

## Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

### **Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024):**

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

**Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. 11.15 am** – Kevin Percival, Beaghmore.

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

### **Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024):**

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

**Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. 10.00 am** – Missa Pro Populo.

### **Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024):**

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

**Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm** – Theresa & Killian Mitchell, Kinkeen & D.F.M's.

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

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

<u>Church Area</u>	<u>Epiphany.</u>	<u>Weekend.</u>
Carrigallen	€301	€760 (Incl. €74 returns from Aughavas/Cloone/K'shandra)
Drumeela	€---	€485 (Incl. €50 returns from Ballyconnell)
Drumreilly	€191	€288 (Incl. €41 returns from Aughavas/Cloone)

**Thought for the Week:** "You cannot find peace by avoiding life!"

### Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (14<sup>th</sup> Jan. – 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.)

**Sun.** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Mon** – St. Ita of Killeedy.

**Tues.** – St. Furse (Fursa). **Wed.** – St. Anthony of Egypt.

**Thur.** – St. Margaret of Hungary. **Fri.** – St. Henry of Sweden.

**Sat.** – St. Féichín of Fore. **Sun.** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK - SAINT FÉICHÍN OF FORE

Féichín was born at Ballisodare, Co. Sligo. He was trained by St. Nathy of Achonry. After becoming a priest, he founded many monasteries throughout Ireland, his first and most famous being located at Fore, Co. Westmeath and another one at Cong, Co. Mayo. Féichín was one of the most active and influential of the Seventh Century Irish Saints. One of the miracles associated with him was the healing of a man who suffered from palsy and deafness from birth. After a life of sanctity, he died in 665 during the time of the Yellow Plague which caused widespread mortality, much social disruption and abandonment of religious faith. We celebrate his Feast Day on **20<sup>th</sup> January**.



### **In our Prayers, we remember:**

**John Patrick Baxter**, White Plains, New York and formerly of Drumreilly (*Kilmore & Corrala*), whose funeral took place in Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne New York on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January followed by burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

**Michael Brennan**, Killarkin, Leitrim Village and formerly of Sparkhill, Birmingham who died recently (*father of Kevin Brennan, Druminchin Glebe, Carrigallen*).

May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

**GROW IN LOVE:** Our parish and parents prepare their children for First Confession and First Holy Communion by taking part in the programme "Grow in Love" on Sun. next 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. at 10.00 am in St. Mary's, Drumeela and at 11.15 am in St. Mary's, Carrigallen.

**CHURCH UNITY:** This year's Church Unity Week runs from Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. to Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. We are asked to pray for the eventual unification of all Christian Churches and this year's theme is "You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself".

**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.

**IRISH MESSENGER - DRUMREILLY AREA** - Anyone who has not yet paid their annual subscription for this monthly magazine is requested to do so as soon as possible. Monies can be dropped into the metal collection box in the Church Porch. Thanks to all who have already subscribed. Contact Susan on 086-1686444.

**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 14<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 starting at 11.00 am. Social Cuppa and a chat afterwards. All welcome.

**CARRIGALLEN PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:** Weekly meetings 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. For more information contact Keith on 086-6035977.

**THE BACKPACK FOR ADULTS COURSE AT CAVAN INSTITUTE** will run again on Tuesday evenings from 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. for 8 weeks. This is a human and spiritual development programme containing topics such as Anxiety, Negative Looping Thoughts, Resilience Building, Self-Awareness, Boundary Setting and Healthy Relationship with Self, Others, and God. Apply online: [cavaninstitute.ie/eveningcourses](http://cavaninstitute.ie/eveningcourses) or call: 049-4377940.

**BALLINAMORE ATHLETIC CLUB** have resumed indoor and outdoor training at the Sports Hall on Tuesday evenings starting at 7.00 pm. New members very welcome and all relevant events/competitions catered for.

**AN GARDA SIOCHANA ARE HOLDING AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 20:00hrs** in Carrigallen Hall. All members of the public are welcome to attend to raise any issues.

**IRISH CONVERSATION CLASSES** to help practice or improve your Irish (*Ciorcal Comhrá*) in Ballinamore Library on Tuesday nights 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)

**RISKING IT IN 2024**

Two seeds lay side by side in the fertile soil. The first seed said 'I want to grow! I want to send roots deep into the soil beneath me and thrust my sprouts through the earth's crust above me....I want to unfurl my tender buds like banners to announce the arrival of spring....I want to feel the warmth of the sun on my face. and the blessing of the morning dew on my petals!' And so she grew.

The second seed said, 'I am afraid. If I send my roots into the ground below, I don't know what I will encounter in the dark. If I push my way through the hard soil above me, I may damage my delicate sprouts...what if I let my buds open and a snail tries to eat them? And if I open my blossoms, a small child may pull me from the ground....No, it is much better for me to wait until it is safe.' And so she waited. A HEN scratching around in the early Spring ground for food found the waiting seed and promptly ate it.

The moral of the story: Those of us who refuse to take a risk and grow will get swallowed up by life.

**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

14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

*In today's Gospel (John 1: 35-42) John the Baptist is talking to two of his disciples, Philip and Andrew. Jesus passes by and John realizes that he has taught all that he can and encourages the disciples to continue following Jesus who asks them what they are "looking for" and they answer, "Where do you stay?" This seemingly casual conversation is actually a serious meditation about the meaning of a vocation. Jesus isn't simply asking them why they are following him. He is questioning whether they are seeking something more in life. They have jobs already as they are experienced fishermen. Jesus tests them to see if they will accept religious duties. Will they commit to new careers?*

*Jesus does not force them to follow Him. He simply says to them that if they want to know who He is, then they are welcome to go with Him and to spend some time with Him. The best way to get to know someone is to live with them. After their time with Jesus, Andrew went and told his brother Peter about Jesus and brings him to meet Jesus. Andrew has now become a missionary disciple and shares with Peter what he himself experienced from being with Jesus.*

*Today, the same invitation is offered to us by Jesus – come follow me. He is asking us to become His missionary disciples. Whether we accept or not is left entirely up to ourselves. Through prayer we can both talk and listen to Jesus. If we accept the invitation, our lives will be changed and just like Andrew in the Gospel we too will want to share the Good News with others.*