

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 23rd July 2023):

Sun. 23rd July 11.15 am - Joe Kavanagh, Birmingham.
Mon. 24th July 10.00 am - Mass of the Day.
Tues. 25th July 7.30 pm - Mass of the Day.
Wed. 26th July 10.00 am - Mass of the Day.
Sun. 30th July 11.15 am - Kathleen Corrigan, Mullinadarragh.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am

Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 23rd July 2023):

Sun. 23rd July 10.00 am - Patrick & Anna Prior, Nedd.
Fri. 28th July 7.30 pm - Mass of the Day.
Sun. 30th July 10.00 am - Gary Coyne, Calloughs & his Grandparents.

Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 22nd July 2023):

Sat. 22nd July 8.00 pm - Mamie & Michael Joe Smith, Corrawaleen.
Thurs. 27th July 7.30 pm - Missa Pro Populo.
Sat. 29th July 8.00 pm - Mary Murtagh, Drumcoura (**1st Anniv. Mass**)
 & also remembering her husband, James.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Thought for the Week: "Don't ask God to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet."

<u>Church Area</u>	<u>Weekend 15th /16th July.</u>	<u>Cemetery Collection.</u>
Carrigallen	€405	€ ---
Drumeela	€222	€ ---
Drumreilly	€756	€1,502

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (24th July - 29th July).

Mon. - St. Declan. **Tues.** - St. James. **Wed.** - St. Joachim & St. Anne.
Thur. - St. Anthusa. **Fri.** - St. Sampson. **Sat.** - St. Martha.

RECENT MARRIAGES

Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness to the following:

Orla Mc Clean, Beaghmore and Barry Mollaghan, Longford who received the Sacrament of Marriage in St. Augustine's Church, Kilshanny, Co. Clare on Mon.17th July.

ALSO

Ann Reynolds, Gortermone and Raymond Daly, Main Street, Arva who received the Sacrament of Marriage in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Coronea on Saturday 15th July.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER: Andy Brady, Crott, Moyne, Co. Longford (*brother of Bridie Mulligan, Carrickmakeegan*) whose funeral took place in St. Francis Xavier Church, Moyne on Sat. 22nd July followed by burial in Legga Cemetery. May his soul rest in heavenly peace.

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, on Sun. 6th Aug. €549.00 p/p sharing. Price includes return bus transfer, 3 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick and the Fr. Peyton Centre. A single supplement of €150.00 will apply. More info. from Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

BUS TO KNOCK: St. Brigid's Pastoral Area are organising a bus to Knock for the Diocesan Pilgrimage on Wed. 9th Aug. A coach will arrive in Carrigallen at 8.30 am and on the way will pick up passengers at the Mart at 8.40 am and Drumreilly at 8.50 am and onto to Ballinamore. Pilgrims wishing to travel on the bus are asked to contact Kathleen Gray on 087-6459962 or Brian Kiernan on 087-7735626. Cost per person is €15.00

CAKE/BAKE SALE: Drumreilly Community Centre Committee would like to say a big thank you to all who helped in any way to make last Sunday's fundraising event such a great success. Thanks to all who baked for the sale, those who purchased the goodies and those who sent in donations. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE (OLD SCHOOL), CAVAN: During Cavan Calling Festival 2023, The Conaty Centre (*based in the old St. Patrick's College building*) will host an Open House on Thurs. 27th/Fri. 28th/Sat. 29th July from 2 to 5:30 pm daily which might be of interest to former students of the old College who would like to visit the building.

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE: We meet on Wednesday nights in the Community Centre at 8.30 pm. We serve refreshments and we welcome new members.

MARGARET OF NEW ORLEANS COTTAGE in Tully South, Carrigallen H12 X003 is open on every Sunday afternoon in July/August from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm. All welcome.

SUMMER CAMP - CARRIGALLEN G.A.A. CLUBROOMS from Tues. 15th to Fri. 18th Aug. Many activities including sports, games, arts & crafts. Open to primary school children and those starting in Sept. This camp is run by experienced primary school teachers. €50 per child. Contact Lisa on 087-2720307 or e-mail: lisamc0809@gmail.com

WATER SAFETY LESSONS: Swimming and Life Saving Lessons continue at Gulladoo Lake, Carrigallen until this Friday 28th July. Registration at the lake on Monday morning at 9.30 am. For more information contact Sheila on 086-3268076.

PARISH BINGO: Every Friday night in Drumreilly Community Centre starting at 8.30 pm sharp. Over €1,000 in prizes and a raffle. We welcome and appreciate your support. Carrigallen Bingo returns to St. Patrick's Hall, Carrigallen on Sun. 6th August at 8.30 pm.

NORTH WEST STEM FEST: 31st July to 4th Aug, the creative experience in Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths for teens in the Island Theatre, Ballinamore. It's a great opportunity for teens to enjoy company with friends in a safe, fun and educational environment. Tons of activities planned including: The Duckie Bungee and Juggling quadratic equations. For more information or to sign up, contact Seán on 089-9596278.

TRÓCAIRE: Over the past few weeks, you might have seen Trócaire's ad on TV about the One Day Campaign. For over fifty years, Trócaire have been working with supporters, Irish Aid, partners, and communities to create positive and lasting change. Our One Day campaign highlights the profound impact of these collective efforts, working together for a just world. To parishes across the island of Ireland, Trócaire would like to say 'thank you' for making "One Days" happen. To learn more, go to www.trocaire.org/oneday/

REEK SUNDAY 2023 – SUNDAY 30th JULY. CONFESSIONS ON THE SUMMIT FROM 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM. MASS ON THE HOUR FROM 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Over the last few years Croagh Patrick Stakeholders Group have been responsible for monumental work in preserving and safeguarding the mountain. As the largest annual gathering on the Reek, it is essential that Reek Sunday pilgrims and indeed all pilgrims play their part: Croagh Patrick is an iconic feature of the Mayo landscape of significant natural, cultural and spiritual importance. While the National Pilgrimage Day on Croagh Patrick stretches back many generations, we are conscious of the obligation to support the conservation of the mountain for future generations. The Church has actively engaged with other Stakeholders to undertake the Sustainable Access and Habitat Restoration project currently underway on it which aims to provide a robust path for access and to restore the eroded parts of the mountain. As part of our support for the project, we have committed to minimising the impact of pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick, the drinking water that comes from the mountain streams, the local community and other users of the mountain. In order to do this, we ask each pilgrim to comply with the following; 1. If travelling by car, please park responsibly and follow the instructions of stewards on the day. 2. Stay on the defined path on the mountain (*where in place*) and do not encroach on the adjoining habitat which may be in the process of restoration. 3. The mountain streams provide drinking water for the local community. Be respectful of this while on the mountain. 4. We endorse the Leave no Trace Principle. Please do not discard any litter on the mountain. 5. It should also be noted that there are no dogs allowed on the mountain. Please respect this requirement.

Priest Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon [433 9610](tel:4339610) / *Mob.* [086-2126582](tel:0862126582).

Parish Cluster: Fr. S. Mawn, Ballinamore [071-9644039](tel:0719644039) or [087-6869040](tel:0876869040); Fr. J. Cusack, Ballinamore [087-2408409](tel:0872408409); Fr. C. O'Gorman, Killeshandra [049-4334179](tel:0494334179), Fr. Peter Tiernan, Cloone/ Aughavas [071-9636016](tel:0719636016) or [086-3500114](tel:0863500114).

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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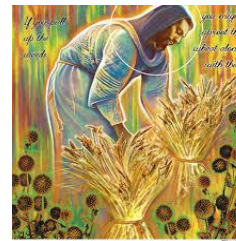
Parish Newsletter

St. Mary's Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

23rd July 2023 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel (*Matt. 13: 24-30*) is a follow on from last Sunday's Gospel about the sower and the seed and the various types of soil. This time the wheat seed is sown in fertile soil but the enemy comes along in the dead of night and sow weeds in the same field. When the seeds sprout and begin to grow, the weeds are noticed among the wheat. However, the owner decides not to remove the weeds as some of the wheat might get pulled up as well and be lost. It would be better to wait until harvest time when it would be easier to separate the wheat from the weeds and to store the wheat safely in the barn and to burn the weeds.

The weeds and the wheat can grow together but the weeds will make it more difficult for the wheat to become strong and resilient. The weeds cannot take all the nutrition from the wheat, but they will weaken the wheat and reduce the quality and quantity of the grain. Similarly, no one can take our faith from us, but it can be weakened by evil influences and by the bad example of sinners. As a farmer waits to gather the harvest so must we too have patience and a strong belief that eventually good will always win out over evil. To the barn of Christ may we be brought.

So, this week let us give thanks to God for the gift of our faith and also ask God to give us the courage of our convictions. May we always have the strength to be followers of Jesus and to put our faith into practice whenever and wherever we can. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.