

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 9th March 2025):

Sun. 09th March – 11.15 am: Delia Higgins, Aughawillen (*First Anniv. Mass*).
Mon. 10th March – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.
Tues. 11th March – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.
Wed. 12th March – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.
Sun. 16th March – 11.15 am: Barry Mc Intyre, Cloncorrick.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 9th March 2025):

Sun. 09th March – 10.00 am: Sheila, Danny & Kevin Mitchell & D.F.M's, NTG.
 John & Cathriona O'Brien & D.F.M's, NTG.
Fri. 14th March – 7.30 pm: Terry Reilly, Corcar (*First Anniversary Mass*)
 followed by *Stations of the Cross for Lent*.
Sun. 16th March – 10.00 am: Owen & Margaret Connolly, Druminshingore & D.F.M's

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 8th March 2025):

Sat. 08th March – 8.00pm: John & Mary Kate Brady, Carrickmakeegan.
Thurs. 13th March – 7.30 pm: Missa Pro Populo.
Sat. 15th March – 8.00 pm: John Armstrong, Crucklahan & D.F.M's.
Sun. 16th March – 8.00 pm: Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 01 st /02 nd March 2025	
Carrigallen	€725	
Drumeela	€256	
Drumreilly	€273	

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (10th March – 15th March)

Mon. - St. John Ogilvie of Glasgow. 17th Century Priest and Martyr. Former Calvinist.
Tues. - St. Aengus (Óengus) of Tallaght. Ninth Century Bishop, Writer & Reformer.
Wed. - St. Fina of Tuscany. Thirteenth Century Italian Christian Virgin.
Thur. - St. Roderick of Córdoba. 9th Century Spanish Priest. One of the Martyrs of Cordoba
Fri. - St. Matilda of Ringelheim. 10th Century Saxon & former Queen of Germany.
Sat. - St. Louise de Marillac. 17th Century foundress of the Daughters of Charity.

THOUGHT FOR LENT - God never tires of forgiving us; it's us who tire of seeking His mercy.



RECENT BAPTISM: With joy, we welcome Baby Szymon Marcin Woszczyk, 24 Church Manor, Carrigallen who was baptised into our Faith Community on **Saturday 1st March** in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen and we congratulate his parents, Marcin & Violetta.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION 2025

"Some give by going, others go by giving."

Your generosity to the St. Patrick's Day Collection will help:

1. St. Paul's Missionary Society and the Diocese of Minna, both who have a number of Priests who work in our Diocese.
2. Support Irish Missionaries working in African Countries.
3. Provide support to the Irish Emigrant Chaplaincy abroad.

We appeal for your continued generosity to this year's St. Patrick's Day Collection. See Church notice boards for where your 2024 contributions went to help.

OPENING THE BIBLE—The Kilmore Diocese Lenten Scripture course continues **at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays: 11th, 18th, 25th March, and 1st & 8th April** (online via Zoom). The Pastoral team are delighted to have Bishop Emeritus Leo O'Reilly in attendance, who will be on hand to answer questions and offer fresh insight. **All are welcome!** To register and receive your Zoom link, contact Martina Gilmartin at pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie

POOR CLARES GALWAY, MONASTIC EXPERIENCE DAY: For women aged 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from **10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sat. 15th March**. Contact: vocations@poorclares.ie to register or for more information, visit: www.poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days

ONE DAY RETREAT - KNOCK PRAYER CENTRE – SAT. 22ND MARCH 2025: The one-day retreat offers a serene space for silence, quiet prayer, reflection and spiritual direction. Participants will be guided through moments of scripture-based prayer, group sharing, and personal spiritual guidance. Price: €70 including refreshments and lunch. Telephone 086-0108623 or email: prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie

CARRIGALLAN FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING on this **Tuesday night (11th March)** **at 8.30 pm** in the Parochial House. All members please attend.

ST. MARY'S NATIONAL SCHOOL, DRUMLEA GRANDPARENT'S DAY AND BAKE SALE: We would like to thank everyone who came and supported our school fundraiser on **Friday 28th February**. Thanks to Imelda, Louise, Michaela, Ellie and Alannah for selling additional baked goods at Bingo. It was lovely to welcome grandparents and members of the community into the school. It was a great success with a massive €745.00 being raised. Thanks to everyone involved.

CLOONCORRICK HOUSING: The Clooncorrick Housing are holding their annual general meeting (A.G.M.) on this **Tuesday 11th March 2025** in the Tom Clarke Room starting at 8.00 pm. All members please attend. New members are welcome to attend.

BIO-DIVERSITY GARDENING CLASSES in Margaret's Corner, Carrigallen on **Wednesday nights from 7.00 – 9.00 pm**. Course Co-Ordinator is Zara Evans, Community Horticultural Advisor with Leitrim Dev. Co. €50.00 for all 6 classes or €10.00 per class. Refreshments served. Call 089-2712131 or email: margaretscornercc@gmail.com

CARRIGALLAN G.A.A. HEALTHY CLUB: Ladies weekly gentle exercise classes on **Monday mornings starting at 11.00 am** in the G.A.A. Clubrooms with social cuppa afterwards. We look forward to seeing you. Everyone welcome. Contact: 089-2712131.

WEEKLY PARISH BINGO continues in Drumreilly Community Centre on **Friday nights at 8.30pm sharp**. Raffle each night with extra prizes on long weekends. All support appreciated.

CARRIGALLEN CLUB ON-LINE LOTTO: Jackpot **€12,900**. 4 lucky dip prizes of **€50** if not won. Extra prize for holders of “weekly recurring tickets”. Click on “Automatically Renew Purchase” at checkout. Live Draw this **Sunday 09th March** can be viewed on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP hold their meetings on **Wednesday nights at 8.30 pm** in the Community Centre. Many interesting activities including some gentle exercise. Refreshments served and new members always welcome.

COFFEE CONNECT CONVERSATION - Everyone welcome. It happens in Margaret's Corner C.C. Carrigallen on a **Thursday from 11am -12 noon** -This a FREE of charge event.

FOURTH ANNUAL NEWTOWNGORE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE on **Mon. 17th March 2025 at 4.30 pm**. To enter a float, contact: Vera on 087-6459172 or Mary on 087-4440678 or Ciarán on 087-2656325 or Gerry on 087-1309373 on or before this **Wed. 12th March**. Sponsorship appreciated and will be acknowledged on the day. The three best judged floats will receive prizes. Entertainment and a raffle with loads of spot prizes. Also, we are holding a fundraising **Cake Sale** for the St. Patrick's Parade in Teach Dúchais after the 10.00 am Mass on **Sunday 16th March**. We welcome and appreciate your support. Thank you.



THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE will be accepting blood donations at the Hotel Kilmore, Cavan H12 F6Y7 on this **Sunday 9th March from 11.30 am to 3.00 pm and also on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10th, 11th & 12th March from 15.50 to 20.00 pm**. Phone 1 800 222 111 to make an appointment, with your donor ID number to hand if you are an existing donor. All blood groups needed. New donors are very welcome. Ring 1 800 731137 to register. Give blood and save a life ! Thank you.

A Lenten Prayer

Heavenly Father, as I commence my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to You. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself. Let me hear Your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in You. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always confidently turn to You. Amen.

Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon **433 9610 / Mob. 086-2126582**.

Parish Cluster: Fr. Seán Mawn, Ballinamore **071-9644039 or 087-6869040**;

Fr. Andrew Tully, Killeshandra **049-4334179 or 086-8050526**;

Fr. Peter Tiernan, Cloone/Aughavas **071-9636016 or 086-3500114**.

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: It 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 by **12 noon on Fridays**. The editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

Parish Newsletter

St. Mary's Parish



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“YOU SHALL CROSS THE BARREN DESERT” (Luke 4:1 -13)

The Gospel today tells us that before He commenced His mission, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert. In the Bible, the desert is often a place of encounter and/or of spiritual struggle and is also where the people of Israel journeyed for forty years after their escape from slavery in Egypt. During that time, they often struggled with the temptation to turn away from God, to test God or to demonstrate their lack of trust in the one who had saved them. Jesus' forty days in the desert is a reminder of the forty years of wandering by the people of Israel.

But unlike them, Jesus did not succumb to the various temptations that were put before Him. Enticed to use his power from God for his own comfort and needs, to win public acclaim, to be tempted by the 'glory' offered by this world, Jesus refuses. He knew what His mission was - He did not come to fulfil his own desires and needs, but to do the will of God and to make God known to human beings. Jesus was clear that he came to offer “life to the full” (Jn. 10:10), to bring the Kingdom of God to fruition in the world - a kingdom of justice and peace, compassion and love, forgiveness and mercy. As followers of Jesus, we are called to participate in bringing this Kingdom to life in the world. On this first Sunday of Lent, we can take time to review where we stand regarding the choices we make every day. Are we building up or tearing down? Do we pursue only our own comforts and needs regardless of how they may affect others?

This year, Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on Guatemala, a country which is one of the least responsible for causing the climate crisis, yet is bearing the brunt of the consequences. We tell this story through, Ilma, Julio and their family. Find out more at www.trocaire.org Trócaire packs for 2025 are now available in the Church porches. They contain information leaflets, a Trócaire Box and an envelope for returning your contributions to your local Church at Eastertime.