

## Praying with Scripture during Lent (Lectio Divina)

This program is an opportunity for people to gather together to pray, share and reflect on the Sunday Gospels during Lent. Lent is a good time for people to nourish their spiritual life. In this program "*Lectio Divina*" we place the word of God at the Centre of our prayer life, as we try and deepen our relationship with Christ and each other.



One of the great masters in prayer said: "the word comes to us in **Reading** to awaken the heart". This is at the centre of *lectio divina* (divine reading). This technique in prayer is a guide to living, it means going into our heart to find God. I am a priest for quite a few years now and it has taken me a long time to learn that coming face to face with the sacred text is what really matters, reading the scripture is essential.

**Our first meeting takes place in the Tom Clarke Memorial rooms, Carrigallen on Tue next 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 8:30pm-9:30pm. It will just last one hour.**

### A Prayer on Ash Wednesday

Blessed are you Lord who gives us life and all things. As we go about our lives, our duties and activities often lead us to forget Your presence and Your love. We fall into sin and fail to live out the responsibilities that You have entrusted to those who were baptised into the Christian Faith.

During the coming holy season of Lent, help us to turn our minds and hearts back to You. Lead us into sincere repentance and renew our lives with your grace. Help us to remember that we are sinners, but even more, help us to remember Your abundant and loving mercy.

On this Ash Wednesday may the ashes on our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to Your Son, and may our worship, prayer and penitence be sustained throughout the season of lent.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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

19th February 2023

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Carrigallen

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Drumeela

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Drumreilly

## Gospel Reflection

Matt 5: 38-48

In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples not to live in accordance with what they have heard in the past (*the old law*): "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth; love your neighbour and hate your enemy". With Jesus, that is the earthly way of living, but which is not the way the children of God are called to follow. Rather, Jesus tells us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, so that we may be children of our Father in heaven. In other words, Jesus is telling us that our enemies and those who persecute us are those who are most in need of our love and our prayers.

Jesus distinguishes between earthly rewards and rewards from God. If we love those who love us, our reward is an increase in their love. However, if we love those who hate us, our reward is an increase in God's love. For Jesus, we must love one another, and exclude no one from our love. We know that there is much evil in the world in which we live today but we are asked not to let it force us to fight it with revenge and hatred. It is not good to fight war with war. Instead, we should fight it with our God-given weapons of mercy, forgiveness and love for the ones who have hurt us.

### Ash Wednesday - 22nd Feb - 1st Day of Lent - Day of Fast & Abstinence

Masses and Distribution of Ashes

St Mary's Church, Carrigallen ~ 11:30am

St Mary's Church, Drumreilly ~ 7:30pm

**Parish Masses Week Commencing  
Sat 18th February 2023**

**Carrigallen:**

All Masses are live streamed on [www.churchtv.ie](http://www.churchtv.ie) - click on Carrigallen

Sun 19th 11:15am Eileen & Johnny Lee, Main St

Mon 20th 10:00am Missa Pro Populo

Wed 22d 11:30am Mass for Ash Wednesday

Fri 24th 7:30pm John Corr & deceased members Corr Family, Gulladoo

\*\* Followed by Stations of the Cross for Lent \*\*

Sat 25th 12noon M.M. Maurice Brady, Scordan Road

Sun 26th 11:15am Jim & Lily O'Neill, Killahurk

**Weekday Mass:** Mon 10:00am, Tue 7:30pm, Wed 11:30am, Fri 7:30pm, Sat 12noon

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

**Drumeela:**

Sun 19th 10:00am Mary Kate Kiernan, Drumeela and deceased family members

Sun 26th 10:00am Missa Pro Populo

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

**Drumreilly:**

Sat 18th 8:00pm Molly Bradley, Derrylahan

Wed 22nd 7:30pm Mass for Ash Wednesday

Sat 25th 8:00pm 1st Anniv. Hugh McCartin, Ardunsaghan

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

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



**Collections Last Weekend**

Carrigallen €530

Drumeela €250

Drumreilly €216

**Carrigallen Club On-Line Lotto**

Tickets available from local vendors or online at <https://member.clubspot.app/club/carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>. 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. Draw takes place each Sun on club Facebook page.

**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.

**We Pray For ....**

Joséphine (Josie) Ward (née Curran), Yonkers, New York and formerly of Ardra, Drumreilly (sister of Rose Conefrey, Corrawaleen) whose funeral took place in the Church of St Paul the Apostle, Yonkers on Fri 17th Feb followed by burial in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. May her soul rest in heavenly peace.



**Baptism**

We welcome Aidan John McCabe, Tully who was baptised into our Faith Community on Sun 12th Feb in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen and we congratulate his parents, Jacinta and Conor.



**On-Line Lenten Retreat**

The Priory Institute are offering a FREE OF CHARGE online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent as stepping stones on our Journey to Easter'. Visit their website [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com) to register/find out more.

**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 to the school. Email secretary [@carrigallenns.ie](mailto:@carrigallenns.ie) or phone 049-4339929.

**St Mary's N.S. Drumlea/Drumreilly:** Enrolment forms for Sept 2023 are now available in our school or from our school website [www.drumlea.ie](http://www.drumlea.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 [drumeclans@gmail.com](mailto:drumeclans@gmail.com). Please return completed forms to the school as soon as possible.



**Prayer for the Week**

God our Father, in your Son Jesus Christ, you have shown us your tenderness, and accepted us, sinful people, as your sons and daughters. Lord, share your heart with us, make us a merciful and understanding people, that we may learn from you, to accept everyone without conditions, to forgive and forget all hurts, and to love unconditionally so that we become more like you each day. Amen.

**Thought for the Week**

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

**Feast Days during the coming week**

**Mon 20th:** St Colgan

**Tue 21th:** St Peter Damian

**Wed 23th:** Ash Wednesday

**Thur 24th:** St Polycarp

**Fri 25th:** St Ethelbert of Kent

**Sat 26th:** St Luigi Versiglia

**Brain Tumour Research**

An afternoon tea fundraiser will be held this Sun 19th Feb 12noon - 3pm in Lockhart's House, Lisieux, Killahurk, Carrigallen H12 PT68. Less than 1% of cancer research is allocated to this devastating disease offering very little hope for treatment or life expectancy. Thanks to all who have already donated to 10,000 Steps for Feb for Brain Tumour Research. Please join us for a cuppa and chat in appreciation. All welcome.

**Temperance Sunday Mass**

On RTÉ tv & Radio Sun 19th at 11am and will include prayers for all who are in treatment for addiction, their families and those who are in recovery. The Serenity Prayer sung at this Mass is used at the conclusion of every AA and NA meeting. The Pioneer website [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie) has info for parishioners who wish to take the Lenten pledge.

**Thanks**

St Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who gave their time voluntarily for the Christmas concert, organised by Raymond Hackett and held in the Corn Mill Theatre, which raised €1,000. We appreciate the generosity of the artistes, musicians, singers, backstage crew and everyone involved in this concert.

**Ladies Gentle Exercise Classes**

Exercise classes for Ladies on Mon mornings in Carrigallen GAA clubrooms at 11am, starting on 27th Feb. Everyone welcome.