

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

Carrigallen (Week commencing Sunday 24th March 2024):

Sun. 24th Mar. 11.15 am – Vincent Gray, Bredagh and all deceased members of the Gray & Smith families.

Mon. 25th Mar. 10.00 am – Missa Pro Populo.

Tues. 26th Mar. 7.30 pm – Larry, Lucy & Gerry Mc Dermott, Church Street and all dec'd members of the Mc Dermott & Sheridan families.

Fri. 29th Mar. 3.00 pm – Service of the Lord's Passion.

8.00 pm to 9.00 pm – Prayer around the Cross (*See note below**).

Sun. 31st Mar. 11.15 am – Mass of the Resurrection.

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

Drumeela (Week commencing Sunday 24th March 2024):

Sun. 24th Mar. 10.00 am – Margaret & Owen Connolly, Drummingore & D.F.M's

Thurs. 28th Mar. 8.00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Sun. 31st Mar. 10.00 am – Mass of the Resurrection.

Drumreilly (Week commencing Saturday 23rd March 2024):

Sat. 23rd Mar. 8.00 pm – Kay Fee, Clonboyher.

Sat. 30th Mar. 8.00 pm – The Easter Vigil.
James Quinn, Drumcoura, & Fr. John Quinn, Glenfarne.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS - <i>W/E 16th / 17th March</i>
Carrigallen	€1,217 (Youth Ministry €340)
Drumeela	€534
Drumreilly	€406

Thought for the Week: "In faith, there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't."

***CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER ON TUESDAY 26TH MARCH AS FOLLOWS:**

St. Mary's, Drumreilly at 7.00 pm. St. Mary's, Drumeela at 7.30 pm.

St. Mary's, Carrigallen at 8.00 pm.

Neighbouring priest will help in celebrating the Sacrament.

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS



On Good Friday evening we will have Prayer around the Cross for all suffering people especially those caught up in wars and conflicts. This prayer will take the form of Short Scripture Readings, Music, Prayers of Intercession, Lighting of Candles and some quiet time before the Cross. This will take place on Friday next (*Good Friday*) from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen. Please join in prayer at this time.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE in St. Patrick's Church, Ballinamore on this Sunday (24th March) at 6.00 pm with visiting priests. Also, a blessing and anointing for healing.

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

CHRISM MASS: This year's Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral, Cavan on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30 pm. Parishioners are invited to attend.

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. 27th 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 or email info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

EASTER CAMP for primary school children from Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th March in the G.A.A. grounds from 10.00 am to 2.30 pm daily. Sports, Design & Make, Art, Team Building, Outdoor & Adventure. To book a place, contact Lisa on 087-2720307.

CARRIGALLEN GAA ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ takes place this Good Friday night 29th March in Carrigallen Community Hall starting at 7.30 pm sharp. Everyone welcome.

DRUMREILLY ANNUAL ROADSIDE LITTER PICK-UP is now being held throughout the parish. Your help will be much appreciated. Bags will be collected in the usual places by Seamus Quinn or Pádraig Fee. Contact Seamus on 086-8633839. Keep Drumreilly tidy.

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 including extra raffle prizes and Easter Eggs on Good Friday. Please come along and support your local bingo.

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 24th 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.

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

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ADDICTED TO SUFFER FROM ADDICTION!

M-PACT supports the whole family, helping to improve relationships, communication and recovery. A FREE eight-week programme will begin on Tuesday 9th April 2024. If interested or would like further information, please contact 071-9150578 / 085-875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com

Charity Tax Refund Scheme

Forms CHY 3 have recently issued to parishioners who have contributed at least €250 to the Parish via the Church contribution envelope system in 2023. If you have paid income tax (*Paye or Self-assessment*) in 2023, then please complete the form and return it to your local Church as soon as possible. The Parish, as a registered Charity, can then submit a refund claim to Revenue based on the taxes you have paid. Every contribution of €250 will yield a refund of €112.32 to the Parish. As this is an important source of Government income for your local Church, we appeal to you to return the completed forms to us. These forms are held securely in the Parish Office and are not used for any other purpose other than for the aforementioned claim. Thanks to all who have already returned their forms.

A PRAYER ON PALM SUNDAY

Triumphant Lord, we rejoice in Your entry into the world and into our lives! Joining with the crowds, we sing Your praises and exalt Your reign, but even so, our hearts are far from true worship, our minds are distant from true understanding. We are uninspired by Your selflessness. Our sin leads us to give You death even though You give us life. Our treachery guides us to war even though You call us to peace. Help us to reflect in our lives the glory of Your Son and to live faithfully here and now. Have mercy on us, Saviour of all, find us in these forsaken places. Forgive what we have done and who we have been. Bring us home again and impart within us a new song of joy and celebration. 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, Killshandra [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.

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St. Mary's Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly



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HOLY WEEK

Today, **Palm/Passion Sunday**, we remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the back of a borrowed donkey as Saviour and King. A large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Him royal treatment while singing "Hosanna in the Highest". Ironically it was the same crowd who would shout "Crucify Him" a few days later.

On **Spy Wednesday**, Jesus and His disciples prepared for Passover. The term "Spy" refers to Judas Iscariot and how he betrayed our Lord to the religious leader in exchange for thirty silver coins.

On **Holy Thursday**, we celebrate the Lord's Supper, where Jesus instituted the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the priesthood. Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment to love one another as He loved them, washing their feet as a sign of service and humility.

On **Good Friday**, the Church remembers the Passion and death of Jesus Christ, where He suffered and died on the cross for the salvation of humanity. Today we fast and abstain from meat. The liturgy of the day includes the reading of the Passion of Christ and the Veneration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday is a day of silence and reflection, where the Church waits in anticipation of Christ's Resurrection. The Easter Vigil is the most significant liturgy of the year, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death, through the lighting of the Paschal candle.

Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the triumph of life over death. This day is marked by joyous celebrations, with the proclamation of the Easter Gospel and singing hymns of praise.

I await the new life with eagerness, faith and a deep gratitude. Amen.