

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 29th Jan. 2023):

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

Tues. 31st Jan. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.

Wed. 01st Feb. 10.00 am – Fiona Kiernan, Aughavore.

Fri. 03rd Feb. 7.30 pm – Mass for St. Blaise's Day.

Sat. 04th Feb. 12 noon – Pauline Mc Girr – Burial of Ashes.

Sun. 05th Feb. 11.15 am – Thomas Mollahan, Tully.

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

Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 29th Jan. 2023):

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

Sun. 05th Feb. 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

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

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

Thurs. 02nd Feb. 7.30 pm – Mass for Candlemas Day.

Sat. 04th Feb. 8.00 pm – John Blessing, Corrala & D.F.M's.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm in the Sacristy.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Carrigallen €790

Drumeela €198

Drumreilly €305

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (30th Jan. – 04th Feb.)

Mon. – St. Martina of Rome. **Tues.** – St. Mogue of Templeport.

Wed. – St. Brigid of Ireland. **Thur.** – Presentation of the Lord (**Candlemas Day**).

Fri. – St. Blaise of Armenia. **Sat.** – St. Joan of Valois.

Saint of the Week - St. Martina of Rome

A wealthy daughter of a Christian Roman consul. On her parent's death, she gave away her riches to the poor and devoted herself to prayer. Tortured and martyred in the persecutions of Alexander Severus for refusing to sacrifice to pagan gods. A basilica is dedicated to her at the Roman forum. Assorted miracles were ascribed to her, and her story was blended with those of other early martyrs. One of the writers claimed that when she was beheaded, her body bled milk, a tale that led to her patronage of nursing mothers. She was martyred in 228 and her relics were discovered on 25th October 1634 in a crypt near Mamertine Prison at the Roman Forum. Her feast day is celebrated on **30th Jan.**

A Thought for the Week: "Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as real strength."



In our prayers, we remember:

UNA MAGUIRE (*née Connolly*), Aghalough and formerly of Carrickmakeegan. Removal arriving at St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly this Sunday at 7.00 pm. Funeral Mass on **Mon. 30th January** at 12 noon followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May the door of God's hospitality welcome her home to rest in peace. Amen.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The 2023 Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 2nd to 7th June led by Bishop Martin Hayes. Accommodation as follows; Hotel's Eliseo - €899. Hotel Agena - €879. Booking with Cavan Travel on 049-4361222. Assisted pilgrims will stay at Accuel Notre Dame which is a 24-hour Care Facility for sick or incapacitated pilgrims. Please apply to Rev. Thomas Mannion, Pilgrimage Director, Parochial House, Ballinaglera, Co. Leitrim. Phone 071-9643014 / 087-9170879 or email: mannonthomas@hotmail.com

TOTUS TUUS EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2.00 pm on Sat. 4th Feb. Speakers include FR. COLUMBA MARY TOMAN OP, FR. PATRICK CAHILL O.J.S.S, FR. PATRICK LAGAN (DERRY DIOCESE), MAURA MURPHY (HOLY FAMILY MISSION). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277.

ALTAR SOCIETY – CARRIGALLEN: Happy New Year to all the Altar Society Volunteers. As we begin another year, there are a few items to review: 1) We require more volunteers as there 3 months with vacancies. 2) A reminder that the flowers /sanctuary are our responsibility to keep fresh and clean. The caretaker looks after the rest of the Church. To volunteer or have any queries, please ring me, Bonnie O'Rourke on 086-8878479. Thanks again to all who give their time to keep our Church beautiful.

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... . (*Note: This Sunday night is the final night of the current bingo season in Carrigallen. Weekly bingo moves to Arva starting from the first Sunday of Feb. and finishing on the last Sunday of July*). Thank you for supporting your local weekly bingo fundraising events.

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE: Our thanks to Leitrim Fire Service who gave a very informative fire safety/prevention awareness talk at last week's meeting. Our regular weekly meetings continue on Wednesday nights in the Community Centre starting at 8.30 pm. New members always welcome and refreshments served.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB ONLINE 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". Draw this Sunday, 29th Jan. on our Facebook Page. Tickets from local vendors or online at <https://member.clubspot.app/carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

I.F.A. PUBLIC MEETING this Tues. 31st Jan. in the Corn Mill Theatre, Carrigallen at 8.00pm to discuss issues relating to farming and rural living. The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie Mc Conalogue will be in attendance. All welcome.

Prayer to St. Brigid: *Oh Brigid, Mary of the Gael, may your protection never fail.*



Spread your mantle over me, where 'ere I am, where 'ere I be.

Cover me with God's joy and peace, let my faith and hope never cease. Shine your light where there is darkness, strengthen me in any weakness. Heal all within that may be ill, give me the desire each day to do God's will. 'Till I rest, my journey o'er, with God and you forever more. St. Brigid, patron of Kildare and Leighlin, pray for us. Amen.

Prayer to St. Blaise: *O Glorious St. Blaise, who by thy martyrdom has left to the Church a precious witness to the faith, obtain for us the grace to preserve within ourselves this divine gift, and to defend it by word and example, the truth of that same faith, which is so wickedly attacked and slandered in these our times. You who miraculously cured a little child when it was at the point of death by reason of an affliction of the throat, grant us your powerful protection in like misfortunes; and, above all, obtain for us the grace of repentance, together with a faithful observance of our Church, and avoidance from offending Almighty God. Amen.*

AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND

This month we celebrate 250 years of the well-known and much-loved hymn, Amazing Grace. It was written by John Newton in Jan. 1773 in Olney Parish Church, Buckinghamshire, England. As a young man, John had been involved in the West African Slave Trade and led a prodigal lifestyle. However, whilst on board a ship during a ferocious storm and the loss of many lives, he begun to pray, and the storm eased. He subsequently studied theology and became an Anglican Clergyman. Years later, whilst reflecting on his life, he composed Amazing Grace which is about how he found God, whose immense grace saved him out of wretchedness. That same grace is always available to us no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in. God's grace will always get us through and lead us safely home.

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

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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.

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Parish Newsletter

St. Mary's Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

29th Jan. 2023 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Gospel Reflection

(Matt. 5: 1-12)

In today's Gospel, we are taught the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount in which Jesus teaches about what it means to be happy and who will find approval from God. The people who Jesus calls happy are not always the people we would consider to be happy - the poor in spirit, the hungry, the grieving, the persecuted and so on. But these are the people who will be truly blessed by God and who will enter His Kingdom.

We as Christians are asked to respond to the challenge of the Beatitudes in our daily lives. They present to us a way of life, inviting us to identify with the poor, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst after justice. They also challenge us to be compassionate people, to be men and women who are pure in heart, and to become the peacemakers in our dealings with one another, in our families, and in the society at large, even when this approach to things may expose us to ridicule and persecution. Let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, and the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now. God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who care for one another.

Blessing Events this Week

St. Brigid's Crosses - Wed. 10.00 am Mass - St. Mary's, Carrigallen.

Candles & Throats – Thurs. 7.30 pm Mass - St. Mary's, Drumreilly.

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You can leave candles for both Church and home use on the designated table in the sanctuaries of Drumreilly & Carrigallen Churches for blessing on Thurs. & Fri.