

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 11th Jan. 2026):

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

Sun. 18th Jan. – 11.15 am: Thomas and Mary Brigid Baxter, Druminshinglebe.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 11th Jan. 2026):

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

Sun. 18th Jan. – 10.00 am: P.C. Lynch, Annagh & D.F.M's.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 10th Jan. 2025):

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

Sat. 17th Jan. – 8.00 pm: Una & Hughie Maguire, Aghalough.
Tommy Connolly, Ardunsaghan.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

<u>CHURCH AREA</u>	<u>WEEKEND 03rd / 04th JANUARY</u>	<u>FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY.</u>
Carrigallen	€760	€203
Drumeela	€345	No Mass
Drumreilly	€242	€152

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Renewal of Baptismal Vows is a powerful, personal moment of identifying with Christ's death and resurrection, signifying a fresh start and a commitment to follow Him, filled with hope for the future which God has planned for us.

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 THE FOLLOWING:



VERY REV. PHIL BRADY, Cavan Town and Bruskey. Retired Kilmore Diocesan Priest. Funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Bruskey on **Saturday 10th January** followed by burial in the Church grounds.

MICHAEL HACKETT, Church St. Carrigallen whose funeral takes place in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen on **Monday 12th January at 12 noon** and will be followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

ANNA BRADY (née Magee), Barley Field, Carrigallen and formerly of Mohill whose funeral takes place in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen on **Monday 12th January at 2.30 pm** and will be followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISIT TO THE PARISH: Bishop Martin Hayes will visit the Parish on **Friday 23rd January 2026**. He will visit the three National Schools in the Parish and also the Vocational School. He will meet various Parish Committees including the Parish Pastoral Council, Church Finance Committees, Chairpersons of the Boards of Management of the Primary Schools, St. Vincent de Paul Conference and Margaret's Corner Committee. In the evening, he will celebrate Mass in St. Mary's, Carrigallen at 7.30 pm. Afterwards, he hopes to meet with as many parishioners as he can at a gathering in the Kilbracken Arms Hotel where we will have refreshments and some local entertainment.

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

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP: We hold our weekly meetings on **Wednesdays at 8.30 pm** in the Community Centre. We have many interesting activities and outings. Refreshments are served at each meeting and we always welcome new members. We also hold a 'Ceili House' gathering in the Centre on **Sunday evenings from 6.00 - 8.00 pm**. Just a very social chat and a cuppa. Everyone welcome.

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 **€3,700**. 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.

DRUMREILLY G.A.A. and the Mc Girl families wish to thank everyone who supported their annual St. Stephen's Day Tournament Game in Carrickmakeegan GAA Park. All gate receipts were donated to The Patient Comfort Fund, Ballinamore Community Nursing Unit/ Primary Care Centre and Drumreilly Community Camino Group.

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.

CARRIGALLEN PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: Our weekly meetings in Carrigallen Community Care Centre (H12 K5N7) have now resumed. They are held on **Friday mornings from 10.00 am to 11.30 am.** €2 per child or €5 if three or more children in a family. For more information contact Rachel on 086-6035977.

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 this **Tues. 13th Jan.** 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 BAPTISM PRAYER

Dear Lord, we thank you for your love, that we have become sons and daughters of a heavenly Father. We pray for those who have been baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. May they walk forward, cleansed of sin, embraced and loved by the Father. May they follow the leading of the Lord Jesus Christ, guiding their paths. And may they be full of the Holy Spirit, flowing with love and grace, drinking in the truth of God and pouring out your hope and redemption into a broken world. Amen.

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (12th Jan. – 17th Jan.)

- Mon.** – St. Tatiana of Rome. 3rd Century Martyr who died by beheading.
Tue. – St. Hilary of Poitiers. 4th Century French Bishop and Doctor of the Church.
Wed. – St. Baetán of Inishbofin. 8th Century Bishop. Defender of Celtic Customs.
Thurs.- St. Ita of Killeedy. 5th Cent. Nun. Known as the “*Foster mother of the Saints of Erin*”.
Fri. – St. Fursey of Connacht. 7th Century Monk. Spread Christianity throughout East Anglia.
Sat. – St. Anthony of Egypt. 4th Century Monk. Founder of organised Monasticism.

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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

11th Jan. 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord - Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel (Matt. 3: 13-17), Jesus approaches John the Baptist, but John hesitates. He knows that Jesus does not need repentance. Yet Jesus insists, saying it is necessary “to fulfil all righteousness.” This moment reveals Jesus' humility. He does not claim privilege or exemption, but He fully embraces the human condition & stands in solidarity with us. From the beginning of His public ministry, Jesus shows that His mission is not about power or status, but about love, obedience, and service.

As Jesus comes up from the water, the heavens open. The Spirit descends like a dove, and the voice of the Father is heard: “*This is my beloved Son, my favour rests on him.*” This is a powerful moment of revelation. God is made known as the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and Jesus is affirmed in His identity and mission. Before Jesus performs a miracle or teaches a crowd, He is first named as “beloved.” His mission flows from this relationship of love.

This feast also invites us to reflect on our own baptism in which we too are claimed by God, called beloved sons and daughters, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we are sent into the world to live out our faith, not perfectly, but faithfully. Baptism is not just a past event; it is a lifelong calling to live as people of light, justice, and compassion.

The Lord's Baptism reminds us that God meets us where we are, calls us beloved, and sends us forth. As He begins His mission after leaving the waters of the Jordan, we are reminded that our baptism also sends us out to love as Christ loves and to make God's presence visible in the world.