

**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."

**THE POOR CLARES IN GALWAY** are hosting an online Q & A for young women who would like to know more about the Poor Clare way of life. The event takes place from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on Wed. 1st May. For more info. contact; [vocations@poorclares.ie](mailto:vocations@poorclares.ie)

**CARRIGALLEN TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE** Are holding a Coffee Morning on Sunday 5th May from 12 noon to 2.00 pm in Carrigallen Hall. This is a fundraiser for flowers, compost, paint, supplies etc... Join us for a cuppa and baked treats. Please give your support to make our town beautiful. The entire community is welcome.

**Margaret of New Orleans' Corner House—Main St Carrigallen H12 P744**  
**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION** — On Tuesday 30th April at 8.00pm—  
To discuss plans for this Community space. All Welcome!

**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](mailto:carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie) by 5.00 pm on Fridays.

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

# Parish Newsletter

28th April 2024—Fifth Sunday of Easter—Year B

## I AM THE VINE — YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

*In today's Gospel (John 15: 1-8) we hear about the vine, its branches and its fruit. We are reminded that when we believe and remain in Christ, our true vine, that God lives in us, and we live in Him. So, we are invited to reflect on our relationship with Christ who is the true vine and, also its effect on our lives and on the lives of those around us. As Christians we are also expected and encouraged to bear positive and good fruits.*

*This gospel calls for us to strengthen our relationship with Christ in order to continue to live in Him. The type of relationship that should exist between us and Christ is illustrated using what is natural to us in everyday life. That is the relationship between the trees and their branches. No branch as we see and know can have life or bear fruit on its own unless it is firmly attached to a tree. Similarly, in our spiritual life, we cannot fulfil our Christian duties without being firmly attached to Christ the vine in whose name we have been baptized. However, it is important to note that remaining in Christ is for a purpose. This purpose is to bear fruit. Instead of a passive action that produces no effects, it means an active and lively action that produces charity, peace, holiness, pure reverence, love for God and our neighbours, and many other good virtues that touch other lives positively.*

*So, today provides us with an opportunity to ask ourselves about how is our relationship with Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Are we still strongly attached to Christ or are we like withering weak branches. How is our relationship with Christ positively helping others around us. We cannot really say that we believe in Christ and live in Him, while living in disharmony with those around us. Therefore, if we are truly in Christ and with Christ, we must bear positive fruits of charity towards others. We must encourage and motivate others to become united with Christ who is the true vine. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in His name.*

# Parish Masses *Anniversaries*

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

Sun 28th April 11.15 am Barry McIntyre, *Cloncorrick*  
 Mon 29th 10.00 am Mass of the Day  
 Tues 30th 7.30 pm Brendan & Mary Hunt *Church Street.*  
 Wed 1st May 10.00 am Mass of the Day  
 Sat 4th 12.00 noon First Holy Communion  
 Sun 5th 11.15 am Kathleen Farrelly, *Main Street*

[FIRST ANNIVERSARY]

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

## Drumeela

Sun 28th April 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo  
 Fri 3rd May 7.30 pm Vin McGovern *Derrinlester*  
 Sun 5th 10.00 am John, Mary & John Francis  
 Fitzpatrick *Drumloona*

## Drumreilly

Sat 27th April 8.00 pm Tom & Molly McCartin *Killameen*  
 Thurs 2nd May 7.30 pm Esther Maguire, Carrickmakeegan  
 [MONTHS MIND], also remembering her husband Jamesy & all deceased members of the Maguire & Slevin families.  
 Sat 4th May 8.00pm Bernard & Annie J. Corby *Druminshingore*

**Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm**

*Thought for the Week: "Do not be afraid to go out on a limb... That's where the fruit is"*

### MOYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL—MASS

As part of Moyne Community School 50th 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 3rd May starting at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 20TH/21ST APRIL

**Carrigallen: €680 Drumeela: €229**

**Drumreilly: €281**

# 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** for the children from *Scoil Mhuire Naofa* takes place on Saturday next 4th May at 12 noon in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen..

**WORK ON ST MARY'S CHURCH CARRIGALLEN** Work will hopefully begin to the sacristy, porch and barges on the roof to Carrigallen Church this coming week. The contractor states that it will take 5/6 weeks to complete. As the work is confined to these areas it is hoped that they will not interfere with morning Mass. If it does, we may have to change all weekday masses to the evening along with the adoration on Wednesday.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place on Wednesday 1st May at 8.30 pm in the Tom Clarke Memorial Rooms in Carrigallen Hall. All members please attend.

**BURREN OUTDOOR RETREAT, CO CLARE** 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.

**LOUGH DERG ONE DAY RETREATS IN MAY 2024 AS FOLLOWS** Sun. 5th/Mon. 6th/Sun. 12th/Tues. 14th/Sat. 18th/Sat. 25th/ & Mon. 27th May. Admission €45. A Quiet Day on Sat. 11th May. Admission €35. Booking essential for all retreats. Phone 071-9861518 or visit: [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**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 28th April on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

**DRUMREILLY— 'YESTERDAY & TODAY** is the title of a book published by the Active Age Group many years ago. It is now planned to re-print this book so if anybody would like to purchase a copy, please contact any member of the Active Age Group as soon as possible, please..

## 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](mailto:diaconate@kilmorediocese.ie)

## FEAST DAYS/MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK (29TH APRIL-4TH MAY)

**Mon** St Catherina of Siena  
**Tues:** St Pius V  
**Wed:** St Joseph the Worker  
**Thur:** St Neachtain of Louth  
**Fri:** St Conleth of Kildare  
**Sat:** The English Martyrs

## CRUINNIÚ NA NÓG

To Celebrate Cruinniú Na nÓg, Ballinamore Library will be running an 8-week Rap Workshop for children aged 10 upwards. This event will be hosted by Max Lyrical Rap. To obtain more info. about the project you can phone us (071) 9645566 or email us on [ballinamorelibrary@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:ballinamorelibrary@leitrimcoco.ie) Day: Wed. 1st May 2024. Time: 5.00 pm-6.30 pm.

## 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.*