

### Carrigallen Tidy Towns

Carrigallen Town was the winner in the Ballinamore Municipal District in "Love where you Live" Cleaner and Greener category. The awards event was held in the Landmark hotel on Wed 27th Sept and was sponsored by Leitrim Co. Council and Leitrim PPN. Our award was made possible due the support of volunteers, businesses, local residents and Ukrainians now living in our community who did trojan work and gave of their time ensuring we were worthy winners. The RSS Scheme workers as always were more than willing to do what they could to help in our endeavours. We want to thank each and every one who made special efforts and helped in anyway on the days prior to the judging. Thanks to those who power washed, painted, the artwork on ESB boxes, litter picked, signage erected, planted the herb garden, secured the bicycles, positioned the Bugs Hotel, put planters and floral displays around the town and on all approach roads. Those last-minute touches on the day by so many volunteers had everywhere looking splendid. Thank you all so much. We will continue to work together to keep Carrigallen beautiful.

### World Mental Health Week 2023 - 9th to 16th Oct 2023

A series of talks, events, workshops and activities will be held during the week and will continue throughout October to promote positive mental health in Leitrim. All events are free. Be sure to get involved and take part in these events..

### Wellbeing Fair

The Wellbeing Fair will be held on Wed 11th Oct 10am-1pm in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon. There will be a range of stands with information from all agencies working in the area of positive mental health and wellbeing. There will be workshops to choose from including mindfulness and relaxation, creativity for wellbeing, journaling for wellbeing, movement and exercise. Registration for workshops will take place on the day and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

### Mission Sunday - 22nd October 2023

October is World Mission Month. It's a time for the Faithful to help the work of overseas missionaries. The generosity offered will be used to support missionary activities in over 1,100 struggling dioceses. You can help right now. Donate €4 by texting the word "mission" to 50300, or donate at [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) or call Mission Ireland on 01-4972035. To learn more go to [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie)

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### Parish Website

Our website is [www.carrigallenparish.ie](http://www.carrigallenparish.ie). The Parish Newsletter is uploaded to the site each weekend and you will also find a link to the daily livestreamed Masses from Carrigallen.

### Donate to your local Church online

Visit [www.kilmorediocese.ie](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie), click on 'Donate' and choose Carrigallen Parish. In the notes area, indicate which Church Area (Carrigallen or Drumeela or Drumreilly) you wish your contribution to be forwarded to. Thank you.

### Parish Newsletter

This newsletter promotes Church, Voluntary and Community events. Articles for this newsletter, which must state author's name and phone number, can be written into one of the church diaries before 5pm or Thursdays or emailed to [carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie) by 4pm on Fridays. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

# Parish Newsletter

8th October 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Carrigallen ~ Drumeela ~ Drumreilly

## Gospel Reflection

Matt 21: 33-43

In today's Gospel which is very much linked to the first reading from Isaiah, Jesus is speaking again to the priests and elders with a parable. In the parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son. The tenants were greedy and wanted to keep all the wine for themselves. They didn't want to share it with anyone, not even the man who owned the vineyard.

Jesus told this story so that people could understand more about God and what Jesus had come to do on earth. The different characters in the story represent God, the prophets - who were God's messengers to the people - and Jesus. Like the man who gave the vineyard to his tenants to look after, God has given us the earth and all that is in it. God also sent his son Jesus to show us how to live. The bad tenants in the gospel story thought only about themselves. Jesus asks us to think about other people too, to use the resources of the earth wisely so that everyone can have their fair share and enjoy the wonders of God's creation now and always. So, this week as we look at the vineyard we have been given, we can ask ourselves "are we good tenants?" and are we trying to not let ourselves be destroyed by greed for material possessions.

### ALPHA - PARISH FAITH PROGRAMME

This programme continues on Thurs nights 7:30pm-9:00pm in the Kilbracken Arms, Carrigallen. Alpha is an 8-week experience that covers various topics of faith. It's a great opportunity to relax, connect with others and deepen your relationship with the Lord. During each session, we will have social time and have a chance to chat over a cuppa. Following that we will have an interesting video and have the opportunity to talk about aspects of our faith and share with one another.

Alpha is free – so why not come along and give it a try?

**Parish Masses Week Commencing  
Sat 7th October 2023**

**Carrigallen:**

All Masses are live streamed on [www.churchtv.ie](http://www.churchtv.ie) - click on Carrigallen  
Sun 8th 11:15am Mons Edward Donohoe, California & Gortermone  
Sun 15th 11:15am Cathal Whelan, Kivvy

**Weekday Mass:** Mon, Wed 10:00am, Tue 7:30pm

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues 6:30pm-7:30pm and Wed 10:30am-11:30am

**Drumeela:**

Sun 8th 10:00am Winnie & Ned Lynch, Drumbrick  
Sun 15th 10:00am Eamonn Kiernan, Drumeela & deceased family members

**Weekday Mass:** Fri at 7:30pm

**Drumreilly:**

Sat 7th 8:00pm Missa Pro Populo  
Thur 12th 10:00am Maria, Tommy & John Irwin, Keelrin  
Sat 14th 8:00pm Liam McGirl, Drumcoura & Thomas & Brigid McGirl, Derrygoan

**Weekday Mass:** Thurs at 10am

**Holy Rosary:** 7:45pm on Saturdays during the month of October

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues 7:00pm - 8:00pm



**Collections Last Weekend**

Carrigallen	€670
Drumeela	€220
Drumreilly	€356 (incl €85 returns from Ballinamore)

**Carrigallen Club On-Line Lotto**

Tickets available from local vendors or online at <https://member.clubspot.app/club/carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>. Jackpot capped at €20,000 until won. Four lucky dip prizes of €50 if not won. Extra prize for weekly recurring tickets - click on "automatically renew purchase" at checkout. Draw takes place each Sun on club Facebook page.

**Carrigallen G.A.A. Healthy Club**

Ladies gentle exercise classes on Mon morning in the GAA clubrooms, Carrigallen starting at 11am. Social cuppa and a chat afterwards. Everyone welcome.



**Weekly Parish Bingo**

On Friday nights in Drumreilly Community Centre and on Sunday nights in Carrigallen Hall starting at 8:30pm sharp in both venues. Usual prizes, raffles, etc. Please support your local weekly bingo events.

**Drumreilly Active Age**

Our meetings continue on Wed nights in Drumreilly Community Centre at 8:30pm. Refreshments served and new members most welcome.

**Carrigallen Parent & Toddler Group**

Weekly meetings continue on Fri mornings in Carrigallen Community Care Centre 10am-11:30am, €2 per child or €5 for 3 or more children in a family. Further info from Kieth on 086-6035977.

**We Pray For ...**

Marie Fahy-O'Connor, Sutton and Artane, Dublin (sister of Tony Fahy, Bredagh) whose funeral took place in Dardistown Crematorium on Fri 6th Oct followed by cremation

... and...

Mary McGovern (nee McNiff) Drumderg, Derradda (aunt of David McNiff, Carrickmakeegan) whose funeral took place on Fri 6th Oct in St Brigid's Church, Corraleeahan followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

**Classical at the Cathedral**

Concert in support of Cavan Cathedral Restoration Fund, on Fri 13th Oct at 8pm. Starring Celine Byrne, soprano & strings with special guest Cobhla Surlis and the Cavan Cathedral Choir. Host Mary Kennedy. Tickets €45 available at the Presbytery, Cavan 049-331404, Multisound, Cavan 049-361312 or online at [www.townhallcavan.com](http://www.townhallcavan.com).

**Mass of Thanksgiving**

For 50 years of dedicated service to St Mary's Church Choir by Marie McCartin will take place in Drumeela Church on Fri 20th Oct at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome.



**Drumreilly Social Fitness Class**

With Michelle, starting in Drumreilly Community Centre this Wed 11th Oct at 8pm for 5 weeks except Wed 25th Oct. Suitable for all age groups. This is a free funded class. Come along and get moving. Exercise at your own pace. All welcome.

**Ballinamore Athletic Club**

Winter training in the Sports Hall at St Felim's on Tue and Thurs evenings 7pm-8pm. New members of all ages from six years upwards will be enrolled at training on both evenings..

**Prayer for the Week**

Lord God, creator and giver of life, transform me in your love so that your kingdom may grow in me and that I may produce good fruit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Thought for the Week**

If you do harm to the environment, you do harm to yourself.

**Feast Days during the coming week**

**Mon 9th:** St John Henry Newman

**Tue 10th:** St Cassius of Germany

**Wed 11th:** St Canice of Kilkenny

**Thur 12th:** St Wilfrid of York

**Fri 13th:** St Edward the Confessore

**Sat 14th:** St Callistus I (Pope)

**Pro Life Campaign**

National Conference on Sat next, 14th Oct in the RDS Concert Hall, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Visit [www.prolifecampaign.ie/pic2023](http://www.prolifecampaign.ie/pic2023) for further info.

**Backpack for Adults**

Following on from the success of this course in previous years at Cavan Institute, the course will run again on Tue evenings from 10th Oct for 8 weeks. Backpack is a human and spiritual development programme addressing topics such as Anxiety, Negative Looping Thoughts, Resilience Building, Self-Awareness, Boundary Setting and Healthy Relationship with self, others and God. Apply online: [cavaninstitute.ie/eveningcourses](http://cavaninstitute.ie/eveningcourses) or call: 049-4377940.

**Anam Cara Midlands**

Anam, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed 11th Oct at 7:15pm in Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service, for more info call 01-4045378.