

## Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

### **Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023):**

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

**Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.00 am** – Missa Pro Populo.

**Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. 7.30 pm** – Mass of the Day.

**Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.00 am** – Mass of the Day.

**Thurs. 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. 8.15 am** – Mass of the Day.

**Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> March 6.00 pm** – Parish Confirmation.

**Sun. 02<sup>nd</sup> April 11.15 am** – Vincent & Brigid Greene, Drumcannon.

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

### **Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023):**

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

**Sun. 02<sup>nd</sup> April 10.00 am** – Dec'd members of the Mc Keever family, Druminshingore.

### **Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023):**

**Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Mar. 8.00 pm** – John Armstrong, Crucklahan.

**Thurs. 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. 7.30 pm** – Mass of the Day.

**Sat. 01<sup>st</sup> April 8.00 pm** – James Quinn, Drumcoura.

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

<b><u>Church Area</u></b>	<b><u>St. Patrick's Day.</u></b>	<b><u>Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> March</u></b>
<b>Carrigallen</b>	<b>€997</b>	<b>€465</b>
<b>Drumeela</b>	<b>€335</b>	<b>€221</b>
<b>Drumreilly</b>	<b>€368</b>	<b>€388</b>

### **Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (27<sup>th</sup> Mar. – 01<sup>st</sup> April)**

**Mon.** – St. Augusta. **Tues.** – St. Alexander of Caesarea. **Wed.** – St. Gladys.

**Thur.** – St. John Scholasticus. **Fri.** – St. Benjamin. **Sat.** – St. Ceallach.

### **SAINT OF THE WEEK - ST. BENJAMIN**

Benjamin was born in Iran, became a deacon and was jailed for a year because of his faith. He would be freed on the condition that he would never speak of his faith again, but Benjamin declared, despite knowing what would happen to him, that he could not be silent about his faith in Christ. He was repeatedly tortured until he died in agony in the year 424. He showed Christians that no matter the pain endured, they must always proclaim their faith. His feast day is celebrated on **31<sup>st</sup> March**.

**RECENT MARRIAGE:** Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness to Daniel Lyons, Killahurk and Vikki Tilbury, Leixlip, Co. Kildare who received the Sacrament of Marriage in the Church of St. Columcille, Kells on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**PRAYING THE SCRIPTURE DURING LENT** in the Tom Clarke Memorial Rooms, Carrigallen Hall on Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> March for 1 hour from 8.30 to 9.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on 25 young people on Friday evening next at 6 pm. It's the first time that Bishop Martin Hayes celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish so it's a special occasion for the young people and our parish community. As in the years before Covid there will be an offertory collection to help with the work of Youth Ministry in our Diocese. For those attending please be as generous as you can.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION TOGETHER:** A Penitential rite to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation together takes place in St Patrick's Church, Ballinamore on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6.00 pm. A number of priests will be available that evening to help with the Sacrament.

**INVITATION FROM CREGG HOUSE SISTERS:** to a Mass of Thanksgiving in Sligo Cathedral on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April at 3.00 pm. The Sisters wish to thank all who were associated with them, over the years, in the development of services for children and adults with intellectual disability. Everyone welcome.

**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST?** Do you feel God may be calling you to priesthood. This may be for you. Fr. Stephen Langridge (*former National Vocations Director for England and Wales*) will lead this time of discernment for men considering a call to Priesthood at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne, Co. Antrim. The retreat will be co-hosted by the Diocese of Armagh, Clogher, Derry, Dromore, Down & Connor, Kilmore and Raphoe. It begins on Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> April at 6.00 pm and finishes on Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3.00 pm. For more info. please email Fr. Ultan Mc Goohan, P.P. Bailieborough at [umcgoohan@hotmail.com](mailto:umcgoohan@hotmail.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE:** 24th - 31st May 2023. The cost will be €795. Spiritual Director is Fr. Peter Okpetu C.C. Cavan Town Parish. Accommodation beside church. Contact Margaret Blessington on 086-3850861.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament. National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> April (7.00 pm to 10.00 pm) and Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> April (10.30 am to 4.30 pm). See Posters in Church Porches.

**EASTER CAMP – CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUBROOMS:** April 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> (4 Days) from 9.30 am to 2.00 pm. A variety of activities including sports, games, arts & crafts etc... Open to Primary School children. Run by experienced Primary School teachers. Book a place by contacting Lisa on 087-2720307 or email: [lisamc0809@gmail.com](mailto:lisamc0809@gmail.com)

**CLOTHES COLLECTION:** Drumeela National School are holding their next used clothes collection on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Drop off your bags of clothes at the school during school opening hours. Thank you.

**THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION, SCOIL MUIRE NA OFA, CARRIGALLEN** are having a fundraising walk, in aid of the development of the school garden. It is taking place on Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 3.00 pm. The walk is leaving from the Hall. Refreshments will be served afterwards. €10 per person or €20 per family. Many thanks to our community for all the support.

**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.

**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.

**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.

#### **PRAYER TO ST. BENJAMIN - FEAST DAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

Glorious St. Benjamin, faithful deacon and tireless preacher, hear my prayers and proclaim them before the throne of our majestic Lord. Neither threat nor violence could silence your brave hearted confession of Jesus Christ. Your devotion and love for God, preached with such passion, brought about the cruel torture and martyrdom you endured for love of your Divine King. Pray for me, that I may not cower or recoil in fear when subjected to ridicule or threats given to me by those opposed to our Catholic Christian faith. St. Benjamin, pray that I accept both the graces and crosses that come to me with unwavering courage and hope. Amen.

***A Thought for the Week:*** "Those who stand for nothing fall for anything."

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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.

***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 on Thursdays](#) or emailed to [carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto: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

#### 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year A

#### Gospel Reflection

(John 11: 1-45)

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Jesus is in Jerusalem when Lazarus becomes very ill and the sisters of Lazarus, Martha and Mary send a message to Jesus. The two sisters and their brother were great friends of Jesus and He loved them very much. When Jesus receives the message, He hesitates and waits for two days before heading for Bethany. On His arrival He hears that Lazarus has died and has been in the tomb for four days. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead on the last day, but she and her sister want something now. So, Jesus asks to be brought to the tomb where He prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. On witnessing this miracle, many of the Jews who were present now believe in Jesus.

For us there are two themes in this Gospel - Liberation and Hope. Lazarus was liberated from the tomb and we too can be liberated from death to eternal life. But to achieve this we must have faith and belief in Jesus, that He is the Resurrection and the Life and that anyone who lives and believes in Him will never die. Just like Martha and Mary, who hoped that Jesus would come in time to cure their brother, we too must have hope that we will rise again to new life on the last day. A hope which sustains us through times of fear and uncertainty in our lives. Where there's hope there's prayer and the presence of a reassuring God.



**What comes after the Recessional Hymn this Sunday?  
The folks who forgot to put their clocks forward !**