Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 17th Sept. 2023):

<u>Sun. 17th Sept. 11.15 am</u> – Seán Duffy, Errew.

Sun. 24th **Sept. 11.15 am** - Missa Pro Populo.

<u>Eucharistic Adoration</u>: Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 17th Sept. 2023):

Sun. 17th Sept. 10.00 am - Francie & Mary Gill, Raleagh & D.F.M's.

Sun. 24th Sept. 10.00 am - Fergus O' Brien, London & Drumeela & D.F.M's.

Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 16th Sept. 2023):

Sat. 16th Sept. 8.00 pm - Matthew & Mary Fee, Clonboyher.

Sat. 23rd Sept. 8.00 pm - Pat Denneny, Kinkeen & D.F.M's.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Weekly Offertory Collection:

Carrigallen €670

Drumeela €226

Drumreilly €268

Thought for the Week: "Faith is a knowledge within the heart, beyond the reach of proof!"



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

EVELYN FLYNN (née Lee), Drumcong (grandmother of Mark Early, Drumlea) whose funeral took place in St. Patrick's Church, Drumshanbo on Thurs. 14th Sept. followed by burial in St. Brigid's Cemetery, Kiltubrid.

JOHN SHANNON, Killeshandra (uncle of Aidan Gaffney, Corrala) whose funeral took place in St. Brigid's Church, Killeshandra on Fri. 15th Sept. followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

BRIDGET WYNNE (*née Harte*), Lough Allen, Co. Roscommon (*sister-in-law of Joan Mc Girl, Drumcoura*) whose funeral took place on Fri. 15th Sept in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Arigna followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May their soul rests in heavenly peace.

RECENT MARRIAGES

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

Christina Corby, Killerrin, Drumeela and Simon Carleton, Dartry, Cootehill who received the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday 9th Sept. in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly.

Monica Kiernan, Drumeela and Edward Dore, Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick who received the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday 15th Sept. in St. Mary's Church, Drumeela.

EMERGENCY PHONE NO'S: In the event of needing a priest over the coming 2 weeks, please contact Fr. Oliver O'Reilly on 086-2368446 or Fr. Seán Mawn on 087-6869040.

AUTUMN FAITH DEVELOPMENT SESSION: A training programme for Alpha takes place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7 on Wed. 27th Sept. from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Those wishing to help with this programme in the Parish next month are asked to attend. Watch this space for more details of when and where this Parish Programme will take place. For further formation contact Martina at: pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie Let's grow in faith together!

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023: Our 7th annual Safeguarding Sunday will take place throughout the diocese on the weekend of the 23rd/24th Sept. 2023. We hope to create a greater awareness of safeguarding in our parishes and diocese and to acknowledge the great contribution of the faithful in ensuring that our diocesan safeguarding policies are implemented. The annual safeguarding newsletter will be available to download from www.kilmorediocese.ie/safeguarding children section. Please download a copy and inform yourself of developments in safeguarding.

ANNAGH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL, Belturbet/Drumalee/Redhills will mark the Golden Jubilee of Fr. John Mc Tiernan's Ordination with a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.00 pm on Fri. 22nd Sept. in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Belturbet. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Seven Horseshoes. Friends, colleagues and acquaintances are cordially invited.

EVENING OF PRAYER AND HEALING: Fr. Gerry Campbell will offer up Mass and prayers for intergenerational healing on Thursday 21st September in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan. Confessions from 6.30 pm, Rosary at 7.00 pm with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

EUCHARISTIC HEALING DAY will take place on Sat. 23rd Sept. in St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford from 3.00 pm to 8.30 pm. Day will include: A Eucharistic Healing Cenacle led by Mother Adela Galindo, Veneration of St. John Paul II's Relic, and the celebration of Mass with Bishop Paul Connell. All welcome to join us on this special day. FINAL TWO LOUGH DERG RETREAT DAYS FOR 2023 on Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th Sept. Admission €45 with group concessions. 10-minute boat crossings from 9.15 to 10.15am daily with return crossings starting at 4.30pm. Refreshments served including a light lunch. Booking essential. Visit www.loughderg.org or phone 071-9861518. NORTH WEST HOSPICE: A Coffee evening will be held in Drumreilly Community

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SMALL COIN COLLECTION WEEK for St. Mary's N.S. Drumlea/Drumreilly runs from Sat. 23rd Sept. to Sat. 30th Sept. 2023. There will be a collection bucket beside the Offertory Table in the Church during the 8.00 pm Mass on both Saturday nights or you can drop your coins into the school during school hours Monday to Friday. Please support this annual fundraiser for your local National School.

WEEKLY PARISH BINGO continues on Friday nights in Drumreilly Community Centre and on Sunday nights in Carrigallen Hall starting at 8.30 pm sharp in both venues. Usual prizes, raffles etc... Please support your local bingo events.

CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO: Jackpot capped at €20,000 until won. 4 lucky dip prizes of €50 if not won. Extra prize for holders of "weekly recurring tickets". Click on "Automatically Renew Purchase" at checkout. Draw this Sunday 17th Sept. on our Facebook Page. Tickets: https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets
DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE: Our meetings continue on Wednesday nights in the Community Centre at 8.30 pm. We serve refreshments and new members are welcome. CARRIGALLEN PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: Weekly meetings on Friday mornings in Carrigallen Community Care Centre from 10 - 11.30 am. €2 per child or €5 if three or more children in a family. For more info. contact Keith on 086-6035977.

THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE: Donations accepted at the St. Brigid's Community Centre, Loch Gowna on this Mon. 18th & Tues. 19th September from 3:50 pm to 8:10 pm. Please ring 1 800 222 111 for an appointment, with your donor ID number if an existing donor. All blood groups needed. New donors welcome and should ring 1 800 731137 to register. Give blood and save a life.

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (18th Sept. - 23rd Sept.)

<u>Mon.</u> – St. Richardis. <u>Tues.</u> – Our Lady of La Salette. <u>Wed.</u> – St. Eustace. <u>Thur.</u> – St. Matthew the Evangelist. <u>Fri.</u> – St. Emerita. Sat. – St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.

DAILY PRAYER OF ST. PADRE PIO (FEAST DAY 23rd SEPT.)

Lord, God of my heart, You alone know and see all my troubles. You alone are aware that all my distress springs from my fear of losing You, of offending You, from my fear of not loving You as much as I should love and desire to love You. If You, to whom everything is present and who alone can see the future, know that it is for Your greater glory and for my salvation that I should remain in this state, then let it be so. I don't want to escape from it. Give me the strength to fight and to obtain the prize due to strong souls. AMEN.

Priest Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon 433 9610 / Mob. 086-2126582.

Parish Cluster: Fr. Seán Mawn, Ballinamore *071-9644039 or 087-6869040*;

Fr. Andrew Tully, Killeshandra *049-4334179 or 086-8050526;*

Fr. Peter Tiernan, Cloone/Aughavas 071-9636016 or 086-3500114.

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 poweletter promotes Church, Voluntary and Community events.

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<u>Donate to your local Church online</u>: Visit <u>www.kilmorediocese.ie</u> 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

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17th Sept. 2023 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION (Matt. 18: 21-35)

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how often he should forgive his brother, then answers his own question by suggesting seven times. Peter's measure would appear to be generous; but according to Jesus it is very insufficient when He states that it should be seventy-seven times. Next, we hear the parable of the forgiving king and the unforgiving servant. The king calls his court officials to audit the accounts and one shows a large deficiency of ten thousand talents. When the king orders the sale of the debtor and his family into slavery, the official pleads for time. The king feels sorry for him and decides to cancel the whole of the vast debt. However, as this servant meets a colleague who only owes a very small debt, he refuses to be lenient and throws him into prison. Other servants witness this and report the matter back to the king who in turn retracts the granting of forgiveness to the first servant and has him thrown to the torturers pending full payment of the debt.

The first servant has learned nothing from his encounter with the king. Immediately, he has forgotten about the forgiveness and compassion shown to him. Remembering to forgive others is so important. As Jesus forgives our wrong doings, we in turn should remember to forgive those who trespass against us. We are reminded of this every time we say the Lord's Prayer. There should be no end to our forgiveness, just like there is no end to God's forgiveness and His unconditional love for us. If someone is truly sorry and tries to change, then we should try to forgive them.

Prayer for the Week: Merciful Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires; forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us always in the way of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.