

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 22nd Jan. 2023):

Sun. 22th Jan. 11.15 am – Kevin Percival, Beaghmore.

Tues. 24th Jan. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.

Wed. 25th Jan. 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Sat. 28th Jan. 12 noon – Margaret Sheridan, Drumshinglebe (**M.M. Mass**).

Sun. 29th Jan. 11.15 am – Goretti Martin, Kilbracken (**1st Anniv. Mass**).

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

Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 22nd Jan. 2023):

Sun. 22nd Jan. 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Fri. 27th Jan. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.

Sun. 29th Jan. 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 21st Jan. 2023):

Sat. 21st Jan. 8.00 pm – Theresa & Killian Mitchell, Kinkeen.

Sat. 28th Jan. 8.00 pm – Pat Curran, Corrawaleen.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Carrigallen €500 (incl. €76 returns from K'shandra). Drumeela €254 Drumreilly €258

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (23rd Jan. – 28th Jan.)

Mon. – St. Colman of Lismore. **Tues.** – St. Francis de Sales.

Wed. – The Conversion of St. Paul. **Thur.** – Saints Timothy & Titus.

Fri. – St. Angela Merici. **Sat.** – St. Thomas Aquinas.

Saint of the Week - St. Francis de Sales

Francis de Sales was born in Savoy (France) in 1567. As a presbyter and as bishop of Geneva, he played a major part in the renewal of 17th-century French Catholicism. Seen by many as an early proponent of ecumenical dialogue. His writings promoted a spirituality for laypeople. Honoured as a most influential preacher, writer, and spiritual director, who combined firmness with patience and gentleness. Because of his writings and his idea of distributing pamphlets, Francis de Sales is the patron saint of journalists. Every year since 1967, on his feast day, the Pope issues a Message in preparation for Communications Sunday. Francis died following a stroke in Lyons in 1622 and his feast day is celebrated on **24th Jan.**

A Thought for the Week: "Life is a gift from God which should be treasured and enjoyed."



In our prayers, we remember:

PATRICK WALSH, Claremorris, Co. Mayo & formerly of Coventry, England (*son of the late Josie Walsh, née Maguire, Drumdiffer & Ballinamore*) whose funeral took place in Mayo Abbey on **Mon. 16th January** followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Drumreilly

And PHILOMENA BRETT (*née Coyne*), Lisnaskea and formerly of Killeshandra (*sister of Christy Coyne, Calloughs*) whose funeral took place in St. Brigid's Church, Killeshandra on **Fri. 20th January** followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May their souls rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT OFFICER: The Diocese of Kilmore is recruiting for the part-time post of Diocesan Support Officer. It involves travelling around the Diocese and visiting the parishes to assess the needs of clergy and to provide advice and support as necessary. Full details available on www.kilmorediocese.ie

THE UKRAINIAN SUPPORT GROUP are looking for willing hosts to invite people that are in hotel rooms to cook at your home for you at a mutually convenient time. They love to cook their own food and don't always get the opportunity to do so. It's also an opportunity to practice their English, meet local people and to feel welcomed. If you are interested, please WhatsApp 086-3522476. Thank you.

PARISH BINGO 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 for these weekly fundraising events.

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE: Last week's meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and is re-scheduled for this Wed. 25th Jan. at 8.30 pm. Members of the Fire Brigade will give a fire safety awareness talk and will outline the protocol to follow when a fire breaks out. Everyone welcome and refreshments will be served.

CARRIGALLEN GAA HEALTHY CLUB - Men's social 'walk and talk' group for all ages & fitness levels. Walk and talk at your own pace. Meet at G.A.A. Park every Friday at 7:30 pm with a social cuppa afterwards. All welcome. Please come along.

SOUTH LEITRIM MACRA CLUB hold their first Club meeting of 2023 on Wed. 25th Jan. at 8 pm in Jackies, Ballinamore. New members welcome. Events will be planned for the first half of 2023. For more information contact Ciara on 087-1888082.

PEACEPLUS PUBLIC CONSULTATION is developing an Action Plan for Leitrim. Funding of over €3million. Local groups and individuals are invited to come along to Mohill Library on Mon. 23rd Jan. @ 7.00 pm. Find out what PEACEPLUS is about, let the consultants know the issues that are important to you and have your say in the Action Plan. Any queries, please contact: peace@leitrimcoco.ie or call 071-9620005.

THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE is accepting blood donations at the Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon on Tues. 24th Jan. and Wed. 25th Jan. from 3.45 pm to 8.00 pm each evening. Please ring 1800 222 111 with your donor ID Number for an appointment. All blood groups needed. Give blood and save a life!

Catholic Schools Week 2023 - Sun. 22nd Jan. to Sun. 29th Jan.

This year's theme is 'Walking Together in Faith & Love'. For this year's annual celebration of Catholic education, CSW will draw on three features of the Synodal Pathway: 'Communion, Participation and Mission'. The theme for CSW 2023 is dedicated to celebrating the gift of Catholic education and recognizing the love and generosity of the entire school community: student, staff and home. This week is a celebration of contribution of Catholic education to individuals, to society, and to the global common good. Over the week, students will reflect on their own relationship with God, with their school community and with their families. Inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis, our schools are encouraged to help bring joyful hope to our collective future through a relationship with Jesus.

Monday: Walking Together in Faith.

Tuesday: Walking Together in Love.

Wednesday: Walking Together to Celebrate – Grandparents' Day.

Thursday: Walking Together to Transform our World.

Friday: Walking Together in Hope.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, Carrigallen, Drumeela and Aughavas would like to thank most sincerely the people of the above local area and also many benefactors from outside our local area who contributed directly or indirectly to our SVP Christmas Appeal. This appeal brings in the bulk of the funding we need for the year, so we are very grateful to all our supporters for their generosity. A few local clubs and groups raised valuable funding on behalf of SVP and details of same will be published in this newsletter as they are made available. For donations or for assistance please ring our confidential number: 087-6024223.

Priest Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon [433 9610](tel:4339610) / *Mob. 086-2126582*.

Parish Cluster: Fr. S. Mawn, Ballinamore [071-9644039](tel:0719644039) or [087-6869040](tel:0876869040); Fr. J. Cusack, Ballinamore [087-2408409](tel:0872408409); Fr. C. O'Gorman, Killeshandra [049-4334179](tel:0494334179), Fr. Peter Tiernan, Cloone/ Aughavas [071-9636016](tel:0719636016) or [086-3500114](tel:0863500114).

Parish Website: www.carrigallenparish.ie The Parish Newsletter is uploaded to the site each weekend & you will also find a link to the daily livestreamed Masses from Carrigallen.

Parish Newsletter: This newsletter promotes Church, Voluntary and Community events. Newsletter articles must state author's name & phone number & can be written into one of the church diaries before *5.00 pm or Thursdays* or emailed to carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie by *4.00 pm on Fridays*. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

Donate to your local Church online: Visit www.kilmorediocese.ie click on donate and choose Carrigallen Parish. In the notes area, indicate which Church Area (*Carrigallen or Drumeela or Drumreilly*) you wish your contribution to be forwarded to. Thank you.

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St. Mary's Parish

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22nd Jan. 2023 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

(Sunday of the Word of God)

Gospel Reflection (Matt. 4: 12-23)

In today's Gospel we witness the start of Jesus' public ministry following his baptism and his return from the desert. We hear that John the Baptist has been arrested, so Jesus moves to the lakeside town of Capernaum in Galilee. This is fulfilling the prophesy of Isaiah which has foretold us that "the people that lived in darkness have seen a great light". Jesus is that great light which will now move among the people.

Before Jesus formally starts his public ministry, he will need some help, so he does a bit of recruiting. Firstly, he meets two fishermen, Simon (also called Peter) and his brother Andrew who were casting their nets and says to them "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men" which they do immediately. A bit further on, he meets two more men, James and John, in a boat mending their nets. Again, they answer his call and follow him. Jesus must have had an immensely powerful and appealing presence to obtain such an immediate and positive response from his first disciples.

Today, two thousand years later, we as Christians are still being asked to follow Jesus as he continues to call us by our name. He invites us to follow him with the words: "if you want to be my disciples, come, take up your cross and follow me."

Prayer for Sunday of the Word of God

O Word that shapes our liturgies and litanies, may we see you not as a dusty book but as a living invitation to an ongoing conversation. O God who comes to us in sacred story, may we find our own stories within your pages. O Word that illuminates our darkness, may we carry your light into the world. O God who speaks into silence, may we rest in the comfort of your voice. O Word made flesh who dwells among us, may we sense your presence with us on the road to Emmaus. And when our hearts burn within us, may we not only hear your Word, but speak it with our lives. Amen.