

THANKS FOR OUR CONSULTATION WITH
PARISHES DURING NOVEMBER 2023



Dear Fr./Diocesan Staff Member/Pastoral Council Chair/Parishioner,
I write to say well done to all involved in arranging and coordinating the Parish Meetings in response to the Pastoral Letter entitled 'Making Decisions and Preparing for the Future Together'. It is great, in these days, to be receiving the feedback from parishes which is offering a positive way forward. We are now actively bringing together all the responses to compile a draft diocesan report. Also, we are arranging to meet with the hosts/facilitators of the parish meetings to present them with the draft report so as to ensure that we have got a true picture of what has emerged. Again, thanks for your participation and we encourage all parishes, yet to submit their reports on their parish meetings, to do as soon as possible. Trusting in the Good Lord.

Bishop Martin.

CAROL SERVICE—in St. Mary's Church, Drumeela on this Friday 8th December after the 7.30 pm Mass performed by Drumeela National School pupils. All welcome.

AN ADVENT CAROL SERVICE OF CAROLS & READINGS—led by Bishop Martin Hayes, will take place in The Conaty Chapel of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7, today Sunday 3rd Dec. at 5:00 pm with Fr. Darragh Connolly, P.P. Killinkere, leading the singing and Thomas Hanley as organist. All are welcome to attend this special event as we begin the journey together towards the celebration of the birth of Our Saviour at Christmas. A voluntary collection will be taken up towards the upkeep of the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Light refreshments served.

Feast Days/Memorials during the Coming Week 4th Dec-9th Dec 2023

Monday – St Barbara of Greece • Tuesday – Crispina of Algeria

Wednesday – St Nicholas of Bari • Thursday– St Ambrose of Milan

Friday – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary • Friday – St Juan Diego of Mexico

YOUTH 2000 IRELAND—are having their annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare on 8th -10th Dec. for ages 16-35. This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, Prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only. Find out more and register now on www.youth2000.ie

TOTUS TUUS MAGAZINE is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy, please contact Fiona Kiely on 086-8760058.

Priests Phone Numbers

Priests phone numbers. Fr John McMahon 049 433 9610. Mobile: 086 2126582.

Fr S Mawn (B'more) 071 9644039/087 6869040. Fr Andrew Tully (Killeshandra) 049 4334179.

Fr Peter Tiernan (Cloone/Aughavas) 071 9636016/086 3500114.

You may place your notices in the Diaries in each Church before **5.00 pm on Thursdays**. Notices should be signed, and a phone number provided. Or you may email: carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie by 5.00 pm on Fridays.

The editors reserve the right to omit or amend any notice.

Parish Newsletter

3rd Dec 2023—First Sunday of Advent — Year B

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G O S P E L R E F L E C T I O N



On this, the First Sunday of Advent 2023 we are into a new liturgical year and we focus on the Gospel of Mark 13: 33-37 in which we hear about the return of Christ. Jesus affirms that we will not know when His return will be. Therefore, we should not get caught up in predictions of His return as, unfortunately, many people have made throughout history and continue to do so in present times. Trying to predict the time of His return is pointless and only serves to distract us from the point of Jesus' words here and elsewhere about His second coming. All we need to focus on is to prepare and to be prepared and to do so patiently and responsibly.

Jesus wants us to be ready for His return. We are to be "alert" and "watchful." That means we are to be focused on the Lord. It's easy in our modern-day society to get distracted. There are hundreds of things pulling us in different directions, especially at this time of year, so we can easily lose focus of what's most important: our faith. During Advent, we are called to think about and meditate on our relationship with God. We are called, in particular, to repent of our sins and receive God's forgiveness. That way, we can be ready when Jesus comes. While Jesus is away (like the traveling man in the Gospel), what are we doing with what He has given us? Are we working diligently to fulfil what He asks us to do? Or are we sleeping and, therefore, not paying attention to God's will? We cannot know when Jesus will return but we can ensure that when He comes His house will not be in a shambles. So, this Advent let us prepare our hearts by turning away from sin and turning back to God.

At this weekend's Masses we bless the Advent Wreaths and light the first purple candle which is known as the Prophecy Candle or the Candle of Hope. Purple is the primary colour associated with Advent and it symbolizes penance, preparation and sacrifice. During this first week of Advent we remember the Old Testament Prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.



Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events

Carrigallen *All Carrigallen Masses livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie*
 Sun 3rd Dec 11.15 am Elizabeth & Charles Sheridan and deceased family members *Calloughs*
 Mon 4th 10.00 am Mass of the Day
 Tues 5th 7.30 pm Pat & Claire Masterson, *Carrigallen*
 Wed 6th 11.15 am Vincent & Lena Hoban *Main Street*
 Sun 10th 11.15 am Jackie & Mary Mc Manus *Kilbracken*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am

Drumeela

Sun 3rd Dec 10.00 am Therese McGurran and deceased family members *Corglass*
 Fri 8th 7.30 pm Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception followed by a Carol Service presented by the pupils of Drumeela N.S.
 Sun 10th 10.00 am Maureen O'Reilly and deceased family members *Corglass*



Drumreilly

Sat 2nd Dec 8.00 pm Packie Quinn and deceased family members *Drumdiffer*
 Thurs 7th 8.00 pm Memorial Mass for Pat Gallogly *late of Curraghtowney [Requested by Drumreilly Active Age Group]*
 Sat 9th 8.00 pm Thomas & Anne Kellegher *Carrickmakeegan*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER: CHARLIE FARRELL, Dromard, Co. Sligo (*husband of Mary Kenny, formerly of Drumeela*) whose funeral took place in St. Adamnan's Church, Skreen on Monday 27th November followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Skreen.

COLM GORBY, Bawnboy and formerly of Newtowngore whose funeral took place in St. Mogue's Church, Bawnboy on Wednesday 29th November followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

FRANCIS MCGEE, London and formerly of Aughavore. Funeral will take place in London at a later date. *May their souls rest in heavenly peace.*

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Carrigallen: €436 Drumeela: €188

Drumreilly: €414 (Incl €70 Returns from Ballinamore)



SANTA Filling the Sacks!



Ho! Ho! Ho!

THE 2024 PIONEER CALENDAR:

Available from all Pioneer Centres and from the Central Office on 01-8054226. The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support and encouragement to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. The calendar is priced at €5. Further info. from: www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar

AN EVENING OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

on Tuesday 5th December in St. Mogue's Church, Bawnboy. Holy Hour starts at 7.00 pm and Mass will be celebrated at 8.00 pm. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS EVENT

Everyone is warmly invited to join us on Sun 10th Dec. at Newtowngore Hall at 5.00 pm. We will light the Christmas tree, sing carols and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Contact: Rev. Richard Waller on 087-1724715.

KILMORE YOUTH MINISTRY is running a Christmas art competition. It's open to all primary school students in Kilmore Diocese. Participants are asked to "draw a picture of the first Nativity." Entries can be sent to Youth Ministry Office, The Conaty Centre, Cullies, Co. Cavan. The closing date is Tuesday 12th December.



LEITRIM GUARDIAN 2024

On Sale Now! Lots of local interest

Mary McLean • Kevin McManus • Andy Mel McGovern
 Tommy Moran • Kevin Patrick • Garadice
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 Prof Michael O'Rourke

In all the local shops

LEITRIM GUARDIAN for sale in Dublin at
 Books Upstairs 17 Dolier St Dublin 2 or Tel Mary: 087 6216635
 The 2024 magazine is now for sale in the usual outlets, or you can purchase online at www.leitrimguardian.ie

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Emma Rose Holahan, Drumlea & Swords, Co. Dublin who was baptised into our Faith Community on Sat. 25th Nov. in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly and we congratulate her parents, Adrian and Karina.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL-CARRIGALLEN, DRUMEELA & AUGHAVAS

At this time of the year the Saint Vincent De Paul volunteers are busy responding to calls for assistance, especially now as food and fuel prices have increased and the cold weather has arrived. The SVP appeal for funds has now begun so that people in need of help can be visited before Christmas. You can contribute to SVP by placing your donation in one of the SVP envelopes available in any of the churches and then putting it into the steel box in the front porch. If you need a visit or would like to assist financially, please contact our confidential number 087-6024223. *Thank you.*



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 Sun. 03rd Dec. which can be viewed live on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

Carrigallen GAA Healthy Club Ladies Gentle Exercise Classes on Monday mornings in the G.A.A. Clubrooms, Carrigallen starting at 11.00 am. Social Cuppa and a chat afterwards. Everyone very welcome.

Drumreilly IFA are holding a meeting in the Community Centre on this Tuesday 5th December starting at 8.30 pm. A talk will be given by Anthony Holahan from Solar Compare about solar panels and solar grants. All welcome.

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent'. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com or click on this link [HERE](#) to register/find out more.

CASH FOR CLOBBER (LAST CALL) Carrigallen N.S. are holding a cash for clobber fundraising collection on this Monday 4th Dec. Items accepted are clean clothes, paired shoes, belts, ties, handbags, hats and soft toys. No duvets, bedding, pillows, cushions, rugs or mats allowed. Bags can be dropped into the school on this Monday morning. Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Parish B I N G O

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 weekly bingo events.



Thought for the Week: "Forgiveness is a direction, not a destination."