

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 06th April 2025):

Sun. 06th April – 11.15 am: Rita Delaney, Bredagh.
Brendan & Mary Hunt, Church Street.
Mon. 07th April – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.
Tues. 08th April – 7.30 pm: Gretta Mc Cabe, Beaghmore.
Wed. 09th April – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.
Fri. 11th April – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day followed by **Stations of the Cross.**
Sun. 13th April – 11.15 am: Mary Kate, Philip & James Reilly, Aughawillen.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 06th April 2025):

Sun. 06th April -10.00 am: Dec'd members of the Smith family, Ardunsaghan
Sun. 13th April - 10.00 am: Mass for Palm Sunday.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 05th April 2025):

Sat. 05th April – 8.00 pm: Tom & Molly Mc Cartin, Killameen.
Thurs. 10th April – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.
Sat. 12th April – 8.00 pm: Patrick Corby, Kilmore & D.F.M's.
John & Mary Gaffney, Corrala.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: <i>Weekend 29th / 30th March 2025</i>
Carrigallen	€730
Drumeela	€354 (Incl. €105 returns for Drumgoon)
Drumreilly	€301

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (07th April – 12th April)

Mon. – St. John Baptist de la Salle. 18th Century French Priest. Patron Saint of Teachers.
Tues. – St. Walter of Pontoise. 11th Century French Benedictine Monk and Philosopher.
Wed. – St. Hugh of Rouen. 8th Century Archbishop and founder of a leprosy hospital.
Thur. – St. Beocca of Chertsey, Surrey, England. 9th Century Monk and Martyr
Fri. – St. Stanislaus of Poland. 11th Century Bishop of Krakow. Patron Saint of Poland.
Sat. - The Helias of Cologne. Born in Monaghan in 964. Abbot of Great St. Mary Church, Cologne.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Never forget where you've been, never lose sight of where you are going and never take for granted the people who travel the journey with you.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL: *For the use of the new technologies* - Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

DANNY CALDERS, Tycusker Arva (*husband of Bernie, née Holohan, formerly of Gortahose*) whose funeral took place in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arva on **Tuesday 01st April** followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Carrigallen.
PAULINE CROTTY, Killeshandra (*sister of Colette Crotty, Gortahose*) whose funeral will take place in St. Brigid's Church, Killeshandra on **Tuesday 8th April at 11.00 am** and will be followed by burial in the adjoining new cemetery.
May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE in St. Patrick's Church, Ballinamore on **Palm Sunday, 13th April at 6.30 pm** with visiting priest. Also, a blessing and anointing with the Oil of Gladness.

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER:

Mon. 14th April – DRUMREILLY – 7.30 pm. DRUMEELA - 8.00 pm. CARRIGALLEN – 8.30 pm.
Tues. 15th April - ARVAGH - 7.00 pm. CORONEA - 7.30 pm. KILLESHANDRA – 8.30 pm.

OPENING THE BIBLE—The Kilmore Diocese Lenten Scripture course final night on **Tuesday 8th April at 7.30 (online via Zoom)**. Bishop Emeritus Leo O'Reilly 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

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE DATES 2025: Next date is Fri. 11th April 2025 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm & Sat. 12th April 10.00 am – 5.00 pm. Fri. 10th Oct. 2025 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm & Sat. 11th Oct. 10.00 am – 5.00 pm. Courses in Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Visit: www.accord.ie

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING takes place on this **Tuesday 8th April at 8.30 pm** in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall. All members please attend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Bishop Martin Hayes will lead outdoor Stations of the Cross in the grounds of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre on **Palm Sunday, 13th April at 5:30 pm**. If raining, the Stations will take place in The Conaty Chapel at the Centre. All welcome.

PARISH MISSION – SEPT 6TH – 9TH INCLUSIVELY: The Paish Pastoral Council have invited Fr. Laurence Gallagher, Redemptorist priest to conduct a parish mission in this Jubilee year. A sub-group has been formed, and they have already been in contact with Fr. Laurence. This mission is unlike other missions of the past. Due to the shortage of personnel, Fr. Laurence is on his own and he needs the help of Parishioners. The sub-group will be seeking the assistance of others so please be as generous as you can when asked to help and support the mission and watch this space. In this Jubilee year we are called to be pilgrims of hope. May this be a time of renewal for all of us.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE: The parish of Carrigallen, Drumeela and Drumreilly have set up a parish Facebook page. Hopefully this will be a new means of communication with many more parishioners. You are invited to become a follower and so keep up to date with what is happening in our Church Community.

THE VIRGINIA GOSPEL CHOIR will perform at a concert in the Sacred Heart Church, Arva on **Sat. 12th April at 8:00 pm** as a fundraiser for the conservation and restoration of the Church. The concert will also feature special guests: The Dreamers and Fr. Jordan Mac Gabhann on Uileann Pipes & Flute. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Tickets €20 each. All welcome.

THE SWEET SPIRIT COUNTRY GOSPEL SINGERS directed by Tish Dunleavy will perform in St Patricks Church, Aughawillan to Support the Charity 'Aware' on **Friday 11th April at 8.00 pm**. Many well-known songs will be sung including Bob Dylan's 'To make you feel my love' and 'Blowing in the Wind'. Members of the group hail from Leitrim, Roscommon, Cavan and Longford. Please come along and support the charity 'Aware' who provide supports for people suffering from depression and other mental health issues.

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.

CARRIGALLEN G.A.A. HEALTHY CLUB: Our weekly exercise classes continue on **Mondays at 11.00 am** in the GAA Clubrooms with a social cuppa afterwards. All welcome. Our GAA All-Stars Programme continues each **Sat. until 12th April**. Contact 086-2455726.

CARRIGALLEN MEN'S WALK & TALK GROUP: This group meets every **Friday at 7.30 pm** in the GAA Park for a leisurely walk at their own pace into town and maybe further afield before returning. Some nights they might have a social cuppa. The group is about meeting up & having a social chat while getting some exercise in a safe environment.

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP hold meetings on **Wednesdays at 8.30 pm** in the Community Centre. Interesting activities. Refreshments served. New members welcome.

ADULT EDUCATION: Are you an adult considering education and unsure of your options? The Leitrim Adult Educational Guidance Service is in Ballinamore Library on **Thurs. 17th April from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm** to answer any question you have. No appointment needed.

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 **€13,300**. 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 06th March** can be viewed on our Facebook Page. Tickets: <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/lotto/tickets>

AS WE DRAW NEAR TO EASTER SUNDAY, WE INVITE YOU TO REMEMBER THE TRÓCAIRE FAMILY THIS YEAR, Julio, and Irma and their children, as they struggle to make a living in Guatemala, a country severely impacted by climate change. We ask for your support and prayers for them. Their problems are not of their own making but are the result of decisions made by others which are adversely affecting climate change. Please give what you can to help alleviate the challenges they face. Find out more at www.trocaire.org

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.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

(John 8: 1-11)

In this Sunday's Gospel, as Jesus teaches in the temple, the Scribes and Pharisees interrupt him and bring a woman before him who has been caught in adultery. They question Jesus as to whether she should be stoned in accordance with the punishment outlined in the Law. John tells us their motive for placing her in this position of public humiliation was to put Jesus to a public test and find grounds to accuse him: would the legal experts be able to trap Jesus on a question about sin? But Jesus did not play their game and remained silent no matter how many questions they fired at him. Finally, he looked up at them and spoke; "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her". In fairness to the Pharisees and the Scribes they were honest enough to admit to themselves their own sinfulness and quietly drifted away. Jesus, left alone with the woman told her; "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again". Perhaps we might feel those final words were a warning, but if we reflect back on all the words and deeds of Jesus throughout his life, we will understand them instead as an invitation to transformation and new life.

In the Gospel today, both the woman and the Pharisees and scribes have sinned. The Pharisees and scribes were arrogant and judgmental and lacked the compassion God had demonstrated in the past, and that Jesus was showing now in the present. What would we have done if we were there? What do we do when the private lives or secrets of public figures or politicians are splashed all over the media? Do we rush to judgment and throw stones, or do we quietly reflect on our own weaknesses and how much we would not like to be publicly judged or humiliated? Rather than judging, might we extend instead a hand of love and compassion? This is the invitation that Jesus puts before us today. We are all in need of healing and forgiveness but the door to our Creator God, through Jesus, is always open. No matter how many times I lose my way, no matter who condemns me, God calls me to start over again, to be healed and forgiven and to offer the same to others to change my ways of seeing life and other people. God is always ready to do something new within us and in our lives: This is Good News indeed!