

## Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

### **Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023):**

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Mar. 11.15 am** – Paddy Cooke, Gortermone.  
**Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.00 am** – Missa Pro Populo.  
**Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> Mar. – 7.30 pm** – Mass of the Day.  
**Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.00 am** – Mass of the Day.  
**Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> Mar. 8.15 am** – Mass of the Day.  
**Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> Mar. 11.15 am** - **Mass for St. Patrick's Day.**  
**Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar. 11.15 am** – Missa Pro Populo.  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am

### **Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023):**

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.00 am** – Teresa & Jack Mc Gerty, Longfield.  
**Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.00 am** - **Tosh O'Rourke, Killerrin.**  
**Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.00 am** – Sheila, Danny & Kevin Mitchell. John & Catriona O'Brien, Newtownqore & D.F.M's.

### **Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023):**

**Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Mar. 8.00 pm** – Fr. John Quinn, Drumcoura.  
**Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> Mar. 8.00 pm** – **Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day.**  
**Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Mar. 8.00 pm** – Mass for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues. from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm in the Sacristy.

### **Weekly Offertory Collection**

Carrigallen €1,045      Drumeela €271      Drumreilly €299

### **Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (13<sup>th</sup> Mar. – 18<sup>th</sup> Mar.)**

**Mon.** – St. Roderick. **Tues.** – St. Matilda. **Wed.** – St. Louise de Marillac.  
**Thur.** – St. Abbán. **Fri.** – **St. Patrick (Patron of Ireland).** **Sat.** – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

### **A Prayer to Saint Patrick**

*Dear St. Patrick, in your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans to follow the Saviour. Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands. Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began. Amen.*

*ST. PATRICK, PRAY FOR US*

**A Thought for the Week:** "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the one's who tire of seeking his mercy."



In our prayers, we remember **FR. DOMINIC HESLIN**, New Zealand (brother of Seán Heslin, Cloncorrick) whose funeral took place on **Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> March** in St. Francis Xavier Church, Marton, NZ followed by burial in Mount View Cemetery. May his soul rest in heavenly peace.

### **St. Patrick's Day Offertory Collection 2023**

Your generosity to this collection will help:

1. Educate African Priests, three of whom work in our Diocese.
2. Support Irish Missionaries working in African Countries.
3. Provide support to the Irish Emigrant Chaplaincy abroad.

**We appeal for your continued generosity to this year's St. Patrick's Day Collection**

**PRAYING THE SCRIPTURE DURING LENT** in the Tom Clarke Memorial Rooms, Carrigallen Hall on Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> March for 1 hour from 8.30 to 9.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

**BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH FUNDRAISER:** A huge THANK YOU to our very generous & supportive community. €4,685 was raised for Brain Tumour Research, between the 10,000 Steps Challenge in Feb. & the Afternoon Tea at the Lockharts. This money will be used to help funding the network of research experts at dedicated UK Centres of Excellence whilst working with Government and larger cancer charities to invest more in order to find curative treatments for all types of brain tumours.



**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** taking place in Newtownqore on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at **4.30 pm**. All kinds of floats are welcome to take part. Also a raffle and prizes on the day. Cake sale taking place as well.

**THE IRISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST** wish to thank all who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection in Carrigallen (€250.00) and in Drumeela (€145.00). Many thanks for all your worthy support for this worthy cause. Greatly appreciated.

**PARISH BINGO** on Friday nights in Drumreilly Community Centre starting at 8.30 pm sharp. Over €1,000 in prizes including a raffle. We welcome & appreciated your support.

**DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE:** We hold our weekly meetings Wednesday nights in the Community Centre starting at 8.30 pm. New members welcome. Refreshments served.

**LADIES GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES** continue on Monday mornings in Carrigallen G.A.A. Clubrooms starting at 11.00 am. A social chat and cuppa afterwards. €3 to cover the refreshments. Everyone welcome.

**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, 12<sup>th</sup> March on our Facebook Page. Tickets from local vendors or online at <https://member.clubspot.app/carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

**CARRIGALLEN GAA HEALTHY CLUB:** Men's social 'walk and talk' group for all ages/fitness levels. Walk and talk at your own pace. Meeting at the G.A.A. Park every Fri. evening at 7:30 pm with a social cuppa afterwards. All welcome. Please join us.

**CARRIGALLEN TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE** would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who took part in our Spring Clean litter pick on Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> March. To our Ukrainians, Polish and other nationalities now resident in the area who showed their solidarity for this much needed clean-up. They were tremendous help which was greatly appreciated. To the Residents Associations of the estates in the area who also took part. To Janice who organised the children from the Happy Feet Creche for their contribution. Some people had opted to do on a day that suited them, in doing so showed their support to be part of the clean-up. It was fantastic to see everyone from tots to their grandparents lending a helping hand. To Seán Ledwith & the Foróige for their help and collecting the full bags along the roads. To the organisers from Drumeela area who came on board and did their roads on the day. To Emlyn in An Taisce and Lisa in the Environment Section of Leitrim Co. Council who was more than helpful with all our needs. Two skips were needed to take away the rubbish. The environment will be much the better. Please continue to educate your children/teenagers not to litter streets and roads and if no bin available to bring their litter home. To all the walkers and individuals who, on an ongoing basis show great community spirit by keeping their area beside where they live clean and litter free. Finally, a big thank you to Modern Design Ltd. for facilitating the rubbish be left on their property and to Freddie Faulkner and Jerome Maguire who helped fill the skips.

### **A Prayer for Syria and Turkey**

*All our hearts are going out to the people of Syria and Turkey. May the people of these lands have the courage and strength to live each day.*

*May they have all the supports, aid, love and compassion needed.*

*Syria is suffering so much pain and turmoil from war and conflict.*

*May leaders open all borders so that all resources can get through.*

*May generosity and God's blessings bring strength and hope to everyone who has been affected. May minds and hearts be moved to remember loved ones who have died, those who are injured and missing. We hold them all in our hearts this day, Amen.*

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**Parish Website:** [www.carrigallenparish.ie](http://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.

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# Parish Newsletter

## *St. Mary's Parish*

**Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly**

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year A**

### **The Woman at the Well**

In today's Gospel (*John 4: 5-42*), Jesus is returning home from Samaria to Galilee, and he stops at Jacob's well for a rest. While he was there, a woman came to draw water, and He asked her for a drink. She was surprised at His request, for Jews did not associate with Samaritans. Jesus responded that if she knew who she was talking to, she would have asked Him for a drink. At first, she took Him literally, asking Him how He could get this water if He had no bucket. Jesus then explained to her that the water He offers is the living water of eternal salvation. Then the woman realized that Jesus was some kind of prophet. She mentioned how the Jews worship in Jerusalem, but Jesus responded that it does not matter where you worship or if you are Jewish, but all that matters is to worship the one true God and Father. The Samaritan woman is deeply impacted by her conversation with Jesus and is eager to share what she has learned. Her testimony is powerful among her people and many of them believed because of her testimony, and they came to Jesus and asked Him to stay in the town, resulting in even more conversions.

This Gospel shows us that through the work of Jesus, salvation is extended not only to the Jews, but to everyone. The story of the woman at the well reveals to us that Jesus cares for everyone and especially for the outcasts of society. It reminds us that God can save us no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in, but firstly we must acknowledge our sins and wrongdoings before asking for forgiveness and mercy. By following Jesus, we are assured by the knowledge that the troubles of this world are temporary and that we can endure them through the power of the Holy Spirit and the hope of eternal life in Christ.