

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2023



This Lent we learn about Somalia and how conflicts and climate change have led to an unprecedented food crisis in an already vulnerable part of the world. According to the World Wide Web (internet) Somalia, is a country in the Horn of Africa. The country is bordered by Ethiopia, Djibouti, the Gulf of Aden, the Indian Ocean and Kenya. It is over 10,000km from Dublin and according to google maps it would take you over 165 hours by car to get there. (Those of you that are quick with numbers would know that would mean nearly 7 days driving – non-stop!)

An estimated 17million people are living in Somalia and for the past two decades Somalia has been badly affected by conflict following the civil war in 1991. For the past thirty years this ongoing conflict has had a negative impact on those most vulnerable Somalis, especially women, children, the elderly and the disabled. Somalia has also been hit with more than thirty natural disasters since 1990, including twelve droughts and nineteen floods. Sadly, it looks like another sad record breaks in Somalia as it looks likely that 2023 is going to be the fifth season with no rain fall. Leading to the death of livestock and the failure of crops. 86% of the people living in Somalia depend on agriculture for survival. Imagine 1.8 million children under the age of five face acute malnutrition. About half the population need urgent humanitarian assistance.

With your support during Lent, Trócaire can work with their partners to support the world's most at-risk communities, no matter who or where they are. We can give them life-saving assistance immediately and also the tools to rebuild their lives in a sustainable way. With your help, they can regain the hope they have lost.

Trócaire Packs are now available in the Church porches. These contain a contribution envelope which should be returned to your local Church at Eastertime. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

The Three Pillars of Lent

PRAYER; putting ourselves in a right, loving relationship with our God.

FASTING; putting ourselves in a right, loving relationship with ourselves.

ALMS-GIVING; putting ourselves in a right, loving relationship with our neighbour.

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Parish Website

Our website is 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, 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 by 4pm on Fridays. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

Parish Newsletter

26th February 2023

1st Sunday of Lent

Carrigallen ~ Drumeela ~ Drumreilly

Gospel Reflection

Matt 4: 1-11

In today's Gospel, we hear about the Spirit leading Jesus into the desert, where he struggles for forty days with himself and his human nature. He had to face on his own, many human limitations such as hunger, thirst, extreme heat of the day and chill and darkness of the night in the desert. He was physically tested to the limits of human endurance but worse still, he was tempted by the devil who offered a quick fix, an easy escape route from his situation.

Firstly, when Jesus was at his hungriest, the devil told him that being the Son of God, he had the power to turn the stones into loaves. The answer from Jesus was that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Then the devil took him to the top of the Temple in Jerusalem and told him to throw himself down and that God's angels would catch him before hitting the ground.

Jesus' reply was that you must not put the Lord your God to the test. Finally, the devil brought Jesus to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and offered them to him in return for being worshipped by him. Jesus rebuked him and sent him on his way with the words that you must worship the Lord your God and serve him only. The angels then came and ministered to Jesus.

Lent offers us an opportunity to de-clutter our lives, to live more simply, to stock take and to cut-back on our excesses so that we can experience a little bit of the 'desert'. It's a time to do well and to do better at what we should have been doing in the first place. We have to go through it alone and it requires a lot of effort. There will be many distractions and temptations along the way which will challenge our human weaknesses. But in the end, it will be worth it as we will have deepened our relationship with God and have a better understanding of the way he wants us to live our lives.



**Parish Masses Week Commencing
Sat 25th February 2023**

Carrigallen:

All Masses are live streamed on www.churchtv.ie - click on Carrigallen
Sun 26th 11:15am Jim & Lily O'Neill, Killahurk
Sun 5th 11:15am M.M. Gráinne Heslin, Cloncorrick and Barry McIntyre, Cloncorrick
Weekday Mass: Mon, 10:00am, Tue 7:30pm, Wed 10:00am, Thur 8:15am
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 6:30pm-7:30pm and Wed 10:30am-11:30am

Drumeela:

Sun 26th 10:00am Missa Pro Populo
Fri 3rd 7:30pm First Friday Mass **followed by Stations of the Cross for Lent**
Sun 5th 10:00am Missa Pro Populo
Weekday Mass: Fri at 7:30pm

Drumreilly:

Sat 25th 8:00pm 1st Anniv. Hugh McCartin, Ardunsaghan
Thur 2nd 7:30pm Ceremony of Light and Confirmation Pledge
Sat 4th 12noon M.M. Una Maguire, Aghalough
Sat 4th 8:00pm Pat McGovern, Kinkeen and deceased family members
Weekday Mass: Thurs at 7:30pm, Sat at 12:00noon
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 7:00pm - 8:00pm



Collections Last Weekend

Carrigallen €648
Drumeela €271
Drumreilly €317

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

Meeting this Wed night in Drumreilly Community Centre starting at 8:30pm which will include a First Aid talk. Refreshments served. All 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. Please join us.

Thursday Morning Mass

During Lent in St Mary's, Carrigallen there will be an early morning Mass on Thurs mornings at 8:15am to facilitate people going to work and parents dropping their children to school. The usual Thurs evening Mass will continue in Drumreilly at 7:30pm.



Praying the Scripture during Lent

Takes place in the Tom Clarke Memorial Rooms, Carrigallen Hall on Tue 28th Feb 8:30pm-9:30pm. It will last just one hour. All welcome.

A Lenten Healing Service

Takes place in St Brigid's Church, Killygarry, Cavan on Mon 27th at 7pm with Rosary, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Benediction and laying on hands. Water, salt & oil will be blessed. Confessions from 6:45pm.

2023 World Day of Prayer

This is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action", and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. To mark this day a prayer Service will be held in Carrigallen Church of Ireland on Fri 3rd March at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Lough Derg Job Vacancies

Lough Derg are recruiting a range of roles for extra staff during their pilgrimage and retreat season in 2023. The application pack is available on www.loughderg.org/jobs or email hr@loughderg.org or phone 071-9861518. Closing date is Fri 3rd March at 3pm.

Car Parking at Carrigallen Church

Due to a recent incident which occurred during Mass at the entrance of Church Manor Estate, we ask people to be mindful and to not park across or obstruct the entrance at any time. This is to ensure the safety of both the residents and the local community. Thank you for your co-operation.

Prayer for the Week

Almighty Father, through this Lent, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection and teach us to reflect it in our lives. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thought for the Week

Radiate a positive, confident demeanour which will endear you to those who work with you, live with you or just simply bump into you.

Feast Days during the coming week

Mon 27th: St Leander of Seville
Tue 28th: St Oswald of Worcester
Wed 1st: St David (Patron of Wales)
Thur 2nd: St Angela of the Cross
Fri 3rd: St Foila of Galway
Sat 4th: St Casimir

Bible Study Course

A six-week Bible Study Course on understanding the Gospel of St Matthew, given by Bishop Emeritus Leo O'Reilly starts on Thurs 2nd Mar 7:30pm-9:00pm in the Pastoral Centre, Cavan H12 E5C7. The session scheduled for Thurs 16th Mar will take place on Wed 15th Mar instead.



Carrigallen Tidy Towns

Carrigallen Tidy Towns, in conjunction with Leitrim Co. Council, An Taisce and local organisations, are participating in a roadside Litter Pick on Sat 4th Mar throughout the Parish. We can all make a difference to minimise litter in our community if we all become proactive in the control of litter. Please support this annual litter pick. Handheld litter pickers, H-Vis vests and bin bags will be available for collection at Carrigallen Hall on Sat. 4th Mar 9:30am-10:00am approx. A designated Drop-Off point for the collected rubbish will be informed to Litter Pickers when collecting their hand pickers and bags. Contact: Anne O'Malley on 086-3192874 or Paddy O'Rourke on 087-2930415.

Ladies Gentle Exercise Classes

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

Irish Blood Transfusion Service



An opportunity to be a blood donor at the Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell this Mon 27th Feb 3:45pm-8pm. Please ring 1-800-222-111 for an appointment and have your donor ID number if an existing donor. All blood groups needed.