

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 28th Dec. 2025):

Sun. 28th Dec. – 11.15 am: Marian Reilly, Beaghmore.
Margaret Sheridan, Drumshinglebe and D.F.M's.

Mon. 29th Dec. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Tues. 30th Dec. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Wed. 31st Dec. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Thurs. 01st Jan. – 12 noon: Mass for New Year's Day.

Fri. 02nd Jan. – 7.30 pm: Mass for the First Friday.

Sun. 04th Jan. – 11.15 am: Frances Mc Garahan, Calloughs (**Month's Mind Mass**)
Mary Frances Mc Intyre, Church Manor. (**First Anniversary Mass**).
May Donohoe, Gortermone.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 28th Dec. 2025):

Sun. 28th Dec. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

Sun. 04th Jan. – 10.00 am: Mass for the Second Sunday after Christmas.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 27th Dec. 2025):

Sat. 27th Dec. – 8.00 pm: Seán, Ita and John Sutherland, Toome.

Sat. 03rd Jan. – 8.00 pm: Missa Pro Populo.

Eucharistic Adoration: **NONE.**

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 20 th / 21 st DEC.
Carrigallen	€1,680 (Incl. €769 returns from Oughteragh /Lr. Drumreilly/Arva/Killeshandra)
Drumeela	€307 (Incl. €62 returns from Oughteragh /Lr. Drumreilly/Arva/Killeshandra)
Drumreilly	€370 (Incl. €80 returns from Oughteragh /Lr. Drumreilly/Arva/Killeshandra)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



As 2025 comes to an end, the excitement of a brand-new year is in the air. The New Year is all about fresh starts, big dreams, and the joy of turning the page to a new chapter. It's the perfect time to reflect on what you've learned, let go of what no longer serves you, and step into 2026 with hope and confidence.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JAN. 2026

For prayer with the Word of God: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

BRIDGET FARRELL (*née Walsh*), Tuxedo, New York & formerly of Gubbs, Drumreilly. A private funeral has taken place in New York.

PAT SMITH, London and formerly of Drumdarton, Aghnasheelin (*brother of Celia Smith, Ardunsaghan*). Funeral will be held in St. Mary's Church, Aghnasheelin at a later date. *May their souls rest in heavenly peace.*

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

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

CARRIGALLEN LIBRARY is now closed for holidays. Re-opening on **Friday 2nd January 2026 from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.** A very Happy New Year to all our service users.

LEITRIM GUARDIAN available locally in all shops. Many Carrigallen Writers and Poets. Two of the top awards have been won by Dave Kelly (*Literary Award*) and Frank Murray (*Poetry Award*) and. Top stories and poems from Kevin Mc Manus, Gerry Mangan and Kevin Patrick. Maura Williamson & Becky Thomas both have articles on Margaret of New Orleans. Aisling Rawle and Andy Mel Mc Govern featured. Liam Fahy on photos. You can also receive it by post at 071-9643035 or online at www.leitrimguardian.ie

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP: We are taking a mid-winter break from our weekly meetings. Resuming in January. Watch this space.

PARISH BINGO: **No** bingo in Drumreilly Community Centre on Friday 02nd Jan. Bingo in Carrigallen Hall on **Sunday nights at 8.30 pm.** Raffle and Christmas prizes. Please support.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is **€3,500.** 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>** We also now have a Monthly 50/50 Draw. Next Draw will be held on this **Sunday 28th December** in the Kilbracken Arms Hotel at 8.00 pm. See our social media pages for 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 **this weekend** & 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.

CARRIGALLEN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL have a vacancy for a School Transport Escort. Application form and further details available on www.msletb.ie

HEDGE CUTTING GRANT: This scheme is now open and aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to individual applicants, communities and groups. The Grant is €75 per km (*with a min of 1km per applicant*). An additional Grant of €50 per 10 trees per km has been introduced to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches along the public road network (*This would be a max. of €125 p/k*). Further information and application forms are available from Leitrim Co. Councils website www.leitrim.ie or by contacting the Roads Dept. by e-mail: roads@leitrimcoco.ie or Phone 071-9620005 Ext. 630. **Closing Date is 30th Jan. 2026.**

OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK – DR. FALLON’S SURGERY, CARRIGALLEN.

Monday 29th Dec: Open 9.00 am - 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

Tuesday 30th Dec: Open 9.00 am - 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

Wednesday 31st Dec: Open 9.00 am - 12.30 pm. No afternoon surgery.

New Years Day - Surgery Closed. Call NEDOC on 1850 777 911.

Friday 2nd Jan: Open 9.00 am to 12.30pm and 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.

Urgent consultations only between 29th Dec. and 2nd Jan.

Normal hours resume on Mon. 5th January.

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (29th Dec. – 03rd Jan.)

Mon. – St. Thomas Becket. 12th Century Archbishop of Canterbury.

Tue. – St. Egwin of Evesham. 8th Century Benedictine Monk & later, Bishop of Worcester.

Wed. – St. Sylvester 1. Pope of Rome from 31st Jan 314 to 31st Dec. 335.

Thurs. - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Celebrated on the 8th Day of Christmas.

Fri. – St. Basil the Great. 4th Century Roman Christian Prelate and Bishop of Caesarea.

Sat. – St. Munchin of Limerick. 7th Century Bishop. Patron saint of Limerick Diocese.

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

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

28th Dec. 2025 – Holy Family Sunday - Year A

NEW YEARS MESSAGE

This past year we celebrated the Jubilee year of hope. The theme chosen was “Pilgrims of Hope”. It began on Christmas eve last year with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door in Rome. At that stage nobody knew that he would not be with us to end the Jubilee year on 6th January 2026.

Many pilgrimages have been undertaken by parishioners this year; some to St. Mogue’s Island, Templeport, Our Lady’s Shrine, Knock, Croagh Patrick, Lough Derg or as far away as Santiago de Compostela, Spain or to Rome itself. On almost all these pilgrimages people make the journey with faith, hope and love with their hills and valleys, their waves and winds. It’s a microcosm of life itself. In Pope Francis’ final message to pilgrims in Rome on Easter Sunday he said, “all those who put their hope in God, place their feeble hands in his strong hand.” The very next day he left us to go to the Father’s House. His journey in this world was over, one that he made in faith, hope and love.

At every New year we stand on the bridge, we wonder what the year ahead will hold for us, our families and communities. We pray for those strong virtues of faith, hope and love. The poet Patrick Kavanagh has written:

The New Year’s unwritten page we view as a lea field to plough and sow;

The memory of weeds from the last-turned page comes through,

But only matters what this year we grow.

I would like to thank The Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committees for each church, Choirs, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers & Supervisors, Church Sacristans, Kathleen and Brian in the parish office. I would also like to thank anyone who has helped out in anyway and supported the Parish throughout the year.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2026. *Fr. John.*