

# Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Parish Masses / Anniversaries/ Other Events

### Carrigallen (livestreamed on [www.churchtv.ie](http://www.churchtv.ie))

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup>** 11.15 am: May Donohoe, Gortermone.  
**Sun. 15<sup>th</sup>** 11.15 am: Missa Pro Populo.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm & Wednesdays from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

### Drumeela

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup>** 10.00 am: Therese Mc Gurren, Corglass, & D.F.M's.  
**Sun. 15<sup>th</sup>** 10.00 am: P. C. Lynch, Annagh & D.F.M's.

### Drumreilly

**Sat. 7<sup>th</sup>** 8.00 pm: Jimmy Mitchell (1st Anniv.), also his parents Pat & Agnes Mitchell, Drumcoura.  
**Sat. 14<sup>th</sup>** 8.00 pm: Tommy Connolly, Ardunsaghan.

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

### *Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week* (9<sup>th</sup> Jan. – 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2023)

Monday – St. Adrian of Canterbury.  
Tuesday – St. Dermot (Diarmuid).  
Wednesday – St. Alexander of Italy.  
Thursday – St. Martin of Leon.  
Friday – St. Hilary.  
Saturday – St. Felix of Nola.

### **Weekly Offertory Collection**

Carrigallen €107 (incl. returns from Arva) Drumeela €295  
Drumreilly €342

**Irish Messenger -Drumreilly Area** - Anyone who has not yet paid their annual subscription for this monthly magazine is requested to do so as soon as possible. Monies can be dropped into the metal collection box in the Church Porch. Thanks to all who have already subscribed.

**Parish Donations Online** - The Diocese of Kilmore have made it possible to donate to your Parish online. This may help people who are from the Parish but living elsewhere in the country or throughout the world and would like to help. Please spread the word. The link required is [www.kilmorediocese.ie/donate](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie/donate) or you can visit the diocesan website and click on the donate button and select Carrigallen Parish. In the notes section please indicate to which of our three Churches you want your donation to go to. Thank you.

**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.

**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 08th Jan. on our Facebook Page. Tickets from local vendors or online at <https://member.clubspot.app/c./carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

**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 G.A.A. Club** are holding their Annual General Meeting on this Sunday 8th Jan. 2023 in the Clubrooms, Carrickmakeegan starting at 3.00 pm. All Club Members and players are asked to be in attendance.

**Want to improve your Irish?:** Irish Conversation classes to help practice or improve your Irish (Ciorcal Comhrá) start in Ballinamore Library on starting on this Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 8.00 pm. For many years, these much acclaimed classes have been running in the Library but were on hold for the past two years due to Covid. Ring or text 087-6821566 to book a place. Beidh Fáilte Romhat. Admission is Free.

**Athletics Training** - Ballinamore Athletic Club weekly training sessions for the cross country season every Tuesday evening starting at 7.00 pm in St. Felim's sports grounds and the sports hall. New members of all ages are most welcome.

**RSS Vacancies: Leitrim Development Company** has vacancies on the Rural Social Scheme. We are seeking applications from the public to work on the R.S.S. This is a farmer friendly scheme where participants work 19.50 hours per week and earn additional income to their farming. Participants will be working in their locality supporting community projects. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please call 086-8521791 for more information, application forms etc...

**The Letter** - This is a documentary film which builds on the teaching of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home. It explores how our spiritual values call us to take action on the planetary emergency. We are called to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and on the 12th Jan. 2023 at 8.00 pm, the Kilmore Care of Creation Team will host a screening of the film, The Letter, in the Townhall, Cavan. Admission is free. Booking is essential. <https://townhallcavan.com/booking-information/>

**Drumreilly Active Age** are resuming their weekly meetings in the Community Centre on Wednesday 18th January at 8.30 pm. A guest speaker on the night and refreshments served. Annual subscriptions now due. New members always welcome.

**Thought for the Week:** “There are times when you have to change your tune to keep harmony.”

### **The Real Work of Christmas Now Begins**

When the carols have been stilled, when the star-topped tree is taken down, when family and friends are gone home, when we are back to our schedules, the real work of Christmas begins:

**To welcome the refugee,**

**To heal a broken planet,**

**To feed the hungry,**

**To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,**

**To share our gifts,**

**To seek justice and peace for all people,**

**To bring Christ's light to the world.**

### **Prayer for the Week.**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed the water of baptism for all Christians through His own baptism by John, continue your work of cleansing the penitent from sin by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who honour Jesus as your beloved Son might live in the holiness of perfect love, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

### **Saint of the Week - St. Hilary**

Hilary was born in 315 at Poitiers in central France of wealthy pagan parents. Had a good secular education in rhetoric and philosophy, married early in life and had a daughter Afra. His reading of the Scriptures, especially the Prologue to John's Gospel brought him to Christianity at the age of thirty-five. Three years later, while still a layman, he was elected bishop of Poitiers in 353. Although in character Hilary was gentle and courteous, his theological writings show a sharpness of tone against his opponents and are difficult to the point of obscurity. Hilary also composed some of the earliest Latin Christian poems and hymns. Worn out by his travels and struggles, Hilary died in 367 and his feast is celebrated on 13th Jan.

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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 4.00 pm on Fridays. Visit our website: [www.carrigallenparish.ie](http://www.carrigallenparish.ie). The editors reserve the right to omit or amend any notice.

# **Parish Newsletter**

**8<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Baptism of the Lord – Year A**

## **Carrigallen ~ Drumeela ~ Drumreilly**

In today's Gospel Jesus comes to the river Jordan to be baptised by John the Baptist. However, John feels that it is himself that needs to be baptised by Jesus instead of the other way round. But Jesus persuades John to baptise Him and as Jesus leaves the water, the Spirit of God like a dove descends on Him and a voice from heaven is heard saying "*This is my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on Him.*"

This feast day of the Baptism of Jesus marks the transition from the Christmas season back to Ordinary Time and also marks the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. John the Baptist, the forerunner, was preparing the way for Jesus by preaching repentance and baptizing people in the river Jordan as they acknowledged their sins. John also proclaimed that one greater than he would come and "baptize you with the Holy Spirit". Jesus certainly was not baptized for forgiveness of sins, since He Himself was sinless so there was no need for Him to repent. But by receiving Baptism He showed His solidarity with sinful humanity and gave an indication of His role as our Saviour. This event also reveals His identity as the Son of God through the voice coming from Heaven and brings to light the Trinity through the action of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit seen at the baptism. Jesus' baptism also heralds the Sacrament of Baptism that He would institute, in which we receive the Holy Spirit and become the adopted children of God.

Since most of us were baptized as infants, we do not remember the event. Yet, no matter what age you were baptized, it still has the same effects: cleansing of sin, imparting of grace, giving of the Holy Spirit, adoption as a child of God, and incorporation into the Church. Today we should take time to thank God for the gift of Baptism and to reflect on the importance of our own Baptism. It's the starting point for our life-long relationship with God and like all relationships it takes work. So, this week let us make an extra effort to invest time and energy into our relationship with God and ask for His grace to help us grow closer to Him.