

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 30th Nov. 2025):

Sun. 30th Nov. – 11.15am: Michael & Kathleen Murphy, Gulladoo & Clacton-on-Sea

Mon. 01st Dec. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

Tues. 02nd Dec. – 7.30 pm: Dan Egan, Mullinadarragh (*Month's Mind Mass*)

Wed. 03rd Dec. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Fri. 05th Dec.- 7.30 pm: Ellen & Rose Anne Mc Gerty, Aughawillen & D.F.M's.

Sat. 06th Dec. -12.30 to 1.00 pm: Monthly Confessions.

Sun. 07th Dec. – 11.15am: Mary Frances Mc Gowan-Schmitt, U.S.A. (*M. M. Mass*).
Charles & Elizabeth Sheridan, Calloughs & D.F.M's.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 30th Nov. 2025):

Sun. 30th Nov. - 10.00 am: Patsy Kiernan, Aughavilla & D.F.M's.

Sun. 07th Dec. - 10.00 am: Therese Mc Gurren, Corglass & D.F.M's.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 29th Nov. 2025):

Sat. 29th Nov. – 8.00 pm: Tom, Ann, Packie & Johnny Kelleher, Carrickmakeegan

Thurs. 04th Dec. 7.30pm: Tom, Brigid & Thomas Maxwell, Carrickmakeegan & DFM's.

Sat. 06th Dec. – 8.00 pm: "Grow in Love" Mass for First Holy Communion Class.

Monthly Confessions at 7.30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 22 nd / 23 rd NOV.
Carrigallen	€1,140 (Incl. €361 returns from Oughteragh/Lower Drumreilly)
Drumeela	€315 (Incl. €79 returns from Oughteragh/Lower Drumreilly)
Drumreilly	€473 (Incl. €139 returns from Oughteragh/Lower Drumreilly)

THOUGHT FOR ADVENT



Advent is an invitation to take stock of our souls and to prepare our hearts for celebrating the One who has come and will one day come again.

GROW IN LOVE: Our parish and parents prepare their children for First Confession and First Holy Communion by taking part in the programme "Grow in Love" on **Saturday next 06th Dec. at 8.00 pm** in St. Mary's, Drumreilly and on **Sunday next 07th Dec. at 10.00 am** in St. Mary's, Drumeela and at **11.15 am** in St. Mary's, Carrigallen.

ACCORD PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE DATES 2026: 6th/7th February, 10th/11th April and 9th/10th October. Courses will take place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan, H12 E5 C7. To book a course please log on to: www.accord.ie

KILMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026: It will take place from 5th – 10th May flying from Knock. Book with Cavan Travel, Main St. Cavan 049-4361222 and for Assisted Pilgrims with Fr. Tom Mannion, Pilgrimage Director, Ballinaglera on 087-9170879.

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT: The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE Advent retreat. Visit: <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2025-online-advent-retreat>

DRUMREILLY FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting on **Thursday 4th December** in the Sacristy after the 7.30 pm Mass. All members please attend.

PARISH ENVELOPES FOR 2026: We are preparing the envelopes for 2026. If there are new parishioners who would like to receive a box of envelopes, please email your name and address to carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie Again we thank sincerely all who continue to support us so generously in all the weekly, monthly and special collections.

SACRED HEART MESSENGER (DRUMREILLY) —Subscriptions now due for 2026. Your envelope can be dropped into the mailbox in the Church Porch. Thanks to all who have already subscribed. New members always welcome. Contact: Susan Maguire 086-1686444.

SLIABH AN IARAINN HISTORY TALK: A talk titled 'Dancing at Lughnasa - Bilberry Sunday on Sliabh an Iarainn' will be given by Fr. Liam Kelly in the Crannóg Room, Island Theatre, Ballinamore on **Wednesday 3rd December starting at 8.00 pm**. All are welcome.

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP: Weekly meetings on **Wed. at 8.30 pm** in the Community Centre. Our Book, Drumreilly Parish – Yesterday & Today is still available. It would make a lovely Christmas gift for friends & family living elsewhere. Contact any member.

PARISH BINGO 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.

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.

MEN'S WALK & TALK GROUP meet on **Friday evenings at 7.30 pm** in Carrigallen G.A.A. Park. Lovely easy social walks at a slow pace whilst getting in some exercise.

CARRIGALLEN GAA HEALTHY CLUB – Ladies Exercise Classes every **Monday at 11.00 am in the Corn Mill Theatre (Temporary Venue)**. Social cuppa afterwards. All welcome.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is **€3,100**. 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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL FOR CARRIGALLEN/DRUMEELA/AUGHAVAS: At this time of year the Saint Vincent De Paul volunteers are busy responding to calls especially now with the high cost of food & fuel. The SVP Christmas appeal for funds has now begun so that people in need of help can be visited before Christmas. You can contribute to Saint Vincent de Paul by placing your donation in one of the SVP envelopes available in any of the churches from **Sun. 7th Dec.** & then put it into the steel box in the front porch. If your household budget won't see you through Christmas, don't suffer in silence; please call us on the number below, we are there to help. If you don't live locally & would like to help financially, please contact our confidential number 087-6024223. Thank you.

CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY WORK: Leitrim County Council, in partnership with Maynooth University's Dept. of Applied Social Studies and supported by PEACEPLUS, is delighted to offer a unique learning opportunity for those passionate about community development. We are now inviting applications for the Certificate in Community work in a Changing Ireland (NUI Level 7 Special Purpose Award). This programme is designed to support and strengthen community work practice in today's evolving social and political landscape. **Application Deadline; 8th Dec. at 4 PM.** More info., email: peace@leitrimcoco.ie

POSITIVE AND PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR CARERS of family members with dementia at The Landmark Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon every **Tuesday until 16th Dec. from 7.00 - 9.30 pm.** For queries e-mail: familycarertraining@alzheimier.ie or call 1800-341-341.

DRAÍOCHT NA NOLLAG (THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS) is a charity event on **Saturday 6th December at 8.00 pm** in The Mayflower Centre, Drumshanbo. It is a one-night-only concert and will feature students of the Drumshanbo Music Course and Drumshanbo Vocational School. Tickets €10 from www.eventbrite.ie or at the door. Proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul. More information from Maggie Hollins on 085-8094577 or email: 25margarethollins@leitrimcollege.ie



THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE is accepting blood donations at the Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell on **Mon. 8th Dec. from 15.50 to 20.10 pm.**

Phone 1 800 222 111 for an appointment, with your donor ID number if an existing donor.

ALL BLOOD GROUPS URGENTLY NEEDED TO MAINTAIN SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVE SEASON. New donors welcome. Ring 1 800 731137 to register. Give blood and save a life !

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (01st Dec. – 06th Dec. 2025)

Mon. – St. Edmund Campion. 16th Century English Jesuit priest and martyr.

Tues. – St. Lupus of Verona in Northern Italy. 4th Century Italian Bishop.

Wed. – St. Francis Xavier. 16th Century Spanish monk & co-founder of the Society of Jesus.

Thurs. – St. John of Damascus. 8th Century Syrian monk and Hymn writer.

Fri. – St. Crispina of Algeria. 4th Century African Martyr. Beheaded for professing the faith.

Sat. – St. Nicholas of Bari. 4th Century Bishop of Greek descent. Performed many miracles.

Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon [433 9610](tel:4339610) / *Mob.* [086-2126582](tel:0862126582).

Parish Cluster: Fr. Seán Mawn, Ballinamore [071-9644039](tel:0719644039) or [087-6869040](tel:0876869040); Fr. Malachy Moses C.C. Ballinamore [087-4904380](tel:0874904380); Fr. Andrew Tully, Killeshandra [049-4334179](tel:0494334179) or [086-8050526](tel:0868050526); Fr. Peter Tiernan, Cloone/Aughavas [071-9636016](tel:0719636016) or [086-3500114](tel:0863500114).

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 and Drumreilly.

Parish Newsletter: It promotes Church & Community events. Articles must state author's name & phone number & can be written into one of the church diaries before **5.00 pm on Wed.** or emailed to carrigallen@kilmorediocese.ie by **12 noon on Fri.** Editors reserve the right to omit or amend articles.

Parish Newsletter

St. Mary's Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

30th Nov. 2025 – First Sunday of Advent - Year A



Advent invites us into a holy pause, a slowing of the breath, a quieting of the heart, a gentle awakening of hope. In this season of waiting, we remember that God often comes softly, not with fanfare, but in the whisper of light before dawn. Not in power that overwhelms, but in love that draws us near. We wait for the Christ who has come, who comes now in every act of mercy, and who will come again to make all things new.

In the shadows of our world and in the unsettled places of our own hearts, Advent reminds us that darkness is not the end of the story. A single fragile and flickering candle is enough to tell us that night does not last forever. So, we watch. We prepare room. We let our longing become prayer. And as we wait, we practice a hope that transforms waiting into trust, a trust that becomes courage and a courage that leads us to love more freely.

Come, Lord Jesus. Teach us to wait with open hands and to receive You when You arrive in the unexpected, the ordinary and the quietly miraculous.

The Lord is coming - Let us wait quietly for Him.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

TODAY



Carrigallen G.A.A. / Healthy Club invite you to come and join us for our Christmas Market today, Sunday 30th November from 12 noon (sharp) to 4.00 pm in Carrigallen Hall & Carpark H12 D427. Over 70 Stalls – Local Choirs – Mulled Wine & Food – Santa Visit – Arts & Crafts – Photographer. All your shopping needs catered for. Proceeds to local Charities. Free entry. See you there.