

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 04th Jan. 2026):

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.

Tues. 6th Jan. – 11.15 am: Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.

Sun. 11th Jan. – 11.15 am: Maurice, Aidan & Maisie Brady, Scordan Road.
Kevin Mc Cabe, Drumsilla.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 04th Jan. 2026):

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

Sun. 11th Jan. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 03rd Jan. 2025):

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

Mon. 05th Jan. – 8.00 pm: Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.

Sat. 10th Jan. – 8.00 pm: Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Eucharistic Adoration: **NONE.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

<u>CHURCH AREA</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS EVE/ CHRISTMAS DAY</u>	<u>WEEKEND 27th / 28th DEC.</u>
Carrigallen	€2,408	€1,465.00
Drumeela	€980	€835
Drumreilly	€778	€710



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Let this month of January be the foundation for a year of purposeful achievements, where each day brings a chance to make a positive impact and move closer to your hopes and dreams, starting with just one brave step today.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL DATES 2026

Confirmation - St. Mary's, Carrigallen - Saturday 21st March at 11.00 am.

First Holy Communion - St. Mary's, Drumreilly - Saturday 9th May at 12 noon.

First Holy Communion - St. Mary's, Drumeela - Sunday 10th May at 10.00 am.

First Holy Communion - St. Mary's, Carrigallen - Saturday 16th May at 12 noon.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

PEGGY MC GIRL (*née Creamer*), Derrygoan and formerly of Kiltyhugh whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly on **Friday 1st January** followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May the door of God's hospitality welcome her home to rest in 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

FREE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING: Bring your natural Christmas Tree to Ballyconnell Civic Amenity Centre (H14 PW18) for free recycling during the month of January. More information on www.mcelvaneywaste.com or call 049-9527593.

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP: We are resuming our weekly meetings on this **Wednesday (7th Jan.) at 8.30 pm** in the Community Centre. Our activities are many and varied. Refreshments served at each meeting and we welcome new members.

PARISH BINGO: 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. All support welcome and appreciated.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is **€3,600**. 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.

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.

TOWN & VILLAGE REGENERATION PROJECT: Under this Project, Carrigallen will receive an allocation of €139,705 to fund a Streetscape Enhancement Scheme designed to revitalise the appearance of the village, instil local pride and make it a more vibrant and attractive place to live, work and do business. This funding has been approved by the Dept. of Community and Rural Development, and the Gaeltacht.

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR IRISH? Ballinamore Library will again be running a Ciorcal Comhrá every Tuesday where people meet to practice their Irish and to improve their use of the language. The Ciorcal Comhrá starts **Tues. 13th January 2026** in Ballinamore Library at 8.00 pm. Please text to book a place at 087 6821 566. Admission is free. Beidh Fáilte Romhat.

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.**

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

God of all time, thank you for the year past and the fresh start of this new year. Grant us wisdom and discernment to follow Your will and leadings in every decision. Help us to worry less, laugh more, and walk in love, joy and peace. Strengthen our families and loved ones, blessing them with health, unity and support for one another. Open our eyes to opportunities to serve You and others, using us as instruments of Your grace. Forgive our failures, guide our steps, and fill us with Your Spirit as we step into this new season. May our lives reflect Your glory and bring hope to a world in need, for Your honour and praise. Amen.

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (05th Jan. – 10th Jan.)

Mon. – St. Charles of Mount Argus. 19th Century Dutch Passionist Healing Priest.

Tue. – Epiphany of the Lord. The Maji (*Wise Men*) visit the Baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

Wed. – St. Raymond of Penafort. 13th Century Catalan Dominican priest & canon lawyer.

Thurs. – St. Albert of Cashel. 8th Century English preacher. Patron Saint of Cashel.

Fri. – St. Adrian of Canterbury. 7th Century Monk, Abbot, teacher and Bible commentator.

Sat. – St. Dermot of Inchcleraun, an Island on Lough Ree. 6th Century Monastery founder.

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

04th Jan. 2026 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas - Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel (*John 1: 1-18*) opens with the words: "*In the beginning was the Word.*" God is the Word who existed before time and through whom all things were made. This reminds us that Christmas is not only about the birth of a baby in Bethlehem, but about God choosing to enter our world and our lives. God did not remain distant. He chose to take on human life, real flesh, real struggles, real joy and pain. This means that nothing in our lives is too small, too ordinary or too broken for God to enter. Our daily routines, our families, our worries and even our failures are places where God wants to dwell.

The Gospel also speaks about light and darkness. "*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*" This is a message of hope. Darkness still exists in the world, violence, injustice, loneliness, and fear, but it does not have the final word. Christ is the light that continues to shine, even when it seems faint. Welcoming Jesus means allowing His light to shape our choices, our relationships and the way we treat others.

Through Christ, we are not just followers or admirers, we are sons and daughters of God. This identity gives us dignity, purpose and a calling to reflect God's love in the world. As we continue our journey through the Christmas season, may we not rush past its meaning. May we make room for the Word who became flesh, allow His light to shine in our lives, and live as true children of God.