

FORÓIGE CLUB IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHURCH CHOIR & UKRANIAN CHOIR

will perform at the Live Crib at the Grotto on Sun Morning 17th Dec at 12oc noon. Donations to North West Hospice



5 STEP SUPPORT SERVICE

Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? 5 Step Support can help you; a free, non-judgemental, 1 to 1 consultation service. Putting your needs and wellbeing first, helping you manage stressful, & emotional issues. Contact 071-915 0578/085-875 9319 or email: sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction!

SACRED HEART MESSENGER (DRUMREILLY)—Subscriptions now due for 2024. Your envelope can be dropped into the mailbox in the Church Porch. Thanks to all who have already subscribed. New members always welcome. Contact: Susan Maguire—086-1686444.

DR. FALLON'S C'MAS/NEW YEAR SURGERY OPENING HOURS: Closed on Mon./Tues. 25th / 26th Dec. Open on Wed. 27th from 9.00am to 12.30 pm only. In the afternoon, contact Dr. Lee in Arva. Thurs. 28th & Fri. 29th Dec: Urgent Consultations only. Mon. 1st Jan: closed. Tues. 2nd Jan: normal business resumes. On closed days contact NEDOC on 1850 777 911. We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Feast Days/Memorials during the Coming Week 18th Dec-23rd 2023

Monday – St Flannan of Killaloe • Tuesday – St Fausta of Serbia
Wednesday – St Fachanan of Ross • Thursday– St Peter Canisius
Friday – St Evin of Monastevin • Saturday – The Martyrs of Crete

CARRIGALLEN LIBRARY We are closing for our Christmas break on Thursday 21st December at 5.00 pm. Re-opening on Wednesday 3rd January at 10.00 am

PRAYER BY TELEPHONE— The Sisters of Mercy, "Bethany", 34 Point Road, Dundalk welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. All requests are confidential. 9.00 am – 9.00 pm. Telephone: 042 9331602. One of the Sisters will be happy to LISTEN and PRAY WITH YOU.

AN EVENING OF RECONCILIATION AND PRAYER BY CANDLELIGHT On Tuesday 19th December from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm in St. Mogue's Church, Bawnboy. You are invited to come and spend a few moments in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Two Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Just call in for a few moments. Come and go as you please.

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

17th Dec 2023—Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) — Year B

Carrigallen • Drumeela • Drumreilly

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

In today's Gospel (John 1: 6-8 & 19-28) we hear again about the coming of John the Baptist and his announcement of the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The "light" mentioned in the beginning of the Gospel refers to Jesus, the eternal Word of God. We are told that John is not the Messiah but came to prepare the way for Jesus. People were not very sure about who John really was. He was creating a bit of a stir by his preaching and baptizing.

The Jews were expecting the Messiah to come, so they wondered if John might be him. So, they sent priests and Levites to question him about his identity and John makes it clear that he is not the Messiah. Furthermore, with the coming of the Messiah, the Jews were anticipating the return of the great Prophet Elijah. But John makes clear he is not him either. Nor is he "the Prophet," who was expected. Finally, John tells them that he is the forerunner to the Messiah, a voice that cries in the wilderness. But he did not want in any way to take away attention from Jesus. He was not the focus.

Rather, his role was to help the people be ready for the Messiah. John was then questioned further as to why he was baptizing people in the river Jordan if he was not the Messiah. His reply was that he baptised only with water but there was already one in their midst who was coming after him, one who he would not even be fit to untie his sandal-strap for him. The true identity of Jesus would not be revealed until his baptism by John which would mark the start of his public ministry. John acknowledged the greatness of Jesus and announced his coming, calling the people to repent so their hearts would be ready to encounter God in the flesh. In a similar way, we are called to prepare our hearts during Advent through repentance as we prepare to encounter Christ at Christmas.

On this, the third Sunday of Advent we light the pink or rose coloured candle on the Advent Wreath which symbolizes rejoicing. During this week we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day.

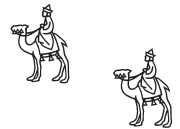
This Sunday is often called 'Gaudete Sunday' as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.





Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events

Carrigallen *All Carrigallen Masses livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie*
 Sun 17th Dec 11.15 am Tommy McGuckian *Killahurk* [1ST ANNIV]
 Mon 18th 10.00 am Mass of the Day
 Tues 19th 7.30 pm Missa Pro Populo
 Wed 20th 10.00 am Mass of the Day
 Fri 22nd 10.00 am Mass of the Day
 Sun 24th 11.15 am Margaret Sheridan
Druminsinghebe [1ST ANNIV]



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

Drumeela
 Sun 17th Dec 10.00 am Sean Brady and deceased family members *London & Drumire*
 Sun 24th 10.00 am Michael McGerty and deceased family members *Annagh*



Drumreilly
 Sat 16th Dec 8.00 pm Eamonn Connolly *Carrickmakeegan & Hughie Maguire Aghalough*
 Thurs 21st 7.30pm Mass of the Day
 Sat 17th 8.00 pm Deceased members of the McCabe family *Corrawaleen*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

COLLECTIONS		
	Weekend 09th/10th Dec Immaculate Conception	
Carrigallen	€516	€172
Drumeela:	€284	€72
Drumreilly:	€354	€260

IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER: PAT BREEN, Athlone, Co. Westmeath (husband of Evelyn O'Reilly, formerly of Toome) whose funeral took place on Tuesday 12th Dec in Corpus Christi Church, Mount Temple followed by burial in Dunegan Cemetery. *also*
 PETY PRIOR, Knockanroe, Ballinamore (brother of Bridgie Looby, Curraghtowney). Removal to St. Patrick's Church, Ballinamore this Sunday evening arriving at 5.00 pm. Funeral at 12 noon on Monday followed by burial in Oughteragh cemetery. *May their souls rest in heavenly peace.*

Thought for the Week: "Try to mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern. The person who never made a mistake never made anything."

**Soon be Christmas Eve!
 SANTA! 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

FARM SAFETY CALENDAR Four TY Students from Carrigallen Vocational School have developed a 2024 Farm Safety Calendar as part of their enterprise project for the year. Farming is the most dangerous occupation in the country with so many fatalities and life changing injuries occurring each year. This calendar gives safety tips and advice based on what is happening on the farm each month of the year. Calendar on sale locally or can be purchased on the project's Instagram: @DSKEFarmSafetyCalendars

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CONCERT Spreading the Joy of Christmas with Songs & Carols, featuring the St. Michael's and St Patrick's Church Choirs and with Special Guest's the Cavan Rugby Male Voice Choir, in St. Michael's Church, Cootehill on Sunday 17th December 2023 at 7.30 pm sharp. *(Doors open 7.00 pm) Please bring a cushion!*

PARISH ENVELOPES 2024 These are now available for collection from the Churches. Do not start using them until the weekend of 6th/7th Jan. Please deliver envelopes to any of your neighbours who attend Mass in other Church Areas. The cut-off point for all 2023 collections is the weekend of 30th/31st Dec Any contributions for 2023 received after that date will be credited to 2024 records. *Thank you for your financial support to the parish over the past year.*

LEITRIM GUARDIAN 2024

On Sale Now! Lots of local interest

Mary McLean ▪ Kevin McManus ▪ Andy Mel McGovern
 Tommy Moran ▪ Kevin Patrick ▪ Garadice
 Gerry Mangan ▪ Eamon Daly ▪ Fr John Sexton
 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.leitringuardian.ie

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS: Sacrament of Reconciliation in Ballinamore on Sunday 17th Dec. at 6.00 pm. Confessions on Monday 18th Dec. in Drumreilly at 6.30 pm, Drumeela at 7.00 pm and in Carrigallen at 7.45 pm

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 17th Dec which can be viewed live on our Facebook Page.
 Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

Carrigallen GAA Healthy Club We are taking a break from our Monday morning exercise classes over the Christmas/New Year period. Resuming in mid-January 2024.



NORTH WEST HOSPICE Light up a Life this Christmas by sponsoring a light on the North West Hospice Memory Tree for €5.00. Call 071-9670523 or visit: www.northwest-hospice.ie/lightupalife Christmas cards and baubles are also available on our website.

CARRIGALLEN PARENT & TODDLER GROUP We are taking a break for the festive season and will be resuming our usual weekly meetings on Friday mornings starting on 12th Jan. 2024 in Carrigallen Community Care Centre from 10.00 am - 11.30 am. €2 per child or €5 if three or more children in a family. More info. from Keith on 086-6035977.



MARY'S MEALS CHRISTMAS GIFTS CAMPAIGN:

WITH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS, TIMES ARE THAT BIT HARDER FOR US ALL. THE GLOBAL SCHOOL FEEDING MOVEMENT MARY'S MEALS HAVE LAUNCHED OUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS CAMPAIGN - GIVING GIFTS THAT HAVE A REAL AND TANGIBLE IMPACT ON THOSE IN NEED. FROM AS LITTLE AS €5.50, WHICH WILL PROVIDE 50 MEALS FOR CHILDREN IN THEIR PLACE OF EDUCATION, WE CAN PLAY OUR PART IN CHANGING THE LIVES OF THOSE MOST IN NEED. VISIT MARYSMEALS.IE TO DOWNLOAD A GIFT TODAY OR CALL 01-8535163/089-4339592.

Weekly Parish B I N GO continues this Sunday 17th Dec. in Carrigallen Hall and on Friday 22nd Dec. in Drumreilly Community Centre starting at 8.30 pm sharp in both venues. Usual prizes, raffles, Christmas prizes etc... Your support is appreciated. Please note that there will be NO Bingo in Carrigallen Hall on Sunday 24th Dec. or on Sunday 31st Dec. Resuming on Sunday 7th Jan. 2024.