

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 01st Feb. 2026):

Sun. 01st Feb. – 11.15 am: Gráinne Heslin, Cloncorrick, also remembering her mother, Bernadette Heslin & also her uncle, Rev. Fr. Dominic Heslin, New Zealand. Fiona Kiernan, Aughavore & D.F.M's. (*St. Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at this Mass*).

Mon. 02nd Feb. – 10.00 am: Mass for Candlemas Day & Blessing of Candles.

Tues. 03rd Feb. – 7.30 pm: Mass for St. Blaise's Day & Blessing of Throats.

Wed. 04th Feb. – 10 am: Dec'd members of the Doonan & Rowan families, Bredagh also Mother Mary Viola (O.S.F.) & Sr. Mary Ferdinand (O.S.F.) whose anniversaries occur.

Fri. 06th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Mass for the First Friday.

Sat. 07th Feb. – 12 noon: Michael Hackett, Church Street (*Month's Mind Mass*).
Monthly Confessions at 1.30 pm.

Sun. 08th Feb. – 11.15 am: Fr. Patrick (*Patsy*) Young, Drumalee.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 01st Feb. 2026):

Sun. 01st Feb. – 10.00 am: Paddy Mc Govern, Newtowngore.
(*St. Brigid's Crosses & Candles will be blessed at this Mass*).

Sun. 08th Feb. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 31st Jan. 2025):

Sat. 31st Jan. – 8.00 pm: Vigil Mass for St. Brigid's Day, including the Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses and Candles.

Thurs. 05th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Sat. 07th Feb. – 8.00 pm: Peggy Mc Girl, Derrygoan (*Month's Mind Mass*).
Monthly Confessions at 7.30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: WEEKEND 24 th / 25 th JANUARY
Carrigallen	€700 (Incl. €115 returns from Oughteragh / Lr. Drumreilly / Killeshandra)
Drumeela	€357 (Incl. €103 returns from Oughteragh / Lr. Drumreilly)
Drumreilly	€406 (Incl. €199 returns from Oughteragh / Lr. Drumreilly / Killeshandra)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You will be remembered more for your kindness than for any level of success you could possibly gain.

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 07th Feb. at the 8.00 pm Mass** in St. Mary's, Drumreilly and on **Sunday next 08th Feb. at the 10.00 am** in St. Mary's, Drumeela and at the **11.15 am Mass** in St. Mary's, Carrigallen.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

SEÁN REILLY, Belturbet and formerly of Drumminshingore & Rossan whose funeral took place on **Wed. 28th Jan.** in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. *May his soul rest in heavenly peace.*



RECENT BAPTISM: With joy we welcome baby Patrick Seán Finnerty, Drumbreanlis who was baptised into our Faith Community on **Sun. 18th Jan.** in St. Mary's, Carrigallen and we congratulate his parents, Ailish & Jonathon.

POPE LEO'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY - For children with incurable diseases - Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

A FOND FAREWELL: Wishing every blessing to Archdeacon Hazel Hicks as she moves to the Swanlinbar group of Parishes. Rev. Hazel was a friendly, warm, welcoming person who touched the hearts of both young and old in the Carrigallen community. What is our loss is Swanlinbar's gain. Our prayers for health & happiness go with her as she takes up her new assignment.

THANKS FROM BISHOP + MARTIN: Thanks for the prayer of the Mass enhanced by the choir in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen, the hospitality and prayer with the staff and students of Carrigallen Vocational School, the primary schools - Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Carrigallen, Drumeela N.S. and St. Mary's N.S. Drumlea (*Drumreilly*) as well as the staff and Committee of Margaret's Corner (*in honour of Margaret of New Orleans*). I appreciated the opportunity to meet with the members of the St. Vincent De Paul Conference, the Adult Faith Formation Group, the Parish Pastoral Council, Safeguarding Personnel, the Parish Finance Committees, and the Chairs of the Primary School Boards of Management. It was a lovely day and a real celebration of the commitment of all involved in Carrigallen, Drumeela and Upper Drumreilly Parish. Thanks to Fr. John and to all parishioners for the welcome, chat, hospitality and music in the Kilbracken Arms Hotel that evening.

theway.ie: A new national platform for our Church providing high quality content about our faith for all age groups. Take a look and share it with family and friends.

PRAYER WITH RELIGIOUS SISTERS OF KILMORE DIOCESE in St. Clare's Church, Cavan on **Sunday, 1st February 2026 at 4.30 pm.** This is an opportunity to prayerfully celebrate the presence and ongoing contribution of the Religious Sisters of the Loreto, Mercy, Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary, and St. Clare congregations among us.

SCOIL MHUIRE NAOFA, CARRIGALLEN: Enrolment forms for September 2026 are now available from the school and local crèches for Mainstream and Special Class (ASD) including Early Intervention (ASD) preschool. Completed forms must be returned together with child's Birth Certificate and a copy of a utility bill on or before **Friday, 27th February 2026.** Phone: 049-4339929. Email: Secretary@carrigallenns.ie

DRUMREILLY COMMUNITY CAMINO takes place on **Saturday 2nd May 2026.** You can purchase tickets and find out all the details on www.drumreillycamino.ie or on the Facebook Page: *Drumreilly Community Camino*. Two routes available: 20k or 35k. Come walk with us.

PARISH BINGO in Drumreilly Community Centre on **Friday nights starting promptly at 8:30 pm.** Over €1,000 in prizemoney including a raffle. Extra raffle prizes on every long weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated and always welcome!

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP: Weekly meetings are held on **Wednesdays at 8:30 pm** in the Community Centre. We offer a variety of engaging activities and outings, with refreshments provided at each meeting. New members are always warmly welcomed. Additionally, we host a relaxed 'Ceili House' gathering on **Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** at the Centre. It's a casual get-together for a friendly chat and a cup of tea. All welcome!

CARRIGALLEN PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: Weekly meetings in Carrigallen Community Care Centre (H12 K5N7) on **Friday mornings from 10.00 am to 11.30 am**. €2 per child or €5 if 3 or more children in a family. For more info. contact Rachel on 086-6035977.

MARGARET'S CORNER EVENT: Join us for an engaging evening celebrating **Active Age and Community Wellness** in Carrigallen on **Monday 16th February starting at 7.30 pm sharp** in Margaret's Corner, Carrigallen H12 P744. GET INVOLVED BY ATTENDING OUR INFORMATION EVENING. Anna Tiernan of Leitrim Development Association will be in attendance. All Local Groups and Individuals most welcome - Open to both Ladies and Gents.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is **€4,000**. 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 have a Monthly 50/50 Draw. See our social media pages for details.

CARRIGALLEN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL: The STEM Passport for Inclusion programme, in partnership with Leitrim Co. Council, has officially launched in Carrigallen Vocational School. This is an award-winning programme which creates an innovative pathway for students from under-served backgrounds to third level education by earning a Level 6 STEM qualification, work experience opportunities and mentoring from inspiring industry role models. This will help students develop skills, confidence and connections for future study and employment. Since its inception, the initiative has reached thousands of students from under-served communities in Ireland, breaking down barriers to participation in STEM fields.

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (02nd Feb. – 07th Feb.)

Mon. – The Presentation. Jesus was brought to the Temple to fulfil a purification custom.

Tue. – St. Blaise of Armenia. 4th Century Bishop and healer of diseases of the throat.

Wed. – St. John de Britto. 17th Century Portuguese Jesuit Missionary & Evangelist.

Thurs.- St. Agatha of Sicily. 3rd Century Christian Virgin and Martyr.

Fri. – St. Dorothy of Caesarea. 3rd Century Martyr. Patroness of gardeners.

Sat. – St. Mel of Ardagh, Co. Longford. 5th Century Bishop and an associate of St. Patrick.

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

Parish Cluster: Fr. Seán Mawn, Ballinamore **071-9644039 or 087-6869040**; Fr. Malachy Moses C.C. Ballinamore **087-4904380**; 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.

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

01st Feb. 2026 – 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life 2026



St. Brigid's Day / Lá Fhéile Bríde



St. Brigid (c.451 - 525) is Patroness (Mother Saint) of Ireland and also known as 'Mary of the Gael'. Her life is a quiet testimony to how holiness can grow from everyday generosity. Born into a divided world of wealth and poverty, she chose compassion as her inheritance. The stories of her life return to simple acts such as sharing food, welcoming strangers, tending the sick, and in these small mercies, something abundant is revealed.

Brigid reminds us that faith is not only something we believe, but something we practice with our hands. Her legendary generosity, even when it seemed reckless, speaks of a trust that God's providence expands when love is given freely. As abbess, she led not through power but through service, shaping communities where prayer and practical care belonged together.

In reflecting on St. Brigid, we are invited to ask how kindness might become our own form of courage. Her life suggests that sanctity is not distant or dramatic, but close at hand, found in hospitality, justice and a heart willing to be poured out for others.

PRAYER TO ST. BRIGID

You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. *St. Brigid, pray for us. Amen.*