

An October Prayer

Lord of time, who holds in hands etched with our names, the past, present and future of our world, we turn to You in this season of mists, of late harvest and of the bounty of the earth. As time slowly drains liquid gold and russet and orange from the Autumn of this year, You, our Lord, our God, hold these moments safe within Your Creator hands. As harvest gathers in, and fields lie fallow, we look into our lives and wonder what harvest we have given, what fruit we have provided that will nourish Your Kingdom of love. In a world scarred by want and need, Your endless generosity of heart and hand continues to inspire us to give what we can and when we can to those around us, whose needs, open or hidden, can be met through our kindness. Lord of time, as the nights darken and the days grow short, with hard frosts, and crisp mornings, and long, dank afternoons the smell of woodsmoke and the decaying earth hangs over us, remind us at this time of how within decay, next year's growth is buried, within the dying, the promise of living is being renewed. All time is your time and may this be a blessed and gracious time for all. AMEN.

Parish Safeguarding Information Meeting

An information evening will take place on Tue 24th Oct at 8:30pm in Carrigallen Hall. Those who are involved in the supervision of children in church activities are asked to please attend and there is an open invitation for all other parishioners to attend. This meeting will be facilitated by Yvonne McGirl, Parish Safeguarding Rep. and Fr John McMahon P.P.

Mission Collection - 21st/22nd October 2023

The annual Mission Sunday collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Baskets will be passed around after communion. You will find a green and white envelope in your box of parish envelopes for this purpose. Your contributions will be used to support overseas Missionaries, many of whom work in the world's most impoverished communities. Please be as generous as you can. You can also help right now by donating €4.00 by texting the word "mission" to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01-4972035.

Bible Study Course

Bishop-Emeritus Leo O'Reilly will deliver a 6-week course on "Understanding the Gospel of St. Mark" in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7 on Thurs 7:30pm to 9:00pm beginning on Thurs. 26th Oct. Each evening will conclude with Lectio Divina, a meditative way of reading the Scriptures in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us through His Word. All welcome. Voluntary contribution each evening appreciated. More information from the Centre on 049-4375004 (Ext. 102) or email pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie

Priest Phone Numbers: Fr John McMahon 049-433 9610 / Mob 086-2126582

Parish Cluster: Fr Mawn, Ballinamore 071-9644039 or 087-6869040; Fr Cusack, Ballinamore 087-2408409; Fr C O'Gorman, Killeshandra 049-4334179, Fr Peter Tiernan, Cloone/ Aughavas 071-9636016 or 086-3500114.

Parish Website

Our website is 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, 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 by 4pm on Fridays. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

Parish Newsletter

15th October 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Carrigallen ~ Drumeela ~ Drumreilly

Gospel Reflection

Matt 21: 33-43



In today's Gospel Jesus is again speaking to the chief priests and the elders. He tells them a story about how the kingdom of heaven can be compared to a king inviting guests to his son's wedding. The king sent out his servants to gather in all the invitees but all were too busy with their own lives and hadn't time to attend the wedding banquet. Some of the servants were even killed and this infuriated the king so much that he sent his troops to kill the murderers and burn their town. Now the king decided to send his servants to the crossroads to invite everyone they could find to come to the wedding - the good and the bad, the meek and the bold. On viewing the guests, the king noticed that one man was not dressed appropriately for the occasion, after all it was a royal wedding! Now this man was swiftly thrown out from the event and then we hear the familiar words, "many are called, but few are chosen."

Now you might think that the king was a very cruel man but this is only a story which is used to remind us that while many are invited to enter the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins and to ask for His mercy. The parable also teaches us about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy. We must answer the invitation to attend Mass where we hear the Word of God and receive the Bread of Life. We must also be kind and welcoming, considerate and compassionate, and above all we must be always ready to answer the call to attend that great banquet which awaits us all in God's heavenly kingdom. The invitation is now and the response is now. Don't put it on the long finger.

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 14th October 2023**

Carrigallen:

All Masses are live streamed on www.churchtv.ie - click on Carrigallen

Sun 15th 11:15am Cathal Whelan, Kivvy

Mon 16th 10:00a Missa Pro Populo

Sun 22nd 11:15am Eamon McManus, Beaghmore

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

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

Drumeela:

Sun 15th 10:00am Eamonn Kiernan, Drumeela & deceased family members

Fri 20th 7:30pm Thanksgiving Mass—Marie McCartin

Sun 22nd 10:00am Johnny Lynch, Doogarry

Weekday Mass: Fri at 7:30pm

Drumreilly:

Sat 14th 8:00pm Liam McGirl, Drumcoura & Thomas & Brigid McGirl, Derrygoan

Thr 19th 10:00am Annie & Peter McBrien, Teemore

Sat 21st 8:00pm Breda Prior and Brideget Wrynne, Drumlea

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 €896 (incl €161 returns from Killeshandra)

Drumeela €359

Drumreilly €228

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 are 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 Keith on 086-6035977.

We Pray For ...

Aidan McGuinness, Limerick and formerly of Mullahoran (brother of Killian McGuinness, Drumbreanlis) whose funeral took place in St Ita's Church, Feenagh, Co Limerick on Tue 10th Oct followed by burial in Feenagh Cemetery ... and...

Elizabeth (Betty) Murphy (nee Corr), cloone and formerly of Gulladoo whose funeral took place in St Mary's Church, Cloone on Thurs 12th Oct followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery ... and...

Annie Reynolds, Aughnaclyffe (sister of Eileen Ward, Main Street) whose funeral took place in St Colmcille's Church on Thurs 12th Oct followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery ... and...

Mary Bannon (nee Campbell), Templeport and formerly of Aughawillan (mother of Rosie Mimna, Drumshangore and Margaret Sutherland, Toome). Removal to St Patrick's Church, Kilnavart this Sun 15th arriving at 6pm. Funeral on Mon 17th at 12 noon followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

Mass of Thanksgiving

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

Grow in Love in the Parish

Grow in Love is the name of the religious education programme for children. Next weekend at the 10am Mass in Drumeela and the 11:15am Mass in Carrigallen an enrolment ceremony takes place for the children receiving the Sacraments of First Confession and First Communion next year.

Carrigallen Finance Committee

Meeting this Mon 16th Oct at 8:30pm in the Parochial House. All members are asked to attend.

Prayer for the Week

Loving God, strengthen and help us as we try to say yes to your invitation to be with you in your heavenly kingdom, by living lives of sharing, kindness, respect and love. Amen.

Thought for the Week

If you are going through hell, keep going, don't give up.

Feast Days during the coming week

Mon 16th: St Gerard Majella

Tue 17th: St Ignatius of Antioch

Wed 18th: St Luke the Evangelist

Thur 19th: St Paul of the Cross

Fri 20th: St Adelina of Normandy

Sat 21th: St Ursula of Cologne

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting this Tue 17th Oct at 8:30pm in the Tom Clarke Memorial Rooms, Carrigallen Hall. All members please attend.

Drumreilly Social Fitness Class

With Michelle, continues in Drumreilly Community Centre on Wed nights at 8pm. Suitable for all age groups. This is a free funded class. Come along and get moving. Exercise at your own pace. All welcome.

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2023/24

This scheme is now open and aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees. Open to all, individual applicants, communities and groups. The grant is €75 per km of the roadside hedge/overhanging trees which are cut back. Min length of road network per application is 1km. Further info & application form from Leitrim Co Council, www.leitrimcoco.ie or email roads@leitrimcoco.ie or phone 071-9620005 ext 630. Closing date 31st Jan 2024.

Busy Bodies

This is a resource designed for young people. It provides info on the physical and emotional changes that children may experience during puberty, to reassure them that puberty is a normal part of growing up. Busy Bodies is a useful resource to help support both teachers and parents in providing information on puberty to children aged approximately between 8 and 12. The Busy Bodies booklet can be downloaded or ordered online from www.healthpromotion.ie

