

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 18th Feb. 2024):

Sun. 18th Feb. 11.15 am – Kevin Mc Cabe, Drumsillagh **(M.M. Mass).**
Mon. 19th Feb. 10.00 am – Mass of the Day.
Tues. 20th Feb. 7.30 pm – Mass of the Day.
Wed. 21st Feb. 10.00 am – Charles, Mary-Kate & Teresa Kiernan, Sessiagh.
Fri. 23rd Feb. 7.30 pm - John & Mary Kate Morrow, Aughawillan followed by Stations of the Cross.
Sun. 25th Feb. 11.15 am – Jim & Lily O'Neill, Killahurk.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 18th Feb. 2024):

Sun. 18th Feb. 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.
Sun. 25th Feb. 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 17th Feb. 2024):

Sat. 17th Feb. 8.00 pm – James & Siss Kiernan, Cruclahan and their grandson, Tiernan Byrne, Trim.
Thurs. 22nd Feb. 8.30 am – Mary Kate & John Brady, Carrickmakeegan.
Sat. 24th Feb. 8.00 pm – Hugh Mc Cartin, Ardunsaghan.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

| <u>CHURCH AREA</u> | <u>OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS - W/E 10th / 11th FEB.</u> |
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| Carrigallen | €558 |
| Drumeela | €284 |
| Drumreilly | €441 |

Thought for the Week

Love is a risky business, but it's worth the risk.

Feast Days / Memorials this Week (19th Feb. – 24th Feb.)

Mon – St. Odrán (St. Patrick's Chariot Driver). **Tues.** – St. Colgan of Clonmacnoise.
Wed. – St. Peter Damian of Italy. **Thur.** – St. Margaret of Cortona.
Fri. – St. Polycarp of Turkey. **Sat.** – St. Ethelbert of Kent.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE in the Main Hall of the RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 on 23rd, 24th & 25th February 2024. This year's theme is 'Jesus, I Trust in You'. Tickets can be purchased by phone on 085-2216128 or on www.divinemercuryconference.com Friday evening is free. One of this year's speakers will be Fr. Seán Kelly OFM CAP, a native of Ballinamore.



In our Prayers, we remember:

P.J. CONEFREY, Drumnamore (father of Kieran Conefrey, former Principal, St. Mary's N.S. Drumlea) whose funeral took place in St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas on Thurs. 15th Feb. followed by burial in Fenagh Abbey Cemetery.

May his soul rest in heavenly peace.

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 continues on Thursday nights in the Kilbracken Arms Hotel starting at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

BIBLE STUDY & LECTIO DIVINA IN LENT: An introduction to the Gospel of St. John, followed by prayerful reading of Gospel passages (*Lectio Divina*) led by Bishop Emeritus Leo O'Reilly, takes place each Thursday during Lent from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm in the Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7. All are welcome. For further information, contact the Centre on 049-4375004.

LENT BIBLE LEGO CLUB: Lego Bible Cub given by Brian Parker (*Faith Missions*) on Sun. 18th & 25th Feb. & also on Sun. 3rd & 24th March in Newtowngore Hall from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm. All National Schoolchildren are welcome. Suggested donation €1 per child.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP NIGHT in Killennummery Parish Hall, Dromahair on Thurs. 7th March at 7.30 pm. Speakers include Fr. John Joe Duffy, Creeslough, Lisa Cull, Michael Harding and Aisling O'Reilly. This is a free event. Light refreshments served. All welcome.

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA CAMINO 2024: Join Focus Ireland 'In the Footsteps of St James' on a fully guided walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela along the Camino de Frances and help support families in our community's experiencing homelessness. Dates 27th May to 3rd June. Ex Dublin. Contact Monica on 087-954 7007 or email events@focusireland.ie for details and bookings.

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. Please support your local weekly bingo fundraising event 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 18th 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 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. For more info. contact Keith on 086-6035977.

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

REPORT ON RESPONSES FROM PARISH MEETINGS IN RESPECT OF BISHOP

HAYES' PASTORAL LETTER: A number of copies are available to parishioners on the tables in the porches of each of the Churches. Please pick up a copy.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Bishop Martin Hayes has sent a message to the people of the Diocese. This message can be accessed on www.facebook.com/share/v/KLtAEe64mdCKPnwZ/ If you are familiar with social media, you will have little difficulty connecting to this. Please pass it on to your friends and other parishioners so that as many people can see this message.

EXPLORING THE MASS

This is a Lenten series with Bishop Martin and Kilmore Faith Development Team. Ever wondered about the reasons behind our actions during Mass? Curious about the true significance of it all and the origins of the Mass itself? Have you ever heard someone say, "I'm not getting much from Mass"? Maybe the real question is, "What am I contributing to Mass? Am I genuinely involved, or just an observer?" You are warmly invited to join Bishop Martin and members of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Development Team on a unique three-week online series to explore these questions and more with videos explaining the different parts of the Mass, interactive discussions, personal stories, and an opportunity to ask questions. The sessions will run on three Tuesday evenings: February 27th, March 5th and March 12th. Each session will start at 7:30 pm. and last an hour and a half. Everyone is most welcome! To register, please send your name and email address to pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie

TRÓCAIRE 2024

This year Trócaire's lenten campaign focuses on the country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change. In the Machinga district, Malita and her family must make a one-hour trip up to five times a day to collect water. Please support Trócaire in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking home a Trócaire box today or going to: www.trocaire.org

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 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 on 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

18th Feb. 2024 – First Sunday of Lent - Year B

GOSPEL REFLECTION (Mark 1: 12-15)

On this, the First Sunday of Lent we begin a time of reflection on our lives. Jesus did this by heading off to the wilderness or the desert for a period of forty days and forty nights. His journey was guided by the Holy Spirit and He was minded by the angels. The figure forty is also mentioned in the Old Testament as it was the number of years spent wandering by the Israelites in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed for forty days and forty nights through the desert on his way to Horeb. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

Today's Gospel also marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our everyday lives. During Lent, we too are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in His saving death on the cross.

A Prayer at the Beginning of Lent: God of goodness and mercy, hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with You. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from You. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to Your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to You each day. Amen.

