

## **Saint of the Week - St Valentine**

St. Valentine was an Italian Bishop in Italy in the early church. He performed Christian marriages for young couples. There was a prohibition on all marriages at the time except those recognised by the state. Valentine was jailed. While in jail, he is believed to have cured the jailer's daughter of blindness. Just before he died in 270, he wrote her a letter which he signed "*Your Valentine*". Because of this he has become the patron saint of love. St. Valentine is buried in Rome and some of his relics are held in Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin where a special marriage rings blessing service is held annually on his feast day which is celebrated on 14th Feb.



### **A Prayer on St Valentine's Day - 14th Feb**

Loving Father, I pray for an open heart and mind so that I may recognise and be grateful for all the love in my life. I pray that I might find a new sense of wholeness, joy and peace in your love. Remove all obstacles so that I may grow in love throughout my life. Give me the grace to trust in your loving plan for me, so that whatever the circumstances are in my life I may know that I am not alone, that I am loved by You, my loving Father, who is full of tenderness, mercy and compassion. Amen.

### **The Golden Rule of Living**

If you open it, close it. If you turn it on, turn it off. If you break it, admit it. If you can't fix it, call someone who can. If you borrow it, return it. If you value it, mind it. If you make a mess, clean it up. If you move it, put it back. If it belongs to someone else, get permission to use it. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone. If it's none of your business, don't ask questions. Treasure your health and your friends and always treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.

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### **Parish Website**

Our website is [www.carrigallenparish.ie](http://www.carrigallenparish.ie). The Parish Newsletter is uploaded to the site each weekend and you will also find a link to the daily livestreamed Masses from Carrigallen.

### **Donate to your local Church online**

Visit [www.kilmorediocese.ie](http://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.

### **Parish Newsletter**

This newsletter promotes Church, Voluntary and Community events. Articles for this newsletter, which must state author's name and phone number, can be written into one of the church diaries before 5pm or Thursdays or emailed to [carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie) by 4pm on Fridays. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

# Parish Newsletter

12th February 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Carrigallen

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Drumeela

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Drumreilly

## **Gospel Reflection**

Matt 5: 13-16

In today's Gospel we hear about laws from the Old Testament and the New Testament. Firstly, in the Old Testament the Ten Commandments were given to Moses on Mount Sinai and were strictly observed by the Scribes and Pharisees to the point that those who didn't obey them were mocked and ridiculed. This was not the intention of the Commandments as is clarified in the New Testament by Jesus who tells us that in order to reach the Kingdom of Heaven, we must not lead shallow lives like the aforementioned groups who lived by their own interpretation of God's law. Instead, we are called to reflect more deeply on our own lives and on our dealings with others. We are challenged to let go of our anger and resentment towards others before answering the call of the Gospel.

Our God is not a controlling father with a rule book in his hand watching for us to make a mistake. His rules were given to us out of love for us and as a guideline to help to live better lives. Our observance of God's laws should not be based on fear but out of love and gratitude for God for all the blessings he has bestowed on us. We are asked to look beyond the law and to deepen our appreciation of the message of the Gospel, a message which is more of a matter of the heart than a matter of the head. May we love the Lord, ourselves and our neighbour with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind.

***Prayer for the Week:*** My most honest Lord, please make me pure of heart. Help me to obey your laws and to be a person of honesty and integrity. Help me to teach your laws to others through the example of my daily living. May the truth that You place in my heart be the basis of my actions and my words. May I speak with a clear conscience always speaking what You give me to speak. Jesus, I trust in You now and always. Amen.

**Parish Masses Week Commencing  
Sat 11th February 2023**

**Carrigallen:**

All Masses are live streamed on [www.churchtv.ie](http://www.churchtv.ie) - click on Carrigallen  
Sun 12th 11:15am John & Mary Kate Morrow & deceased family members  
Mon 13th 10:00am Mary Kate, Charles & Teresa Kiernan, Sessiagh  
Tue 14th 7:30pm Mass for St Valentine's Day  
Sun 19th 11:15am Eileen & Johnny Lee, Main St

**Weekday Mass:** Mon, Wed 10:00am, Tue 7:30pm,

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues 6:30pm-7:30pm and Wed 10:30am-11:30am



**Drumeela:**

Sun 12th 10:00am Mass for 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sun 19th 10:00am Mary Kate Kiernan, Drumeela and deceased family members

**Weekday Mass:** No weekday Mass this week

**Drumreilly:**

Sat 11th 8:00pm Missa Pro Populo  
Thurs 16th 7:30pm Tom, Bridget & Lily Mimna, Drumshangore & deceased family members  
Sat 18th 8:00pm Molly Bradley, Derrylahan

**Weekday Mass:** Thurs at 7:30pm

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues 7:00pm - 8:00pm

**Collections Last Weekend**

Carrigallen	€925
Drumeela	€261
Drumreilly	€404

**Carrigallen Club On-Line Lotto**

Tickets available from local vendors or online at <https://member.clubspot.app/club/carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>. Draw on Sun 9th on club Facebook page. Jackpot capped at €20,000 until won. If not won there will be four lucky dip prizes of €25. An extra prize has been added for weekly automatically renewing tickets-click on "automatically renew purchase" at checkout.

**Weekly Parish Bingo**

On Friday nights in Drumreilly Community Centre starting at 8:30pm sharp. Over €1,000 in prizes including a raffle. We welcome and appreciate your continuing support.

**Drumreilly Active Age**

Weekly meeting every Wed night in Drumreilly Community Centre starting at 8:30pm. Many varied activities. Refreshments served. New members always welcome.

**Carrigallen GAA Healthy Club**

Men's social 'walk and talk' group for all men of all ages and all fitness levels. You can walk and talk at your own pace. Meeting at the GAA Park every Fri at 7:30pm with a social cuppa afterwards. All welcome.

**Baptism**

We welcome Nikola Gezlik, 10 Woodford Green, Newtownmore who was baptised into our Faith Community in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Sun 5th Feb and we congratulate her parents, Pavel & Verenica

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We also welcome Caragh Mary Masterson, Firmullagh, Moyne who was baptised into our Faith Community in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Sat 11th Feb and we congratulate her parents, Roisín and Brian.

**Drumeela Garden Club**

Our Annual Dinner will take place in the Lough Bawn Hotel, Killeshandra on Fri 24th Feb. Booking is essential. Any members or friends wishing to attend please book with Martina on 087-9639484 this week.



**Accord Pre-Marriage Courses**

We are now taking bookings for marriage preparation courses which will be held in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan during 2023. The next course will be run on the weekend of 14th/15th Apr and another on weekend of 13th/14th Oct (Fri evenings and all day Sat). To book a place visit [www.courses.accord.ie](http://www.courses.accord.ie)

**School Enrolments 2023**

**Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Carrigallen NS:** Enrolment forms for Sept 2023 are available from the school and local crèches. Please return completed forms together with the child's birth certificate and on or before Fri 17th Feb. Email secretary [@carrigallenns.ie](mailto:@carrigallenns.ie) or phone 049-4339929.

**St Mary's N.S. Drumeela/Drumreilly:** Enrolment forms for Sept 2023 are now available in our school or from our school website [www.drumeela.ie](http://www.drumeela.ie) or phone 049-4333125. Please return completed forms to the school as soon as possible.

**St Mary's N.S. Drumeela:** Enrolment forms available for collection from the school or by phoning 049-4333305 or by emailing [drumeelans@gmail.com](mailto:drumeelans@gmail.com). Please return completed forms to the school as soon as possible.



**Feast Days during the coming week**

**Mon 13th:** Sts Cyril & Methodius

**Tue 14th:** St Valentine

**Wed 15th:** St Joseph of Antioch

**Thur 16th:** St Julian of Egypt

**Fri 17th:** St Fintan

**Sat 18th:** St Colman of Lindisfarne

**Eucharistic Ministers**



We have a small number of vacancies for new Eucharistic Ministers in each of our three churches. We will be organising a training course for new Ministers in the near future. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of the Eucharist please contact Fr John on 049-4339610 or 086-2126582 or after any parish Mass.

**Drumreilly Finance Committee**

A meeting will be held on this Thurs 16th Feb in the Sacristy at 8:15pm. All members please be in attendance.

**Carrigallen Tidy Towns Committee**

AGM this Tues 14th Feb at 8:30pm in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room in the Community Centre. New members welcome.

**Divine Mercy Conference**

In the Main Hall of the RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 on 17th, 18th & 19th Feb 2023. This year's theme is '**Act justly, Love tenderly, Walk humbly with your God**'. Tickets can be purchased on [www.divinemercyconference.com](http://www.divinemercyconference.com) or phone 085-2216128. Friday evening is free.

**Lisbon - World Youth Day**

This is a Catholic international event for young Catholics, attended by Pope Francis and held every three years. The next World Youth Day will be celebrated for the first time in Lisbon, Portugal 1st-6th August 2023. For info, booking, etc phone 01-2410800 or email [info@joewalshtours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshtours.ie).

**Thought for the Week**

Exploit your unique abilities to make the best of each day.