

Fifty Years of Trocaire in Our Parish

On the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in 1973, the Irish Bishops wrote to the Christian people of Ireland establishing Trócaire. As we mark 50 years of Trócaire, we mark 50 years of perseverance, courage, participation, accountability and solidarity. From supporting human rights defenders in Central America, to leading the relief effort in Vietnam following the war, to providing essential emergency assistance in the midst of crisis, Trócaire has been proud to work on behalf of the people of the island of Ireland in fighting injustice across the world. We thank God for our supporters and partners who empower us to do this vital work. We pray that the next fifty years will see all the people of the world working together for a more just world, and that the fruits of this work will be clear to see.

50th Anniversary Prayer

We pray for God's blessing on the work of Trócaire.

We pray that all people may continue to work together for the respect of our shared human dignity and shared human rights.

We thank God for the partners and generous supporters who have enabled Trócaire to continue their work for over fifty years, empowering communities to work together for a just world.

We pray for peace and may that peace be mine and yours, and with all people experiencing crises in our world. Amen.

A Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes (Feast Day Sat 11th Feb)

Ever Immaculate Virgin Mother of Mercy, Health of the sick, refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure for their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory. Amen.

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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.

5th February 2023

Parish Newsletter

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Carrigallen ~ Drumeela ~ Drumreilly

Gospel Reflection

Matt 5: 13-16

In today's Gospel there are two themes, salt and light. Both are used in a symbolic sense to describe how we should act as disciples of Jesus. Firstly, we look at salt which was a very precious commodity in the time of Jesus. It was used as a food preservative and more importantly as an antiseptic and healing agent. Of course, it was also used as a food flavouring as it still is today, and we take it very much for granted. Jesus calls us to be salt for the earth. Salt was also a symbol of purity, and that purity should extend into our thoughts, our speech and our general conduct. As salt flavours food, we can bring flavour to the lives of our fellow Christians especially those who are marginalised and discarded by society. We can reach out to them with a listening ear and offer a few kind and caring words which might bring some hope into their lives.

Secondly, we look at light. In the time of Jesus, there was no electricity, so any glimmer of light was precious. Nowadays we have instant light with the click of a switch. Jesus says to us that we are the light of the world. As Christians we are expected to radiate the light of Christ wherever we go. We are asked not to hide our light but to let it shine brightly to show that we are followers of Jesus. Now more than ever we are called to be a people of light in an ever darkening world of fear, war and persecution. We may think that one light will not make much of a difference but when it shines brightly with others it will become powerful and will defeat the darkness. This week, let your light shine brightly for all to see.

**Parish Masses Week Commencing
Sat 4th February 2023**

Carrigallen:

All Masses are live streamed on www.churchtv.ie - click on Carrigallen

Sun 5th 11:15am Thomas Mollahan, Tully

Tue 7th 11:15am John & Rosetta Lyons, Killahurk

Sun 12th 11:15am John & Mary Kate Morrow & deceased family members

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

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

Drumeela:

Sun 5th 10:00am Missa Pro Populo

Sun 12th 10:00am Mass for 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Mass: Fri at 7:30pm



Drumreilly:

Sat 4th 8:00pm John Blessing, Corrala & deceased family members

Sat 11th 12:00noon 1st Anniv. Aoife Donegan-Kennedy, Gortahose

Sat 11th 8:00pm Missa Pro Populo

Weekday Mass: Thurs at 7:30pm, Sat at 12:00 noon

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

St Mary's N.S. Drumlea/Drumreilly

Enrolment forms for Sep 2023 are now available in our school or on our school website www.drumlea.ie. Please return completed forms to the school as soon as possible.

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.

Collections Last Weekend

Carrigallen €894

Drumeela €195

Drumreilly €367

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.

Drumeela Garden Club



At last Spring is here! Next meeting of Drumeela Garden Club will take place in Teach Duchais, Drumeela this Wed, 8th Feb at 8:30pm. Guest speakers

this month are Teresa Martin and Michael White of Blackbird Garden Centre, Derrylin Road, Ballyconnell who will talk on 'The Garden in Spring'. They will have lots of tips and helpful advice to get your gardening year off to a good start. They will also have a selection of plants and other essentials for sale on the night. Members are free to attend, and visitors, friends and non-members are welcome to come along for just €5 for the night. Tea is included and raffle tickets are an optional extra. All are welcome.

We Pray For ...

Grainne Heslin, Dublin and formerly of Cloncorrick whose funeral took place in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Wed 1st Feb, followed by private cremation

...and...

GrJohn Smith, Drung, Co Cavan (father of Bridie McHugh, Cois Locha, Carrigallen) whose funeral took place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Drung on Fri 3rd Feb, followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May their souls rest in peace and rise in glory.

Pope's Intention for February

To pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a Pastoral Council meeting in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall on Thurs 9th Feb at 8:30pm. All members are asked to attend.

Feast Days during the coming week

Mon 6th: St Dorothy

Tue 7th: St Mel of Ardagh

Wed 8th: St Josephine Bakhita

Thur 9th: St Teilo of Wales

Fri 10th: St Scholastica

Sat 11th: Our Lady of Lourdes

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 by phone on 085-2216128 or on www.divinemercyconference.com. Friday evening is free.

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,.

VTOS Open Day

A The Further Education and Training Centre, Hilly Road, Drumshanbo N41 C6X6 are holding an Open Day on Thurs 9th Feb 10am -8pm. Find out about QQI Level 5 adult education courses in Business Administration, Health Nutrition and Food Science, Tourism with Business and Traditional Irish Music. Refreshments served. Feel free to pop in for a friendly chat and a cuppa, see Facebook page VTOSLeitrim or call Sean Bailey on 086-0624200.

SVP Thanks

The local Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank Carrigallen GAA club for their very generous donation of €2,000 at Christmas which they raised at the Annual Christmas Market. We acknowledge the huge effort involved by the organising committee and the club members and our thanks to the public who attended the event and everyone who contributed towards it.

Thought for the Week

Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself.