

## Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

### **Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 31st March 2024):**

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Mar. 11.15 am** – Mass of the Resurrection.  
**Tues. 02<sup>nd</sup> Apr. 7.30 pm** – Mass of the Day.  
**Wed. 03<sup>rd</sup> Apr. 10.00 am** – Mass of the Day.  
**Fri. 05<sup>th</sup> Apr. 7.30 pm** – Sheila Doonan, Bredagh (**Month's Mind Mass**).  
**Sat. 06<sup>th</sup> Apr. 12 noon** – Delia Higgins, Aughawillan (**Month's Mind Mass**).  
**Sun. 07<sup>th</sup> Apr. 11.15 am** – Rita Delaney, Bredagh (**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass**).  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

### **Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024):**

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Mar. 10.00 am** – Mass of the Resurrection.  
**Sun. 07<sup>th</sup> Apr. 10.00 am** – Dec'd members of the Smith family, Ardunsaghan.

### **Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024):**

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. 8.00 pm** – The Easter Vigil.  
 James Quinn, Drumcoura, & Fr. John Quinn, Glenfarne.  
**Mon. 01<sup>st</sup> Apr. 12 noon** – Funeral Mass for Esther Maguire, Carrickmakeegan.  
**Thurs. 04<sup>th</sup> Apr. 7.30 pm** – Paddy & Sue Maguire, Mullaghmore.  
 Michael & Kay Maguire, Killameen.  
**Sat. 06<sup>th</sup> Apr. 8.00 pm** – Margaret (*Baby*) Reilly & all the deceased members of the Reilly family, Killameen.  
**Sun. 07<sup>th</sup> Apr. 3.00 – 4.00 pm**: Holy Hour of Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday.  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesday evenings from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

<u>CHURCH AREA</u>	<u>OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS - W/E 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> March</u>
Carrigallen	€740 (Including €40 returns from Killeshandra)
Drumeela	€290
Drumreilly	€304

**Thought for the Week:** "It is always Eastertime in the heart that loves God."

#### **LIFE IS STRONGER**

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him any longer; Death is strong, but Life is stronger;  
 Stronger than the dark is the light. Stronger than the wrong is the right;  
 Faith and Hope triumphant say, Christ will rise on Easter Day.

**CARE FOR CREATION AND BUILDING A BETTER WORLD:** The Laudato Si' five-week training programme commencing in April 2024 will equip you with the knowledge and skills to become a certified Laudato Si' Animator in your parish community. To learn more and to register: [www.laudatosianimators.org](http://www.laudatosianimators.org)



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

**ESTHER MAGUIRE** (*née Slevin*), Carrickmakeegan, and formerly of Killafee, Aughavas whose funeral takes place in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 12 noon followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

*May her soul rest in heavenly peace.*

**TRÓCAIRE:** Please remember to bring in your Lenten Trócaire contributions for 2024 as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

**A YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME** is being organised by the Ceilí Catholic Community, Kilbeggan with the Support of the Diocese of Meath (*Tentatively starting in April 2024*). A friendly course of 8 modules, one weekend a month. Open to people over 18. Tuition fees cost approx. €120 per module. Free accommodation is offered for the weekends at Ceilí Evangelisation Centre! For further information or for applying for the course email: [school@ceilicomunity.net](mailto:school@ceilicomunity.net) or call or text 087 9789150.

**CALLING ALL 18 TO 30 YEAR OLDS!** Do you want to explore your faith with other like-minded young people in a beautiful and reflective location? Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg on Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. A free event. To register please visit [www.tiny.cc/loughderg](http://www.tiny.cc/loughderg) or email [info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk)

**MOYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL – MASS:** As part of Moyne Community School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations we are delighted to invite all past members of the school community to celebrate a special Mass with us in the school gym on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May starting at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**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 come along and 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 31<sup>st</sup> Mar. 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 including gentle exercise. Refreshments served. New members always very welcome.

**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.

**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.

**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2024:** This annual community event in Ballinamore is being hosted by Ballinamore Community School on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May starting at 4.00 am. Register to take part on [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie) Volunteers needed to act as stewards. Contact Teresa in the school office on 071-9644049.

## BÓTHAR LAUNCHES EASTER FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR PALESTINE

The Irish charity, Bóthar CLG, today's launches their Easter 2024 fundraising campaign for Palestine. Speaking at the launch, Ailish O'Reilly, CEO of Bóthar, said "it is almost beyond our understanding that four-fifths of all starving people the world are in Gaza, in an area the size of Kilkenny City. It is impossible to see what is unfolding for children and families in Palestine and not do something to help." "Easter in an important time in Palestine. Children should be colouring eggs, looking forward to a feast of traditional dishes and spending time with extended family" says O'Reilly. "I see a photo of children on a news report from a few months ago and I wonder if they are still alive today." Bóthar is calling on people in Ireland to help people in Palestine this Easter by giving whatever they can afford. All donations that include donor address details will receive an acknowledgement receipt. Cheques or Postal Orders may be sent to Bóthar, Regus Castletroy, Business Reply, Limerick, V94 Y6FD. Donations for emergency aid for Palestine can also be made by phone on 1800 26 84 63 or online at [www.bothar.ie](http://www.bothar.ie)

### We Are One with the Risen Christ

Lord, we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sunrises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colours of promise in your word.

Lord, we lift our prayers to you. As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always. And so, we lift our voices to you. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise you! Amen.

**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 [Wednesdays](#) or emailed to [carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie) by [12 noon 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

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 – Easter Sunday - Year B

### Is that the end of Easter?

We have an early Easter this year. The weather doesn't correspond to the season. We hope and pray for an improvement. Our world seems to be upside down at the minute, but we have the good news of the Gospel which speaks of love and forgiveness. Once again at Easter we are reminded about the core of our hope and faith which is best expressed by St. Paul. "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is empty, but we know that Christ has been raised from the dead the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep". It's only in the light of the Risen Christ we have the confidence to meet the challenges and difficulties in our lives and the many struggles we see other people make.

The unfortunate innocent people caught up in war and conflict. We are called by virtue of our baptism to bring the light of Christ to a darken and broken world. We do this in the ordinary everyday things in life. It's interesting that when the apostles met Jesus after his resurrection it was in the ordinary. They met him in a garden as Mary Magdalene did when she may have been tidying or watering the flowers. The two disgruntled disciples met him on the road to Emmaus. The others went back fishing and met him on the shore as he prepared breakfast for them. We find the resurrection anytime we are uplifted in love and prayer, when we are just and kind, when we forgive and live in peace. The big gift the risen Lord gives us is peace. He says many times, "Peace I leave you". So, these Easter days we open ourselves to the life and breath of peace in the Risen Christ. We remember the prayer of St Francis: "Lord make me a means of your Peace".

**A Word of Thanks:** I want to thank all those who took part in the Holy Week Ceremonies beginning on Palm Sunday last: the readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, choirs, those who looked after music, sacristans, altar societies and church cleaners. On behalf of the parishioners, I want to thank them for their help during the year. The love of God is so great that it conquers all, even death, and provides us with a hope of resurrection and eternal life. I wish you Easter blessings. *Fr. John.*