

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE, 1ST JANUARY 2024 FROM BISHOP MARTIN:

In acknowledging how we have benefitted from science and technology, Pope Francis calls for responsible development, regulation, and oversight of AI (Artificial Intelligence) technologies. He reminds us that the measure of true humanity lies in how we treat the least among us and he expresses the hope that AI development may contribute to human fraternity and world peace. As we celebrate the example of the Holy Family this weekend may I also encourage you to pray for world peace on Mon 1st Jan 2024. We trust that our prayer at home and in our parishes will bring peace to our troubled world and especially to the Holy Land where God sent his Son, Jesus to be among us.

THE EPIPHANY BLESSING PRAYER

Dear Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless our homes and all who inhabit them. May we be blessed with good health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Peace—We pray to you, God all loving, for the gift of peace in our world. At this time of rising tension and insecurity, we pray for our sisters and brothers in Ukraine and the Holy Land. We pray to you, God all loving, seeking lasting and peaceful solutions. Inspire the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land and the peoples of their neighbouring countries in their search for peace. You created the human family to live as brothers and sisters. As a family created by you, God all loving, we pray for peace. Amen

Feast Days/Memorials during the Coming Week 1st -6th Jan 2024

Monday – Mary, Mother of God • Tuesday – St Basil the Great
Wednesday – St Munchin of Limerick • Thursday– St Abraham of Scetes
Friday – St Charles of Mount Argus • Saturday – St The Epiphany of the Lord.

CARRIGALLEN LIBRARY Re-opens on this Wednesday 3rd January at 10.00 am following the Christmas break.

50 MILES CHALLENGE— Support Leitrim, get fit and raise funds this January by taking part in the Annual 50 Miles Challenge. Sign up on the Leitrim GAA Website, get your free hat and get moving. Visit www.LeitrimGAA.ie/challenge

PART TIME—SPREADSHEET METHODS— From Monday 8th January 2024 in Mohill Computer Training at the Mohill Enterprise Centre. Now accepting registrations for its part-time 4-week QQI Level 4 Spreadsheet Course. Ideal for new and intermediate computer users preparing for employment or to upskill. Register now as places are limited by calling (071) 9632024 or by emailing feargalodonaille@msletb.ie

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.

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

New Year's Eve 2023

Carrigallen • Drumeela • Drumreilly



REFLECTION ON THE FAMILY

We have just been celebrating Christmas the great feast of the family. The family is the place where I can show the worse side of me without being rejected. At home this dark side of me will emerge from time to time during the years I spend in my own family. At times I may be impossible, yet I will be put up with. That seems the best thing one group of people can do for another. To allow someone to be at their worse and still love them.

Husbands and wives do for one another, parents do it for their children and children for their parents. Most of us carry a lot of hurt and pain inside. We need to be able to express this and have someone stand alongside us and bare this pain for us. It is the best thing we can do for each other.

We needed this acceptance when we were small when someone bigger than us took our frustrations, our anger and our tears and still loved us.

We needed it when we were teenagers when we were mixed up and wanted to be different and difficult and we need it all though life when we need someone to accept us as we are.

The family becomes a real family and a holy family when it takes the strain for my need to be impossible and it does not exclude me. Of course, I will be told how impossible I am, but they will still stick by me through thick and thin. Remember the words of St. Paul; "Bear with one another, forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you, now you must do the same". The famous Cistercian monk Thomas Merton put it so well, "our job is to love others without stopping to ask whether or not they are worthy". That is the first task of every family, the little family in which we grow up in or in the larger family of the church to which we belong.

A blessing for the New Year: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace". May this be yours in the coming year.

Wishing you every blessing for 2024. Fr. John.

Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events

Carrigallen *All Carrigallen Masses livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie*

Sun 31st Dec 11.15 am Annamae Cosgrove, Cloncorrick
 [MM MASS]
 Mon 1st Jan 11.00 am Mass for New Year's Day
 Tues 2nd 7.30 pm Mass of the Day
 Wed 3rd 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo
 Sat 6th 11.15 am May Donohoe *Gortermone*
 Sun 7th 11.15 am Thomas Baxter and deceased family members *Druminsinglebe*

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

Drumeela

Sun 31st Dec 10.00 am Paddy McGovern, *Newtowngore*
 Sun 7th Jan 10.00 am Bridie Taaffe [MM MASS]

Drumreilly

Sat 30th Dec 8.00 pm Seán, John & Ita Sutherland and deceased members of the family *Toome*
 Fri 5th Jan 7.30 pm Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.
 Sat 6th 8.00pm Patsy Murray *Manchester & Kinkeen*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 to 8.00 pm.

Thought for the Week: "Last year's words belong to last years' language and next year's words await another voice".

The Editors of the Newsletter would like to wish everyone a Happy & Peaceful New Year.



COLLECTION 23rd/24th CHRISTMAS 25th

Carrigallen: €1,1005 and €2,795

Drumeela: €344 and €638

Drumreilly: €692 (incl €113 returns from Aughawillan) and €848

IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

GERALDINE DONOHOE (née Brady), Cloone and formerly of Bredagh whose funeral took place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ballyconnell on Sat 30th Dec. followed by cremation in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan.
May her soul rest in heavenly peace.



Hey Kids, See you all next Christmas!!
SANTA! Ho! Ho! Ho!



SENIOR SET DANCING CLASSES

commence in Kilbracken Arms Hotel, Carrigallen on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 8.00 pm. No experience needed and beginners very welcome. It's for a bit of fun and fitness and socialising, as well as learning some of the most popular set dances danced around the country.
 From Kerry, Mayo, Galway—plenty to choose from.



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 this 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 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, 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. 31st 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.

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE DATES 2024

Fri. 9th Feb: 7.30-10.00 pm. Sat 10th Feb: 10.00 am to 5.00 pm Fri 12th April: 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm. Sat 13th April: 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.
 Fri. 11th Oct. 7.30-10.00 pm. Sat 12th Oct 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

The courses will take place in the Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7. To book a place please log on to www.accord.ie



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 G O continues on Friday nights in Drumreilly Community Centre starting at 8.30 pm sharp. Usual prizes, and a raffle. Your support is appreciated. Please note that there will be NO Bingo in Carrigallen Hall on New Year's Eve.
 Resuming on Sunday 7th Jan. 2024 at 8.30 pm.