

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOUGH DERG THIS CHRISTMAS

The online Lough Derg Christmas Shop is now open at: www.loughderg.live/shop Mass Bouquets, Christmas Cards, the limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle, and a large range of Nativity Sets and other gifts. The Christmas shop provides much needed financial income to support the mission and ministry of Lough Derg outside the Pilgrimage Season. *Thank you for your support.*



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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: St. Mary's N.S. Drumlea are presenting their Christmas Concert in Drumreilly Community Centre on this Wednesday 13th Dec. at 7.00 pm. A great night's entertainment for all. Raffle on the night. Seasonal refreshments will be served. Admission optional.

Feast Days/Memorials during the Coming Week 11th Dec-16th Dec 2023
Monday – St Cian of Wales • Tuesday – Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday – St Lucy (Lucia) of Sicily • Thursday– St John of the Cross
Friday – St Virginia of Genoa • Saturday – St Adelaide of Burgundy

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.northwesthospice.ie/lightupalife Christmas cards and baubles are also available on our website.

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

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS— the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 13th Dec. at 7:15 pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info. call 01-4045378.

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.

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

10th Dec 2023—Second Sunday of Advent — 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 (Mark 1: 1-8), we hear a repeat of some of the words the Prophet Isaiah in the First Reading: "Prepare a way for the Lord". We see the ultimate accomplishment of those words in John the Baptist and the person of Jesus Christ. God's full presence has come to dwell with His people through the birth of Jesus. John the Baptist was the messenger sent to make preparation for the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. He announced the coming of the Messiah and helped people prepare their hearts to meet Him by "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

All the people of Judaea and Jerusalem made their way to the river Jordan where they confessed their sins and were baptised with water by John. In his preaching, John tells the people that someone more powerful than him is coming and will baptise them with the Holy Spirit. Here we see John preparing the people to encounter the living God as He would walk among them and minister to them through His preaching and healing.

During Advent we too are called to prepare to encounter Jesus. We are to open our hearts everyday to receive Him and let Him into our lives. The Gospel tells us that we can do this by repentance of our sins so we can receive God's forgiveness and mercy.

On this, the Second Sunday of Advent, we light the second purple candle on the Advent Wreath. This candle is known as the Bethlehem Candle and represents Peace and Preparation. During this coming week we reflect on our lives, and we work on becoming better versions of ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We also remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.



Parish Masses/Anniversaries/Other Events

Carrigallen *All Carrigallen Masses livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie*
 Sun 10th Dec 11.15 am Jackie & Mary Mc Manus *Kilbracken*
 Mon 11th 10.00 am Mass of the Day
 Tues 12th 7.30 pm Missa Pro Populo
 Wed 13th 10.00 am Mass of the Day
 Fri 15th 7.30 pm Mons. John A. Young *Carrigallen*
 Sun 17th 11.15 am Tommy Mc Guckian *Killahurk* [1ST ANNIV]



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

Drumeela

Sun 10th 10.00 am Maureen O'Reilly and deceased family members *Corglass*
 Sat 16th 12.00 noon Patrick & Margaret Kellegher and deceased family members *Drumhaldry*
 Sun 17th 10.00 am Sean Brady and deceased family members *London & Drumnure*

Drumreilly

Sat 9th Dec 8.00 pm Packie Quinn and deceased family members *Drumdiffer*
 Thurs 14th 7.30pm Francis Quinn *Drumdiffer*
 Sat 17th 8.00 pm Eamonn Connolly *Carrickmakeegan & Hughie Maguire Aghalough*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER: MICHAEL JOE GAFFNEY, Drumcara, Fenagh (brother of Chrissie Gaffney, Mullaghboy) whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Foxfield on Monday 4th December followed by burial in Fenagh Abbey Cemetery.

KATHLEEN MURPHY (née Donohue), Longford and formerly of Main St, Carrigallen whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Wednesday 6th December followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

BRIDIE MC GEEHAN (née Fitzpatrick), Newtownbutler (mother of Concepta Lyons, Aughawillan, Carrigallen) whose funeral took place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Newtownbutler on Thurs. 7th Dec. followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

WILLIAM HODGINS, Navan, Co. Meath (father of Alma Lynch, Drumbrick) whose funeral took place on Friday 8th Dec. in St. Patrick's Church, Donaghpatrick followed by burial in Martry Graveyard. *May their souls rest in heavenly peace.*

AN HOUR FOR YOU hosted by Louise Farry (Registered Psychiatric Nurse) and Holistic Therapist on Monday 11th Dec. Strating at 11.00 am in Ballinamore Library. *All welcome*

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 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
 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.leitrimguardian.ie

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Carrigallen: €1,140 Drumeela: €247 Drumreilly: €348

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Méabh Elizabeth Moran, Newtowngore who was baptised into our Community of Faith on Sunday 3rd Dec. in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen and we congratulate her parents, Loren and Declan.

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. 10th 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.



DRUMEELA GARDEN CLUB

Meeting on Wed. (Dec 13) at 8.30 pm in Teach Duchas (H12 DP84). Timothy Elliott from Manor Garden Centre will do a demonstration of Christmas Floral arrangements. Come along and watch this true professional at work and enjoy some festive refreshments afterwards. A night not to be missed.

CARRIGALLEN PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Weekly meetings continue on Friday mornings 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.

DK FITNESS AT CARRIGALLEN LIBRARY

FINAL FITNESS CLASS WITH DK PERSONAL TRAINING TITLED 'BUILD A STRONGER, MORE MOBILE YOU' ON THIS WED. 13TH DEC. AT 1.00 PM. CLASSES FOCUSING ON IMPROVING MOBILITY/BUILDING STRENGTH/PREVENTING FALLS & INCREASING CONFIDENCE, GOING AT YOUR OWN SPEED AND ABILITY. CONTACT 049-4339188

Weekly Parish B I N G O

continues on Friday nights in Drumreilly Community Centre and on Surway 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: "The person who never made a mistake never made anything."



**Soon be Christmas Eve!
 SANTA! Ho! Ho! Ho!**

