

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 04th Feb. 2024):

Sun. 04th Feb. 11.15 am – Gráinne Heslin, Cloncorrick (**1st Anniv. Mass**) & also Fr. Dominic Heslin.

Mon. 05th Feb. 10 am - Dec'd members of the Doonan & Rowan families, Bredagh.

Tues. 06th Feb. 7.30 pm – Missa Pro Populo.

Wed. 07th Feb. 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.

Sun. 11th Feb. 11.15 am – Ellie Maguire, Cois Locha (**M.M. Mass**).

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

Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 04th Feb. 2024):

Sun. 04th Feb. 10.00 am – John & Mary Kate Dolan, Drumbrick.

Fri. 09th Feb. 7.30 pm - Mass of the Day.

Sun. 11th Feb. 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 03rd Feb. 2024):

Sat. 03rd Feb. 8.00pm – Jimmy Mitchell & his parents Agnes & Pat, Drumcoura.

Thurs. 08th Feb. 7.30 pm – Pat Curran, Corrawaleen.

Sat. 10th Feb. 8.00pm – Aoife Donegan-Kennedy, Gortahose.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Church Area	W/E 27 th /28 th Jan.
Carrigallen	€910
Drumeela	€290
Drumreilly	€360

Thought for the Week

Don't give from the top of the purse but from the bottom of the heart.

Feast Days / Memorials this Week (04th Feb. – 11th Feb.)

Sun. – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Mon – St. Agatha of Sicily.

Tues. – St. Dorothy of Caesarea.

Wed. – St. Mel of Ardagh.

Thur. – St. Josephine Bakhita.

Fri. – St. Teilo of Wales.

Sat. – St. Scholastica of Monte Cassino.

Sun. – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

POPES INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2024

The Holy Father encourages prayers “so that terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support.”

STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE, IS THIS FOR YOU? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before Wednesday 14th February. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com Click [here](#) to see a 2 minute introductory film.



In our Prayers, we remember:

UNA SWEENEY (née Galligan), Church Street, Ballyconnell & formerly of Killeshandra and Garadice (sister of Carmel Mc Gurren, Corglass) whose funeral took place in St. Patrick's Church, Kilnavart on Tuesday 30th January followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. *May her soul rest in 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 11th Feb. at 10.00 am in St. Mary's, Drumeela and at 11.15 am in St. Mary's, Carrigallen.

THE CHOSEN: This is an 8-week Lenten programme based on the Netflix series “The Chosen”, a historical drama depicting the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him. This programme begins on Thursday 15th February in the Kilbracken Arms Hotel at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: There will be a Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall on this Wednesday 7th February starting at 8:30 pm. All members are asked to attend.

CARRIGALLEN FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting on this Tuesday 6th February in the Parochial House at 8.30 pm. All members please attend.

CALLING ALL PIONEERS AND FRIENDS to the 25th Pioneer National Ball on Saturday 6th April 2024 beginning with Holy Mass at 6.00 pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by a guest speaker, dinner and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel. For more details contact 085-7201646 or 087-6544626.

DRUMREILLY COMMUNITY CENTRE: A committee meeting will be held on this Tuesday (6th Feb.) starting at 8.30 pm. All members please attend.

SCOIL MHUIRE NAOFA, CARRIGALLEN NS enrolment forms for Sept. 2024 are now available from the school & local crèches. Please return completed forms together with child's Birth Cert. and a copy of a utility bill on or before Fri. 16th Feb. 2024. Please email Secretary@carrigallenns.ie for further info. or phone the school on 049-4339929.

WEEKLY PARISH BINGO continues every Friday night in Drumreilly Community Centre starting at 8.30 pm sharp. Over €1,000 in prizes plus a raffle. All support welcome and appreciated for this weekly fundraiser for the Centre.

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 04th Feb. on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP hold their weekly meetings on Wednesday nights at 8.30 pm in the Community Centre. Many and varied activities, informative talks, outings etc.... Refreshments served. New members are always very welcome.

CARRIGALLEN G.A.A. HEALTHY CLUB: Ladies Gentle Exercise Classes resuming on Monday 12th February 2024 in the G.A.A. Clubrooms starting at 11.00 am. Social Cuppa and a chat afterwards. All welcome.



THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE mobile Unit will visit St. Brigid's Community Centre, Lough Gowna on Tues. 6th and Wed. 7th February. The Clinic opening times of both days will be from 3.50 pm to 8.00 pm. 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. You are asked to please help ensure that blood supplies are always available by giving blood regularly. It is important that we all remember that many patients in hospitals need our blood and this need never ceases. Who knows – the life you save could be your own.

NEW OPENING HOURS FOR CARRIGALLEN LIBRARY

The Library will now be open one late evening and two lunchtimes weekly, making borrowing your books and DVDs even easier. The new opening times are as follows:

Tuesdays 2 - 5 pm. Wednesdays 10 am - 2 pm.

Thursdays 4 - 7 pm. Fridays 10 am - 2 pm.

The Library will begin its new opening hours on **16th Feb**. Digital Skills classes and DK Fitness classes will be returning in early Spring, to book your space call 049-4339188.

A SPRING PRAYER

Dear Lord, Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we dislike. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth. May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Your name, this day and always. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT MEL - FEAST DAY 7TH FEB.

God, our Father, who in the springtime of the faith in Ireland raised up your servant, the bishop Saint Mel to foster the growth of the Church; grant that we who venerate his memory may never fail to imitate his tireless labour. Amen. St. Mel, pray for us.

Priest Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon [433 9610](tel:4339610) / *Mob.* [086-2126582](tel:0862126582).

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 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 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 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

04th Feb. 2024 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel (Mark 1: 29-39) is a follow on from last week's Gospel where we heard about Jesus exercising his authority and power through casting out a demon from a possessed man. This week we hear about Jesus continuing to perform miracles. Firstly, He goes with James & John to the house of Simon & Andrew where Simon's mother-in-law is in bed with a fever and is immediately healed by Jesus. Next, the word gets out and the whole town brings those who are sick or possessed by demons to Him. Jesus continues to show his authority by healing many.

Through Jesus's miracles he revealed his identity as the Messiah and God in the flesh. It is through His divine nature that he performed these miracles. Jesus continued to preach, heal, and set free those afflicted by evil throughout His earthly ministry in Galilee. In doing so, He prepared the way for His ultimate demonstration of His divine power and authority in dying and rising from the dead to bring the ultimate healing and freedom from the affliction of sin in our lives. Let us, therefore, have complete trust in his saving power. This Gospel shows us that God has the power to overcome anything. Whatever we are going through, we can trust in God's power and have the assurance that He has everything in control.

And finally, the Gospel also tells us that Jesus went to a quiet place to pray amidst the busyness of His Public Ministry. For us too, it's important to drag ourselves away from the busyness of our daily lives to somewhere quiet where we can pray from the heart. God is always listening!