



This weekend we light the 4th Candle in the Advent Wreath. This candle is known as the Angel's Candle and symbolizes love. During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We also reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the Angel Gabriel.

THE ADVENT LITANY

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world. *Come, Lord Jesus!*
 You are light in our darkness. *Come, Lord Jesus!*
 Son of God, save us from our sins. *Come, Lord Jesus!*
 Son of Mary, deepen our love. *Come, Lord Jesus!*
 Bring hope into the lives of all people. *Come, Lord Jesus!*
 Give your peace to all nations. *Come, Lord Jesus!*
 Be the joy of all who love you. *Come, Lord Jesus!*
 Bring unity among all who believe in you. *Come, Lord Jesus!*
 Bless us wherever we gather in your name. *Come, Lord Jesus!*
 Lord Jesus, stay with us always. *Come, Lord Jesus!*

Let us pray. May Christ give us his peace and joy and let us share them with others.
 All peace and glory are His for ever and ever. Amen.

Feast Days/Memorials during the Coming Week

19th Dec-24th Dec 2022

Monday – St Darius • Tuesday – St Fachanan • Wednesday – St Peter Canisius
 Thursday – St Frances Xavier Cabrini • Friday – St John of Kanty
 Saturday – The Eve of Christmas

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.

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.
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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

18th Dec 2022—4th 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. 1: 18-24) we hear about how Jesus came to be born. The Virgin Mary was engaged to Joseph, the carpenter from Nazareth, but before they were married, Mary was found to be with child by the intercession of the Holy Spirit. This all made no sense to Joseph who was a man of honour, so he decided to quietly break off the engagement with Mary and remove himself from the situation. However, before doing so he had a dream during which an angel of the Lord appeared to him and asked that he take Mary as his wife and that she would give birth to a baby boy. This baby was to be called Jesus and would be the one to save his people from their sins. On waking from his dream, Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child as his own.

Joseph and Mary both cooperate fully with God's plan and are models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God. They are not asked to do it all alone by themselves as they are assured that God will be with them. Similarly, God is always with us too giving us the strength and the courage to follow the example of Mary and Joseph. They heard and listened to God's words, and we too are asked to open our hearts and our lives to God. Through our daily lives, through what we say and do, may we say YES to God's call just as Mary and Joseph did, so that God will become flesh and live among us this Christmas.

A Prayer for Joy during the Fourth Week of Advent: O God, our Creator, our world is loaded with anticipation of the birth of Your Son. We are bursting in preparedness for the Feast of Christmas which will soon be upon us.
 Help us to find a quiet moment to reflect on and appreciate the Word who is coming to dwell with us. Help us to hope in the promise of His Way, His Truth and His Life. Help us to join with the angels who sing Your praise and grant us the lasting peace of this great season of Joy.
 We make this prayer in the name of our long-expected Lord. Amen.



Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events



Carrigallen

All Carrigallen Masses livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie

Sun 18th Dec 11.15 am John Joe & Anna May Dolan Church St
 Mon 19th 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo
 Wed 21st 10.00 am Mass of the Day
 Fri 23rd 7.30 pm Patricia (Pat) Kiernan
Portland, Oregon & Killahurk



Sat 24th 10.00pm Mass of the Nativity
 Sun 25th 11.15 am Mons John Cooke, *Gortermone* and
 Ashling Cooke, *New Jersey & Gortermone.*



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

Drumeela

Sat 18th Dec 10.00am Michael McGerty *Annagh*
 Sun 25th 10.00am Celine, Phil & Josephne Maguire and all
 deceased members of the Maguire family *Drumlara*
 & the Kiernan families *Cloncoose*



Christmas Day Mass in Drumeela: A short meeting after Mass today (18th) to decide on Hymns/Carols suitable for Community singing at Mass on Christmas Day. Please stay awhile and offer your views. Thank you.

Drumreilly

Sat 17th Dec 8.00 pm Hughie Maguire *Aghalough* and Eamonn
 Connolly *Carrickmakeegan*
 Thurs 22nd 7.30 pm Jim McCabe and all deceased members
 of the McCabe family *Corrawaleen*
 Sat 24th 8.00pm Candlelit Mass of the Nativity

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We remember in our prayers, Patricia (Pat) Kiernan (sister of Sonny Kiernan, Killahurk) who has died in Portland, Oregon. Memorial Mass on Fri. 23rd Dec. at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen. *May her soul rest in peace.*

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Carrigallen: (11th Dec) €448 Drumeela: (11th Dec) €309
 Drumreilly: (3rd Dec) €249 (7th) €211 (10th) €311



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



Carrigallen Library is open on this Tuesday 20th Dec. from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and is then closed for Christmas holidays until Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at the usual time.

Mary's Meals—Big Family Christmas: International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas celebrations. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one and will also provide life changing school meals for a child living in poverty. For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available; from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at www.marysmeals.ie or can be sent via post by calling 01 853 5163.



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

St Mary's NS Parents Association, Drumlea have organised a Christmas Raffle with a fantastic Christmas Hamper to be won. Tickets can still be bought in the school but not much time left. Draw will take place on Tuesday 20th Dec. Thank you



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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

Please remember to pick up your Parish envelope boxes for 2023 from the Churches. You will need them for the first weekend after Christmas. The final date for returning your 2022 contributions is Christmas weekend. Any monies received after that date will be lodged in Jan. 2023 and will not appear on your 2022 receipts. *Thank you.*

Carol Service in St. Columba's Church, Corrawaleen this Sunday night (18th Dec.) at 8.00 pm. Refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome.

Drumreilly Christmas Raffle Due to the cancellation of last Friday nights bingo, the raffle will now be held on this coming Friday night (23rd Dec.) weather conditions permitting. So still time to drop in any outstanding ticket stubs for inclusion in the draw. Thanks to all who have done so already

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. (18th Dec.) on our Facebook Page. Tickets from local vendors or online at <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

Drumeela NS says thanks to all in our community who gave to our recent Clothes Collection. Also, our Christmas Concert is on Tuesday 20th Dec. at 6.30 pm preceded by a Bake Sale at 6.00 pm. There are lovely hampers to be won at this event. Tickets on sale in Richardsons Supermarket, Newtowngore, at the school or from any Parents. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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. Draw on Tues. 21st Dec. Thanks in advance for all your support.



Christmas Bingo Events

Tonight (18th Dec.) in Carrigallen Hall at 8.30 pm and on Friday night (23rd Dec) in Drumreilly Community Centre also at 8.30 pm. Additional Christmas prizes to be won at both venues. All support welcome and appreciated.

It's not what's under the Christmas tree that matters, it's who is around it.