

Parish Newsletter

21st April 2024 Good Shepherd Sunday Year B

PSALM 23 —

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

King David was the author of this well-known and much-loved psalm and who better to compose it as he spent a good portion of his young life looking after sheep and lambs. Their lives were in his hands and depended entirely on him. He cared for them, fed them, led them and protected them.

David had first-hand experience of what this job required, the character and skill level, the care, compassion, patience and endurance it took to make sure these sheep were provided for and kept safe. Sheep have a natural tendency for straying and in David's time there was no sheep wire, so the job was that bit more difficult. But he persevered and succeeded with the job in hand. He was later called by God to be King and ruler of Israel.

Psalm 23 describes a journey. It declares God's goodness, His guidance and His presence throughout the entirety of our journey through life. The end goal is a banquet in His presence forever. Our journey often includes deep, dark valleys and our climb to the hilltop can be tough.

But we are assured that our Good Shepherd, a powerful and compassionate God will be with us every step of the way. His shepherding can be experienced by us through the highs and the lows, the good times and the bad, the times of uncertainty and the times of hope.

Just like David's sheep, we too can often stray away from the flock and become a bit lost. But our God will find us, lift us up and carry us safely home. There was a time when all mankind strayed into sin but God through His great love and mercy for humanity, sent His Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ who lived with us and died for us so that we might be saved and become guests in His eternal kingdom. God's love and protection is the same for us today as it always was, and we give thanks for the assurances and glorious promises contained in Psalm 23

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE organised by the Bishops' Council for Life, will be celebrated at Knock Shrine on Sat. 4th May starting at 2.30 pm with Anointing of the Sick, followed by Mass at 3.00pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, subject to weather conditions. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy of Tuam. Everyone is invited to join this pilgrimage to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life. Speaking ahead the pilgrimage, Bishop Kevin Doran, who is chairman of the Council for Life, said: "I very much look forward to this first National Pilgrimage for Life, which gives us all the opportunity, as advocates for life, to draw strength and inspiration from Mary, who is mother of Jesus and mother of the Church. Central to our pilgrimage will be the Eucharist which nourishes us through life as well as being a particular source of strength to the sick and the dying."

VOCATIONS PRAYER: Father God, we know how much our world needs the witness of good priests who imitate the Good Shepherd and know how to share the love of the Sacred Heart. We now renew our trust in you who never abandons his flock and promises to be with his people until the end of time. Accompany your people through the ministry of priests, in which Jesus himself sanctifies, embraces, feeds, heals, teaches and leads his people and invites everyone to draw new life from the wellspring of divine grace. Assist young men amid the noise of daily life to hear God speaking to them within their hearts and to generously respond to the call of Christ to share in his sacred ministry. In this way, sensitive to the particular needs of Irish society in the 21st century, a new generation of men will surely be inspired, willing and well prepared to spend their lives for the sake of the Lord's flock, joyfully preaching the word of God, faithfully celebrating the sacraments and humbly serving those in need. Mary Queen of Priests, pray for us. Saint Joseph, faithful servant of God, pray for us.

Margaret of New Orlean's Corner House—Main St Carrigallen H12 P744

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION — On Tuesday 30th April at 8.00 pm—

To discuss plans for this Community space. All Welcome!

Priests Phone Numbers

Priests phone numbers: Fr John McMahon 049 433 9610. Mobile: 086 2126582.

Fr S Mawn (B'more) 071 9644039/087 6869040. Fr Andrew Tully (Killeshandra) 049 4334179.

Fr Peter Tiernan (Cloone/Aughavas) 071 9636016/086 3500114.

You may place your notices in the Diaries in each Church before **5.00 pm on Thursdays**. Notices should be signed, and a phone number provided. Or you may email: carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie by 5.00 pm on Fridays.

The editors reserve the right to omit or amend any notice.

Parish Masses *Anniversaries*

Carrigallen (*Masses are livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie*)

Sun 21st April 11.15 am Rose Tierney *Tully*
 Mon 22nd 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo
 Tues 23rd 7.30 pm Elizabeth & Bernard Magee
Main Street
 Wed 24th 10.00 am Mass of the Day
 Fri 26th 7.30 pm Thomas & Mary Morrow. Eugene & T.P. Murphy *Aughawillan*

Sun 28th April 11.15 am Barry McIntyre, *Cloncorrick*

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tues. 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am

Drumeela

Sun 21st April 10.00 am Terry Reilly *Corracar* [MONTHS MIND]
 Sun 28th 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo

Drumreilly

Sat 20th April 8.00 pm Mary & John Gaffney *Corrala*
 Thurs 25th 7.30 pm Mass of the Day
 Sat 27th 8.00 pm Tom & Molly McCartin *Killameen*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Thought for the Week: "When the sun sleeps, the darkness awakens. When the shepherd disappears, the wolf appears on the horizon."

In our Prayers, we remember—

Vera McLoughlin (*née Maguire*), Slough, Berkshire, England and formerly of Aghalough. Funeral will take place in Slough. Also Seán Maguire, Ruislip, London and formerly of Mullaghmore. Funeral will take place in Ruislip. *May their souls rest in heavenly peace.*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 13TH/14TH APRIL

Carrigallen: €1,155 (*Incl. €115 returns from Aughavas/Cloone*)

Drumeela: €268

Drumreilly: €365 (*Incl. €95 returns from Ballinamore*)

General Notices

POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL 2024: For the role of women—we pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

SWEET SPIRIT COUNTRY GOSPEL CHOIR: *under the direction of Tish Dunleavy will present an evening of country, folk, Gospel and some classics in St. Patrick's Church, Aughawillan on Friday 26th April starting at 8.00 pm sharp. All proceeds going towards parish funds. Admission is €10.*

HEALING RETREAT WITH EDDIE STONES in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal from 26th to 28th April 2024. For further information contact 087-784 7304 or 086-315 2460.

2024 NATIONAL ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK Sat. 13th April from 7.00 pm to 9.15 pm. Pilgrimage Day—Sun. 14th April from 10.30 am—5.30 pm. info@eucharisticadoration.ie

BURREN OUTDOOR RETREAT, CO CLARE W Sat. 4th to Mon. 6th May. *Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. Information: Mary 087-970 1130. Booking: Noirin 087-447 9115.*

LEITRIM VOLUNTEER CENTRE OUTREACH OFFICE based in The Island Theatre Ballinamore, working with volunteers and organisations to promote and enhance volunteering across Leitrim. For more information and to register your group or as an individual contact Claire on 087-769 6514 or e mail claire@volunteerleitrim.ie

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

DRUMREILLY COMMUNITY CENTRE Our A.G.M. is scheduled for Tuesday 30th April starting at 8.30 pm sharp. All parish groups and organisations should be represented at this meeting as we plan for the year ahead. Everyone welcome.

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 21st April on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

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.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

Carrigallen N.S. are holding a cash for clobber fundraising collection on Fri 10th May 2024. Items accepted are clean clothes, paired shoes, belts, ties, handbags, hats and soft toys. No duvets, bedding, pillows, cushions, rugs or mats allowed. Bags can be dropped into the school from Mond 22nd April. *Thank you for your continued support.*

INVITATION TO THE MINISTRY OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE Applications are invited from men who are willing to consider the ministry of Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kilmore. Further information is available on brochures on church noticeboards or by contacting Fr. Paul Prior, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, Kilmore Diocesan Office, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7 on 049-4331496 or by email: diaconate@kilmorediocese.ie

FEAST DAYS/MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK (22ND-27TH APRIL)

Mon St Joseph of Persia
Tues: St George of England
Wed: St Diarmaid of Armagh
Thur: St Mark the Evangelist
Fri: St Cas of Bangor
Sat: St Asicus of Elphin

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

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.

Drumreilly Active Age Group

are holding their annual May Social on Wednesday 1st May at 8.30 pm in the Community Centre. Music by Seamus Farrell and food served. *Everyone welcome to come along.*

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.*