

## Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

### **Carrigallen (Week commencing Saturday 06<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024):**

**Sat. 06<sup>th</sup> Jan. 11.15 am** – May Donohoe, Gortermone.

**Sun. 07<sup>th</sup> Jan. 11.15 am** – Thomas Baxter & D.F.M's, Druminshinglebe.

**Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 11.15 am** – Kathleen Murphy, Main Street (**Month's Mind Mass**)

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

### **Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024):**

**Sun. 07<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am** – Bridie Taaffe, Doogarry (**Month's Mind Mass**)

**Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am** – P.C. Lynch, Annagh & D.F.M's.

### **Drumreilly (Week commencing Friday 05<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024):**

**Fri. 05<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.30 pm** – Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.

**Sat. 06<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm** – Patsy Murray, Manchester & Kinkeen.

**Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm** – Tommy Connolly, Ardunsaghan.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

### **Weekly Offertory Collection:**

Carrigallen €750

Drumeela €540

Drumreilly €574

**Thought for the Week:** To be a person of faith - woman or man - is to be someone called to take risks in the service of God and of the people we love and serve.

### **Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (07<sup>th</sup> Jan. – 14<sup>th</sup> Jan.)**

**Sun.** - The Baptism of the Lord.

**Mon** – St. Albert of Cashel.

**Tues.** – St. Adrian of Canterbury.

**Wed.** – St. Dermot (*Diarmuid*).

**Thur.** – St. Alexander of Italy.

**Fri.** – St. Martin of Leon.

**Sat.** – St. Hilary of Poitiers.

**Sun.** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### **SAINT OF THE WEEK - SAINT ALBERT OF CASHEL**

St. Albert or Alberto was an 8<sup>th</sup> Century saint. He was born in England and ministered, primarily in Cashel, Co. Tipperary and Bavaria, Germany. Although little is written about his life, he was a renowned preacher and evangelist in Cashel and Bavaria. He may also have been appointed a Bishop in Ireland. On a return pilgrimage to Jerusalem with St. Erhard of Regensburg, Germany, St. Albert died at Ratisbon in Regensburg where his remains were interred. St. Albert was canonised in 1902 by Pope Leo XIII. He is the Patron Saint of Cashel and arthritis sufferers. We celebrate his Feast Day on **8<sup>th</sup> January**.

**SILENT RETREAT:** Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity Venue: St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo. Date: 5<sup>th</sup> February to 11<sup>th</sup> 2024. Cost: €540 full board. Contact: Helen: 086 167 8027/ [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com) or visit [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie) A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** This year's annual Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 inclusive. It will be led by Bishop Martin Hayes. Bookings are now being accepted by Cavan Travel Ltd., Main St. Cavan on 049-4361222.

**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.

**WEEKLY PARISH BINGO** 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... All support is welcome and appreciated.

**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 Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> Jan. on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

**CARRIGALLEN G.A.A. HEALTHY CLUB** - Ladies Gentle Exercise Classes resuming shortly on Mondays in the G.A.A. Clubrooms at starting at 11.00 am. Social Cuppa and a chat afterwards. All welcome.

**CARRIGALLEN PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:** Weekly meetings resuming on Friday morning 12<sup>th</sup> January 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. For more information contact Keith on 086-6035977.

**SENIOR SET DANCING CLASSES** commencing in Kilbracken Arms Hotel, Carrigallen on this Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 starting 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. BRIGID'D LADIES** are holding their annual Dinner Dance on Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. in Kilonan Castle at 6.45 pm to celebrate winning the Spring League, the League Intermediate Championship and competing in the 2023 Connacht Final. This is a huge achievement and something that should be celebrated by the whole community. Your support as always would be greatly appreciated. Tickets are available via a link on the St. Brigid's LGFA Facebook Page and on <https://www.klubfinder.com/Clubs/StBrigidDLGFA/TicketSales?> & from Maeve on (086) 8394398, Tara on (087)7686184 & Ciara on (087)2878661.

**WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR IRISH?:** Irish Conversation classes to help practice or improve your Irish (*Ciorcal Comhrá*) start in Ballinamore Library starting on this Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan at 8.00 pm. Different levels of Classes apply. Ring or text 087-6821566 to book a place. Beidh Fáilte Romhat. Admission is Free.

**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](http://www.LeitrimGAA.ie/challenge)



**THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE:** Donations accepted at the Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon on this Tues. 9<sup>th</sup>, Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 3:50 pm to 8:10 pm. Also, at the Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell on Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. at the same time. Please ring 1 800 222 111 for an appointment, with your donor ID number if an existing donor. All blood groups needed. New donors welcome and should ring 1 800 731137 to register. Give blood and save a life.

#### DIocese of Kilmore - ACCORD PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE DATES 2024

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. - 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. - 10.00 am - 5.00 pm.  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm.  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April - 10.00 am - 5.00 pm.  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. - 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm.  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. - 10.00 am - 5.00 pm.

It is planned that the above courses will take place face to face in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7. To book a place, please log onto [www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation](http://www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation)

#### NATIONAL SCHOOLS REOPENING

St. Mary's N.S. Drumeela - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 9.25 am.  
St. Mary's N.S. Drumlea - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 9.20 am.  
Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Carrigallen - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 9.20 am.

**Priest Phone Numbers:** Fr. John Mc Mahon [433 9610](tel:4339610) / *Mob. 086-2126582.*

**Parish Cluster:** Fr. Seán Mawn, Ballinamore [071-9644039](tel:0719644039) or [087-6869040](tel:0876869040);

Fr. Andrew Tully, Killeshandra [049-4334179](tel:0494334179) or [086-8050526](tel:0868050526);

Fr. Peter Tiernan, Cloone/Aughavas [071-9636016](tel:0719636016) or [086-3500114](tel:0863500114).

**Parish Website:** [www.carrigallenparish.ie](http://www.carrigallenparish.ie) The Parish Newsletter is uploaded to the site each weekend & you will also find a link to the daily livestreamed Masses from Carrigallen.

**Parish Newsletter:** This newsletter promotes Church, Voluntary and Community events. Newsletter articles must state author's name & phone number & can be written into one of the church diaries before **5.00 pm or Thursdays** or emailed to [carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie) by **4.00 pm on Fridays**. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

**Donate to your local Church online:** Visit [www.kilmorediocese.ie](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie) click on donate and choose Carrigallen Parish. In the 'message box', indicate which Church Area (*Carrigallen or Drumeela or Drumreilly*) you wish your contribution to be forwarded to. Thank you.

# Parish Newsletter

## St. Mary's Parish

Carrigallen - Drumeela - Drumreilly

07<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024 - Baptism of the Lord - Year B

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

*In today's Gospel (Mark 1: 7-11) we hear John the Baptist comparing his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will institute. John baptized with water, but the one who is to come after him will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was really just a preparation for the Christian Baptism we celebrate today, and through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all mankind and all sinners. As soon as Jesus comes out of the water, the Holy Spirit, like a dove, descends on Him and a voice from heaven is heard saying "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."*

*The baptism of Jesus is considered an important expression of God in the person of Jesus, like another epiphany. Jesus' baptism launches his earthly mission. Similarly, our own Baptism launches our mission as Christians. We believe that through Baptism we are also made children of God.*

**BAPTISM PRAYER:** *Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, I praise and thank You with my whole being that I was baptised into the body of Christ when I was born into the family of God. Thank You for the wonderful opportunity to declare my new-found faith in Christ and my new life in Him, by going down into the waters of baptism as an outward sign of death and coming up out of the waters as an outward sign of the inward change that took place in me at my rebirth. Praise to Your Holy Name. Amen.*