

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 17th Aug. 2025):

Sun. 17th Aug. – 11.15 am: Dec'd members of the Masterson family, Beaghmore.

Mon. 18th Aug. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Tues. 19th Aug. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Wed. 20th Aug. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Fri. 22nd Aug. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Sun. 24th Aug. – 11.15 am: Packie & May Reilly, Bredagh & D.F.M's.
Sue Howard & Seán Smith.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 17th Aug. 2025):

Sun. 17th Aug. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

Sun. 24th Aug. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 16th Aug. 2025):

Sat. 16th Aug. – 8.00 pm: Kathleen & Michael Reilly, Middlesex & Drumreilly.

Thurs. 21st Aug. – 7.30 pm: Francie Masterson, Ardra & D.F.M's.

Sat. 23rd Aug. – 8.00 pm: Bridget Corby, Kilmore (**1st Anniversary Mass**).

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 09th Aug. /10th Aug.	
Carrigallen	€637	
Drumeela	€205	
Drumreilly	€275	

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Both work and worship are needed in our lives.

Finding the balance can be the tricky bit !



RECENT MARRIAGE: Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness to Edel Smyth, Aughawillen and Gavin Kelly, Abbeylara who received the Sacrament of Marriage in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen on **Friday 15th August**.

PARISH MISSION SAT. SEPT. 6TH – TUES. SEPT. 9TH 2025.

In this Jubilee year as pilgrims of hope we are called to organise events that will renew our faith & trust in God. Fr. Laurence Gallagher (CSsR) will lead the mission, and preparations are well under way to host this event. Keep these days in mind.

DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR GAZA: On next **Sunday, 24th August**, you are invited to take part in 24 hours of prayer and reflection. Whether as a parish or in the quiet of your own home, please consider: Attending Mass and offering it for peace in Gaza. Spending time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Praying the Rosary for peace and justice. Lighting a candle at home or in your parish church. Making a small personal sacrifice or act of penance, reaching out to your political representatives to advocate for justice and humanitarian aid. Supporting trusted aid organisations bringing relief to Gaza. This is a moment for our nation to radiate the Light of Christ into the darkness, a light of peace, of justice and of hope for our world. Let us stand together, as one body in Christ, for the people of Gaza and for all who long for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.

PETITIONS FOR 'THE HEALING OF PAST HURTS': Fr. Laurence Gallagher, director of our Parish Mission has asked that a sealed box be placed in the Sanctuary of the three Churches where people can place petitions for the healing of past hurts. This will provide people with a space where you can acknowledge, write down and symbolically let go of past hurts and so promote healing to move forward. On one evening of the Mission there will be a service for the healing of hurts.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK CONTINUES UNTIL 21st AUG:

Novena Ceremonies each day at 3.00 pm and 8.00 pm in the Basilica. There will be Workshops daily at 12.45 pm in St. John's Welcome Centre. Themed Guided Prayer at 11.15 am and 5.15 pm daily in the Prayer Centre. Visit www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

OUGHTERAGH PARISH - LOUGH DERG: This one-day retreat for our parish and surrounding areas will take place on next **Sat. 23rd August**. Boats are available between 9.15 am and 10.00 am. The crossing is less than 10 minutes from the lakeshore. On arrival on the Island, tea/coffee and scones are served. Light lunch of soup and sandwiches is provided also. This is a guided day of prayer and reflection beginning at 10.30 am. The retreats are open to all adults and do not require fasting or walking bare-footed. To book, contact the parish office on 071-9644039 or 087-9610911 or email: ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie

PATIENCE IN HIS PROMISE: Weekend Retreat at Cluain Chiaráin Prayer Centre, Clonmacnois from **22nd to 24th August 2025**. Retreat weekend for Adult Catholics seeking to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Retreat leader is Fr. Oisín Martin of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Weekend includes Conferences, Mass, Adoration, times of silence and of community. Bed and board provided at the prayer centre. All bookings receive a free welcome pack including an exclusively printed Bible and hoodie. Reduced rate early bird booking closes soon. Check www.thecollect.ie for all details.

MARGARET OF NEW ORLEANS COTTAGE at Tully South, Carrigallen H12 X003 is now open to visitors on all **Sunday afternoons during the month of August from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm**. Everyone welcome to come in for a cuppa and a chat.

ST. MARY'S N.S. DRUMLEA/DRUMREILLY have set up an **orange recycling bin** for plastic bottles and drink cans with the 'Re-Turn' symbol only. If you have any spare bottles/cans at home that you would like to donate, please drop them into the **orange bin** at the front of the school. We appreciate any bottle/can donations, and we hope that this initiative will encourage more recycling in school families and in the local community whilst also raising money for our school. Thanks as always for your continued support.

LEITRIM WOMEN THROUGH TIME / VOICES FROM THE FACTORY FLOOR: Are you a woman who worked for a Leitrim factory in the recent past? If so, the "Leitrim Women Through Time" women's history project want to hear from you! They are hosting a gathering of women who worked in factories across the county from the 1940's up to the 2000's to hear their shared experiences and record them for the future. Join the project for tea and cake at **7.00 pm on Tues. 19th Aug.** in Ballinamore Library to chat about your memories, meet other former factory workers, and add to an archive of rural women's history for Leitrim.

LEITRIM COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING: QQI Level 5 & 6 courses in Business, Equine, Music, Health Nutrition and Food Science, Tourism with Ecotourism, Healthcare and Outdoor Activities with Sports Studies starting in **Sept. 2025** in Carrick on Shannon and Drumshanbo. For more info. please go to www.leitrimcollege.ie

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.

PARISH BINGO continues in Drumreilly Community Centre on **Friday nights** and in Carrigallen Hall on **Sunday nights at 8.30 pm sharp** in both venues. Usual prizes and raffles. Please support your local parish bingo. Thank you.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is **€5,300**. 4 lucky dip prizes of **€50** if not won. Extra prize for holders of "weekly recurring tickets". Click on "Automatically Renew Purchase" at checkout. **Tickets from local vendors or <https://member.clubspot.app/c.../carrigallen-gaa/fundraisers>** Also a new Monthly 50/50 Draw. See our social media pages for more details.

SOLAS ART GALLERY is running it's Summer Art Exhibition in the Island Theatre, Ballinamore with a wide variety of visual art made by local artists. Exhibition will run until **29th Aug.** Opening hours are **Tues. - Fri. from 12 noon to 5.00 pm and Sat. 10.00 am to 3pm.**

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (18th Aug. – 23rd Aug.)

Mon. – St. Helena of Constantinople . 4th Century. Mother of St. Constantine the Great.
Tue.–St. John Eudes. 17th Century Priest. Founded the Congregation of Jesus & Mary.
Wed.– St. Bernard of Clairvaux. 12th Century Abbot and co-founder of the Knights Templar.
Thur – St. Pius X. Pope of Rome from 4th August 1903 to 21st August 1914.
Fri.– The Queenship of Mary. A Marian feast created by Pope Pius XII in 1954 (*Marian Year*).
Sat. – St. Rose of Lima. 17th Century. Patron Saint of Peru and South America.

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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.

FACEBOOK: Parish of Carrigallen, Drumeela, Drumreilly.

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

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

17th Aug. 2025 – 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel (Luke 12: 49-53) is not what you might expect to hear as it challenges many common perceptions of Jesus as solely a bringer of peace and comfort. Instead, here we see Jesus speaking with urgency, passion and even a kind of sorrowful intensity. He says, "I have come to bring fire on the earth". The "fire" here may symbolize several things: divine judgment, purification or the transformative power of the gospel. Fire is a very powerful all-consuming force and not to be messed with. Jesus expresses a longing for this fire to already be kindled, showing how deeply He desires the coming of God's kingdom, while knowing it will bring both disruption and hardship.

Jesus then says, "I have a baptism I must still receive". This refers to Jesus' impending suffering and death. The term "baptism" evokes being overwhelmed or submerged under the water level. He anticipates the cross as a necessary, overwhelming experience and His mission involves sacrifice, not comfort.

Finally, Jesus says "Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." This statement is somewhat startling as we know Jesus is the "Prince of Peace," but here He acknowledges the inevitable division that comes when people confront the truth of the gospel. Loyalty to Jesus can divide the most intimate human relationships—family, tradition, and community. This isn't a call to sow discord, but rather a sober warning: following Christ demands a decision. His message is so radical that it will not leave relationships untouched. Where people respond differently to the gospel, division follows, not because Jesus desires it, but because the nature of truth compels response.

Being a Christian isn't always about harmony and acceptance; it's about truth, conviction, and sometimes standing alone. Like fire, faith tests and transforms. We should expect challenge and even conflict when we truly follow Jesus.

Prayer: Lord, help us to stay faithful to You, even when it is hard. Give us the courage to face challenges with trust in Your guidance. May Your love burn within us, changing us into the people You call us to be. Amen.