

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 30th April 2023):

Sun. 30th April 11.15 am – Francie & Elizabeth Mc Glynn, Cloncorrick.
Mon. 01st May 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.
Tues. 02nd May 7.30 pm – Jean, Mattie, Kathleen & Catherine Mc Manus.
Wed. 03rd May 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.
Sat. 06th May 12 noon – Rita Delaney, Bredagh (**Month's Mind Mass**).
Sun. 07th May 11.15 am – For the intentions of our Young People.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am

Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 30th April 2023):

Sun. 30th April 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.
Sun. 07th May 10.00 am – Vin Mc Govern, Derrinlester (**1st Anniv. Mass**).
No Weekday Mass

Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 29th April 2023):

Sat. 29th April 8.00 pm – John & Mary Gaffney, Corrala.
Thurs. 04th May 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.
Sat. 06th May 8.00 pm – Sue & Paddy Maguire, Mullaghmore.
 Kay & Michael Maguire, Killameen.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm in the Sacristy.

<u>Collections</u>	<u>Weekend 22nd / 23rd April</u>	<u>Trócaire 2023</u>
Carrigallen	€830	€1,515
Drumeela	€200	Included in C'gallen figure above.
Drumreilly	€297	€863

THE SISTERS OF ST. PETER CLAVER send grateful thanks to the parish for their recently held Mission Collection which amounted to €778.05 plus £10.00.

Thought for the Week: "It is a foolish sheep that makes the wolf his confessor."



The Holy Rosary will be recited before the Saturday evening Masses in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly during the Month of May starting on Sat. 6th May at **7.45 pm**.

KILDUGH MASS ROCK: Mass will be celebrated on Bank Holiday Mon. 1st May at 12 noon at the Mass Rock in Kildough, Bawnboy. Parking available at the St. Mogue's Island Boathouse and people can then walk the short distance to the Mass Rock. It will be a lovely way of celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and herald in the special month dedicated to Mary and the beginning of the traditional summer.



In our Prayers, we remember: **MARY GIBBONS** (*née O'Malley*), Louisburgh, Co. Mayo (*sister of John O'Malley, Main St., Carrigallen*) whose funeral took place in St. Patrick's Church, Louisburgh on Fri. 28th April followed by burial in Killeen Cemetery **AND MARY CANNON** (*née Smyth*), Hamden, Connecticut and formerly of Drumdartin, Aghnasheelin (*sister of Celia Smith, Ardunsaghan*) whose funeral will take place in St. Rita's Church, Hamden on Mon. 1st May followed by burial in All Saints Cemetery.
May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

MEDITATING WITH MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY: This May we are hoping to begin this short programme together as a Parish Community. We will reflect on the three joyful moments in the life of Mary, the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Magnificat. There will be opportunities to meditate on a piece of Scripture, pray together and learn about the ways in which Sacred Art can inspire our understanding of these joyful events in Mary's life. There are sign-on sheets in the Church Porches in the Parish. Parishioners are invited to sign up. Day/Date & venue will be decided later.

MARCH FOR LIFE - BANK HOLIDAY MON. 1ST MAY – ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN, DUBLIN: Organised by the Pro-Life Campaign, this family friendly event is being held in response to the recommendations contained in the Government review of the Abortion Law, and to draw attention to rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and to call for resources to be put in place to support positive alternatives to abortion. The event begins at 2.00 pm in St. Stephen's Green South. For further information see www.marchforlife.ie

MASS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN MIND: Next Sunday 7th May in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen, the Parish Pastoral Council are organising a Folk Mass for the intentions of young people at this time. This will take place at the regular Sunday Mass at 11.15 am. All young people are invited.

THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: As from 1st May 2023 the cover price of the Irish Catholic will be €3. This is due to rising inflation and the cost of producing the Newspaper. We thank all who take the paper.

CARRIGALLEN TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE are holding a Coffee Morning on Sun. 7th May from 12 noon to 2.00 pm in Carrigallen Hall. This is a Fundraiser for flowers, compost, paint, supplies etc... Join us for a cuppa and baked treats. Are you dividing bulbs, tubers, shrub slips, roses & flower seeds? We would love if you could donate them for display around the town. Please give your support to make our town beautiful. The entire community is welcome.

DRUMREILLY COMMUNITY CENTRE meeting on this Tuesday 2nd May at 8.30 pm. Everyone welcome to come along.



THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE are accepting blood donations at the Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon on this Tuesday and Wednesday 2nd & 3rd May from 3.45 pm to 8.00 pm. Please ring 1800 222 111 with your donor ID Number for an appointment. All blood groups needed. Give blood and save a life.

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE: Our grateful thanks to Mr. Mark Early, Advanced Paramedic, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on First Aid & general health matters at last Wednesday night's meeting. Next meeting on this Wed. 3rd May in the Community Centre at 8.30 pm. Our annual May Social is scheduled to take place on Wed. 10th May. More details next week.

ST. JOSEPHS NS AUGHAVAS PARENTS ASSOCIATION are holding a Car Boot Sale fundraiser on Sun. 14th May from 12:30 - 3.00 pm. €20 entry fee per car, sell your bric-a-brac, unwanted items, books, toys etc. Cake stall with delicious treats. Text 083-3231340 to book your space or email stjosephsnaughavaspa@outlook.com. Eircode H12YY74

NEW LEADER PROGRAMME - HAVE YOUR SAY! Community groups, farmers, businesses and anyone interested in applying for LEADER funds in the next 4 years is invited to a public event in Bredagh Old School, Carrigallen on this Tues. 2nd May at 7.30 pm to contribute to the plan on how to spend the €6.3 Million allocated to Co. Leitrim. If you have a project idea or want to invest in your farm diversification, in a new or existing business or have a community project/initiative in need of funding please come along. Further information on LEADER and these events is available on www.ldco.ie

THE VOCATIONS PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest and to bless all who strive to listen to your voice. Inspire, in the hearts of men and women, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Priest Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon [433 9610](tel:4339610) / *Mob. 086-2126582*.

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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.

Donate to your local Church online: Visit www.kilmorediocese.ie click on donate and choose Carrigallen Parish. In the 'message box', indicate which Church Area (*Carrigallen or Drumeela or Drumreilly*) you wish your contribution to be forwarded to. Thank you.

Parish Newsletter

St. Mary's Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

30th April 2023 – Good Shepherd Sunday - Year A

"I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord.



I know my own sheep and my own know me."

(John 10: 14)

On this, the fourth Sunday of Easter, the halfway point in the Easter season, we reflect on Jesus, the Good Shepherd. We as followers of Jesus can be compared to sheep in the care of a faithful shepherd. Most of us are to some extent familiar with lambs and sheep but not so much with shepherds. When Jesus spoke of shepherds and sheep, he was speaking to people who had everyday experiences with both sheep and shepherds. He describes what a good shepherd does and the lengths he will go to, to protect his flock.

The familiar and much loved 23rd Psalm is perhaps one of the best-known references for the good shepherd. Throughout its verses it paints the picture of a loving, caring God/shepherd providing food, comfort and shelter. To be followers was to enter into God's sheepfold. He came to be the one who cared for and fed them. It was a dangerous job; protecting the sheep from wolves and bandits. Jesus, the Good Shepherd laid down his life for the sheep that God had given him. We know his voice and we follow him. He cares for us, keeping us safe. And when we wander away or become lost, he comes searching for us to lead us safely home.

A Prayer on Good Shepherd Sunday

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd, and you call your own by name. Let people everywhere hear your voice and follow you on the path of life, so that there may be one flock, and one Shepherd; to the honour and glory of your name. Amen.