Friday – St Adelaide • Saturday – St Begga

Priests Phone Numbers

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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

11th Dec 2022—3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)—Year A

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

In today's Gospel (Matt. 11: 2-11), we hear again about John the Baptist. This time he is in prison where he has time to think and develop doubts about the coming of the Saviour because the Jesus that he knew didn't fit in with his own perception of a judgemental, retribution seeking God. He therefore sends some of his own disciples to ask Jesus if he is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. Of course, Jesus never took credit for healing people; he told them it was their faith, their trusting openness to God, that made them whole. Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Him. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described much earlier by the prophet Isaiah. So, we are again reminded that the beginning of salvation is already with us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is in our midst as manifested in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we look around us in our world today, we can find glimpses and evidence of God's work among us. We can also help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

A Prayer for Joy during the Third Week of Advent: Holy Father, Lord of all creation, you have power and might over heaven and earth. You speak a word and mountains move. You whisper and the sea obeys. You turn darkness into light and transform broken things into beauty. Lord, help me to see the wonder in your creation, to find the joy amidst the trials. For in you I can rejoice and be glad. No matter what the world brings, I can find joy in you. Help me to celebrate with joy and gladness this Christmas, for in you all things are made new. You are working to restore and remake all the broken pieces of my life and of this world. In you I will be glad and rejoice forever, delighting in you with joy. All this I pray through Jesus Christ, your only Son, your greatest gift to this world. Amen.



Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events

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

Sun 11th Dec 11.15 am Berney & Josephine McHugh *Sonnagh*
 Mon 12th 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo
 Tues 13th 07.30pm Frank, Pauline & Seán Donohoe
Gortermone

Wed 14th 10.00 am Mass of the Day
 Thurs 15th 10.00 am Mass of the Day



Sun 18th Dec 11.15 am John Joe & Anna May Dolan *Church St*

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

Drumeela

Sun 11th Dec 10.00 am Bridie & Eugene O'Kelly & their daughter, Cathriona Lydon *Drumloona*.
The Children's Choir, Drumeela NS sing at this Mass.



Fri 16th 7.30pm Sean Brady *London & Drumire*
 Sat 17th 12 noon Bridie Moran *Lugnagun [MONTHS MIND]*
 Sat 17th 1.00pm Patrick & Margaret Kellegher *Drumhaldry*
 Sat 18th 10.00am Michael McGerty *Annagh*

Drumreilly

Sat 10th 8.00 pm Pat Stretton *Gubbs [MONTHS MIND]*
 Sat 17th Dec 8.00 pm Hughie Maguire *Aghalough* and Eamonn Connolly *Carrickmakeegan*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSIONS: Reconciliation Service in St. Patrick's Church, Ballinamore on Sun. 18th Dec. at 6.00 pm. Christmas Confessions on Mon. 19th Dec. at 6.30 pm in Drumreilly, 7.00 pm in Drumeela. Reconciliation Service in Carrigallen at 7.30 pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED: In our prayers, we remember Thomas Kennedy, Boyle, Co Roscommon (brother of Brian Kennedy, Aughoo) whose funeral took place in St. Joseph's Church, Boyle on Fri 9th Dec followed by burial in Assylinn Cemetery *and* Francie Maguire, Rathfarnham, Dublin (brother of Jerome Maguire, Cloncorrick) whose funeral took place on Sat 10th Dec in the Church of the Divine Word, Marley Grange followed by burial in Kilternan Cemetery Park. *May their souls rest in peace.*

OFFERTORY DEC 3RD/4TH & Immaculate Conception
 Carrigallen: €957 & €206 Drumeela: €420 & €84
 Drumreilly: Next week



**Soon be Christmas Eve!
 SANTA! Ho! Ho! Ho!**



Live Crib Local Foróige are staging the Live Crib back after an absence of 2 years. Will be joined at the Marian Grotto, Carrigallen after the 11.15am Mass on Sun. 18th Dec. by the Church Choir along some of the Ukrainian Community. *Collection for St. Vincent de Paul*

North West Hospice We are holding our Light-up-a-Life event on this Sunday 11th Dec. at 6.30 pm in the Hospice Garden of Memories at Cleveragh Park, Sligo. The lights on the Hospice Memory Tree will be switched on at the Light-up-a-life event and music will be provided by Kieran Quinn and Aileen Concannon. This event will give people the chance to pause, reflect and remember their loved ones and celebrate their lives. You can record a memory of your loved one in our online book of treasured memories and sponsor a light for €5.00. Visit www.northwesthospice.ie for more information or call 071-9170523 *All welcome!*

Trócaire

Give hope for a better world this Christmas with Gift of Love. There are twenty-three Trócaire gifts from, such as chicks, emergency water and solar lamps, ranging in price from €5 to €1,000. The gifts can be purchased at <https://trocaire.org/gifts> or by calling 1800 408 408..



Christingle Service All are welcome to a short Christingle Service in Newtowngore Hall on this Sunday 11th Dec. 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.

LEITRIM GUARDIAN 2023

On Sale Now! Lots of local interest

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 The 2023 magazine is now for sale in the usual outlets, or you can purchase online at 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.



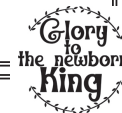
PARISH FINANCE

The Parish Contributions envelopes for 2023 are now available for collection from the Churches. When collecting your box, please also collect and deliver boxes to any of your neighbours who attend Mass in other Church Areas. You are also reminded to kindly bring your contributions (Offertory and Dues) for 2022 up to date as soon as possible.

The cut-off point for receiving your 2022 contributions is Christmas week-end (24th /25th Dec.). Any monies received after that date will be lodged in Jan. 2023 and will not appear on your 2022 receipts. This is in accordance with Diocesan financial guidelines.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town On Sunday 18th December, Santa Claus will visit the Kilbracken Arms Hotel, Carrigallen at 3.00 pm. Please call 049-4339737 to book with name and age of child.

Drumreilly Christmas Raffle A reminder to return your ticket stubs as soon as possible for inclusion in the draw which is scheduled to be held during bingo on Fri. 16th Dec. These can be returned via the metal box in the Church Porch, the letterbox at the Community Centre or given to any member of the Committee. Thank you.



St Mary's NS Parents Association, Drumlea have organised a Christmas Raffle with a fantastic Christmas Hamper to be won. Tickets can be bought in the School or in SuperValu, Ballinamore on 17th Dec. the draw will take place on Tues. 21st Dec. Thanks in advance for all your support.

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... All support welcome and appreciated.

