

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 19th March 2023):

Sun. 19th Mar. 11.15 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Mon. 20th Mar. 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Tues. 21st Mar. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.

Wed. 22nd Mar. 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Thurs. 23rd Mar. 8.15 am – Mass of the Day.

Sun. 26th Mar. 11.15 am – Vincent Gray, Bredagh & all dec'd members of the Gray & Smith families.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am

Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 19th March 2023):

Sun. 19th Mar. 10.00 am – Sheila, Danny & Kevin Mitchell. John & Catriona O'Brien, Newtowngore & D.F.M's.

Fri. 24th Mar. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day followed by Stations of the Cross.

Sun. 26th Mar. 10.00 am – Seamus Mc Cartin, Drumucker (**M.M. Mass**).

Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 18th March 2023):

Sat. 18th Mar. 8.00 pm – Mass for the 4th Sunday of Lent.

Thurs. 23rd Mar. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.

Sat. 25th Mar. 8.00 pm – John Armstrong, Crucklahan.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm in the Sacristy.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Carrigallen €654

Drumeela €330

Drumreilly €248

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (20th Mar. – 25th Mar.)

Mon. – St. Joseph, husband of Mary. **Tues.** – St. Enda. **Wed.** – St. Nicholas Owen.

Thur. – St. Victorian. **Fri.** – St. Macartan. **Sat.** – The Annunciation of the Lord.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - ST. NICHOLAS OWEN

*Nicholas was born at Oxford in 1550. He became a carpenter or builder and served the Jesuit priests in England for two decades by constructing hiding places for them in country mansions. He became a Jesuit lay brother in 1580 & was arrested in 1594. Despite prolonged torture would not give the names of any of his Catholic colleagues; he was released on the payment of a ransom by a wealthy Catholic. He was again arrested in 1606 and imprisoned in the Tower of London where he was subjected to such vicious torture that he died. He was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 and his feast day is celebrated on **22nd March**.*

A Thought for the Week: "Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but hold their hearts for ever."

PRAYING THE SCRIPTURE DURING LENT in the Tom Clarke Memorial Rooms, Carrigallen Hall on Tues. 21st March for 1 hour from 8.30 to 9.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting on Thursday 23rd March in the meeting room, Drumreilly Community Centre at 8.30 pm. All members are asked to attend.

DRUMREILLY FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting on Wednesday 22nd March in the Sacristy starting at 8.30 pm. All committee members please attend.

CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: We are extremely privileged to have such an iconic cathedral in our Diocese. Last year it celebrated its 80th anniversary and Fr. Kevin Fay along with his parish council took on the challenge of renovating it to ensure it is a safe, welcoming and comfortable place to worship. Works are completed and I suggest you visit the cathedral to witness it in all its splendour. Despite the completion of the renovation, there is still a financial cost for the works to be paid. Fr. Kevin has raised €1.8 million of his €2 million goal. It is testament to parishioners and diaspora that this project is succeeding. The fundraising campaign is now at crucial stage and Bishop Hayes has asked all the faithful in the Diocese to consider making a contribution to this landmark campaign. Information packs are available from the Parochial House. I ask that you call for one if interested & make a sacrificial donation that is right for you.

FREE COMMUNITY INFO FAIR: 11.00 - 2.00 pm on Thurs. 23rd March in the Bee Park Centre, M'hamilton to encourage healthy lifestyles, crime prevention etc.... Talks by: An Gardaí, HSE, Animal Welfare & Muintir Na Tire. Diabetes Advice, B.P., Glucose levels etc... Refreshments served and Goodie Bags worth €30 for everyone.

WEEKLY 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 & appreciate your support for this weekly fundraiser for the general running and upkeep of the Centre.

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

25 CARD DRIVE in Eugene Reilly's, Carrigallen on Sat. 25th March at 8.00 pm. Card players welcome. All proceeds going towards the running of the Margaret of New Orleans Cottage in Tully, Carrigallen. Thank you for all your support.

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.

CAVAN INSTITUTE Open Day on Thurs. 23rd March from 9.30 am - 3.00 pm. An ideal opportunity for prospective students/parents to visit the college and discuss the opportunities available upon completion of a PLC course - so, if you're interested in accessing progression routes for Higher Education, obtaining employment or taking a gap year, come along and see what Cavan Institute can offer? All welcome!

NATIONAL DAFFODIL DAY 2023 on Fri. 24th March. The Irish Cancer Society's biggest annual fundraising event bringing in millions of euro to support cancer patients and their loved ones by providing free advice and support. It also funds lifesaving research. Flowers and Daffodil Pins on sale locally.



A BLESSING PRAYER ON MOTHER'S DAY

Dear Lord, bless every mother and every grandmother in our Parish with the finest of your spiritual blessings today. Confirm in her heart and spirit the work of her hands and the love that she has so freely given to those children under Your care. Validate her worth daily so she has no reason to doubt whether she is loved, valued, and cherished in the eyes of her Heavenly Father. Create in her a deep sense of your protection and trust so that worry and fear will disappear as she places her loved ones into Your care. Let her know that every prayer she has prayed and every encouraging word she has spoken on behalf of her children/grandchildren has been transformed into sweet, fragrant offerings before Your throne.

Whisper deep within her spirit the sweet words she longs to hear from You—that nothing can ever separate her from Your love. Help her to nestle daily into the promises of Your Word, standing with faith on the things You declare are true. Let her know that You reward faithfulness, but that true success doesn't lie in her accomplishments or accolades. Let her rest in the knowledge that she has done all she can—and that she and those she loves—truly belong to you. Bless her with a servant spirit so she can teach her own the joy of hearing one day, "Well done!" Let her joy be contagious; let her passion be pure; and let her life overflow with all the blessings she deserves—on special days, and on every day of her life. Amen.

LAETARE SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint of Lent and is known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice" and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.

Prayer: *Loving Creator of mine, I feel the pace quicken, the time draw near. I am filled with joy as I move towards Easter and the promised reconciliation with you. Let me continue to pray, fast and give alms to glorify and praise your name. Teach me to follow the example of your Son, to be worthy of being called one of his people: a Christian. Help me to live each day as he did, turning hatred to love and conflict to peace. I await the new life with eagerness, faith and a deep gratitude. Amen.*

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Parish Website: 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.

Parish Newsletter: This newsletter promotes Church, Voluntary and Community events. Newsletter articles must state author's name & phone number & can be written into one of the church diaries before **5.00 pm or Thursdays** or emailed to carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie by **4.00 pm on Fridays**. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

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Parish Newsletter

St. Mary's Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

19th March 2023 – 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A

Laetare Sunday / Mothering Sunday

Healing the Blind Man

(John 9: 1-41)

In today's Gospel, Jesus encounters a man who has been blind since birth. The disciples ask Jesus about who sinned to cause the blindness, the man himself or his parents. It was common belief at the time that misfortune and infirmities were the result of sin. But Jesus answered that through the blind man's disability, the power and works of God would be displayed in him. Then Jesus heals the man. Neighbours of the man and others were anxious to find out who healed him. He told them that it was a man called Jesus who now couldn't be found, so they brought the man to the Pharisees who had trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle, especially on the Sabbath day. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees questioned him and his parents. Not happy with the answers, they drove the man away.

When Jesus hears about what has happened, he searches for the former blind man and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus then states that those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus really is and what it means to be his disciple, while on the other hand the Pharisees who can see are the ones who remain blind. This week, let us ask for God's help to see with the eyes of Jesus so that we can always find God in others.