

AN IRISH CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May the light of the Christmas star guide you on your way.
May the warmth of home and hearth fill your heart with joy.
May the cheer and goodwill of friends surround you.
May the joy of a thousand angels watch over you.

And may the love of the Son and the peace of the Father be with you always. Amen.



CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION WINNERS With over 600 brilliant entries the winner of Kilmore Youth Ministry Art competition is Martha Mc Govern, St. Michaels, Glenfarne, Co. Leitrim. 2nd Prize - Leah Cross Roche, Kilmainhaim Wood N.S. Kells, Co. Meath. 3rd Prize - Scarleth Donohoe, Kilinkere N.S. Virginia, Co. Cavan. Thanks to all who entered. There will be an essay competition in January 2024 for all students making their confirmation, so stay tuned for that.

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: Mon/Tues 25th/26th Dec—closed. Wed 27th Dec—open from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm only. In the afternoon, contact Dr Lee in Arva. Thurs 28th & Fri. 29th Dec—Urgent Consultations only. Mon. 1st Jan.2024—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 25th -30th Dec 2023

Monday – The Nativity of Our Lord • Tuesday – St Stephen
Wednesday – St John the Apostle • Thursday– The Holy Innocents
Friday – St Thomas Becket • Saturday – St Egwin of Evesham

CARRIGALLEN LIBRARY We are now closed for our Christmas break. 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

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

Christmas Eve 2023

Carrigallen • Drumeela • Drumreilly



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Jesus comes to us at the darkest dearest time of the year to lift our hearts and give us hope. In these dark days we need some brightness. The lights in our homes, streets and Churches help to lift the mood but there is something more needed. Jesus comes as the light and stands at the door of the human heart knocking. We need to invite him in, He doesn't force himself on us, He waits for us to open our hearts and minds to him. During the year, Bishop Martin Hayes wrote a Pastoral Letter to all of us. In it he invites people to step forward for training to help in Pastoral Ministry, for example: preparing children for the Sacraments in the Parish, accompanying people during times of bereavement, bringing new life to our Liturgies, particularly the Mass. Christmas is about putting new spark into our lives, it helps to invigorate our spirits, calling us to give birth to something new. We all need to have a meaning for what we do. Over the Christmas period let us take time to think about this. One of the readings of Christmas says: "how beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness." Jesus was born into a world much like our own, filled with war and conflict. Yet, it was into this world that Jesus was born, with all it's messiness. Like Jesus, may we become involved to bring good news, to herald peace and bring happiness.

Wishing you every happiness for Christmas. Fr. John.

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN THE PARISH

Christmas Eve: Drumreilly 8.00 pm
Carrigallen 10.00 pm

Christmas Day: Drumeela 10.00 am
Carrigallen 11.15 am

Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events


Carrigallen  *All Carrigallen Masses livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie*
 Sun 24th Dec 11.15 am Margaret Sheridan 
Drumshinglebe [1ST ANNIV]
 10.00 pm Mass of the Nativity
 Mon 25th 11.15 am Mons John Cooke and Ashling Cooke, and deceased family members *New Jersey & Gortermone.*  
 Wed 27th 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo
 Fri 29th 7.30 pm Marian Reilly *Beaghmore*
 Sat 30th 12 noon Tommy Kiernan *Drumbreanlis* [MM MASS]
 Sun 31st 11.15 am Annamae Cosgrove, Cloncorrick [MM MASS]

No Eucharistic Adoration this week

Drumeela

Sun 24th 10.00 am Michael McGerty and deceased family members *Annagh*
 Mon 25th 10.00 am Celine, Phil & Josephne Maguire and all deceased members of the Maguire family *Drumlaurea* & the Kiernan families *Cloncoose*
 Sun 31st 10.00 am Paddy McGovern, *Newtowngore*

Drumreilly

Sat 23rd Dec 8.00 pm Deceased members of the McCabe family *Corrawaleen* 
 Sun 24th 8.00 pm Candlelit Mass of the Nativity
 Thurs 28th 7.30pm Mass of the Day
 Sat 30th 8.00 pm Seán, John & Ita Sutherland and deceased members of the family *Toome*

No Eucharistic Adoration this week

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION
 Carrigallen: €1,143 (incl €120 returns from Killeshandra)
 Drumeela: €250 Drumreilly: €251

IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER: MARY FOLEY (née Flanagan), Castlereagh, Co. Roscommon and formerly of Clonboyher, Drumreilly whose funeral took place in St Brigid's Church, Cloonbonniffe on Sat. 23rd Dec. followed by burial in Castlereagh cemetery. *May her soul rest in heavenly peace.*

 **Hey kids! It's Christmas Day tomorrow!**
SANTA! Ho! Ho! Ho!

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 

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, CAVAN
 Tuesday 12th March 2024 will mark the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the iconic building which served as the original St. Patrick's College, Cavan (up to its relocation to the new college building in 2012) and now houses the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre since 2005. Bishop Martin Hayes will be the principal celebrant of a special Mass to commemorate this milestone anniversary in the Cathedral of Saints Patrick & Felim, Cavan on Saturday 16th March 2024 at 11:00 am. *Further details will be announced in due course.*

PARISH FINANCE: Remember to pick up your box of Parish Envelopes for 2024 from your local Church. Don't start using them until 6th January. All contributions for 2023 should be dropped in on or before next weekend (30th/31st Dec.) If you are new to the parish or would like to receive a box of envelopes, please leave your details in the metal boxes in the porches in any of our three Churches.

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
 Health Centre • 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

ST MARY'S NS DRUMLEA would like to thank everyone who came to our Christmas Play Night on Wed 13th Dec. Over €1,300 was raised for our school and we are very grateful for all the support from the local community
Thought for the Week:
 "It's not what's under the Christmas tree that's important, it's who's around it."

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. 

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. 24th 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. 

CARRIGALLEN MACRA present their Annual Charity Vehicle Run on Saturday 30th December. Tractors, Lorries, Motor Bikes and Cars. Registration at the Mart from 10.00 am to 11.45 am. Departing at 12 noon. Funds raised split between Embrace remembering the Harkness family and all affected by farm accidents, and Cavan-Monaghan Palliative Care remembering the Taylor family. All drivers must have a valid Driving Licence & Insurance on the day. We welcome your support.

CARRIGALLEN PARENT & TODDLER GROUP We are closed until Friday on 12th Jan. 2024 at 10.00 am. 

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 on Friday nights in Drumreilly Community Centre starting at 8.30 pm sharp. Usual prizes, and a raffle including Christmas prizes during the month of December. Your support is appreciated. Please note that there will be NO Bingo in Carrigallen Hall on Christmas Eve or on New Year's Eve. *Resuming on Sunday 7th Jan. 2024*