

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 18th Jan. 2026):

Sun. 18th Jan. – 11.15 am: Thomas and Mary Brigid Baxter, Drumshinglebe.
Mon. 19th Jan. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.
Tues. 20th Jan. – 7.30 pm: Hugh and Annie Maguire, Drumderglin & D.F.M's.
Wed. 21st Jan. – 10.00 am: Hugh & Teresa Mc Goohan, Kilmore.
Fri. 23rd Jan. – 7.30 pm: Mass with Bishop Martin Hayes.
Sun. 25th Jan. – 11.15 am: Frank & Ellen Maguire, Cois Locha.
 Vincent & Bridget Greene, Drumcannon & D.F.M's.
 Kevin Percival, Beaghmore.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 18th Jan. 2026):

Sun. 18th Jan. – 10.00 am: P.C. Lynch, Annagh & D.F.M's.
Sun. 25th Jan. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 17th Jan. 2025):

Sat. 17th Jan. – 8.00 pm: Una & Hughie Maguire, Aghalough.
 Tommy Connolly, Ardunsaghan.
Thurs. 22nd Jan. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.
Sat. 24th Jan. – 8.00 pm: Killian & Teresa Mitchell, Kinkeen & D.F.M's.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: WEEKEND 10 th / 11 th JANUARY
Carrigallen	€568
Drumeela	€226
Drumreilly	€261

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Yesterday is like a cancelled cheque. Tomorrow is a promissory note.
 Today is like ready cash. Use it wisely, for today is the most precious possession you can have.

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 24th Jan. at 8.00 pm** in St. Mary's, Drumreilly and on **Sunday next 25th Jan. at 10.00 am** in St. Mary's, Drumeela and at **11.15 am** in St. Mary's, Carrigallen.

BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISIT TO THE PARISH: Bishop Martin Hayes will visit our Parish on this **Friday 23rd January beginning at 10.00 am**. He will call to each of the schools, visit Margaret's Corner, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, will meet with the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committees from each Church Area and the Chairpersons of the Boards of Management of the Primary Schools. In the evening, he will celebrate Mass in St. Mary's, Carrigallen at 7.30 pm. Afterwards, a social evening in the Kilbracken Arms Hotel where he hopes to meet parishioners to which you are all invited.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING on **Wednesday 21st January at 8.00 pm** in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall. All members are asked to attend in order to arrange Bishop Martin's parish visit.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2026 will be celebrated in Ireland from **January 18th to 24th**, under the theme "*Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness,*" emphasizing everyday holiness inspired by Saint Carlo Acutis and Pope Francis. The Irish theme highlights that holiness is lived in daily actions, not just extraordinary deeds, encouraging students, families, and schools to find purpose and faith in ordinary life.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026: The theme for the week this year: "*There is one body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you*" (Eph 4:4). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908 as the Octave of Christian Unity and focused on prayer for Church unity. The Week of Prayer is traditionally observed annually from the **18th to 25th January**.

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 on 049-4361222 & for Assisted Pilgrims with Fr. Tom Mannion, Pilgrimage Director, Ballinaglera on 087-9170879.

SCOIL MUIRE 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 ACTIVE AGE GROUP: Our weekly meetings take place every **Wednesday 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. Everyone is welcome to come along!

PARISH BINGO takes place at Drumreilly Community Centre on **Friday nights and at Carrigallen Hall on Sunday nights, both starting promptly at 8:30 PM**. (2nd last night of current season in Carrigallen). Expect the usual prizes and raffles. Your support is greatly appreciated and always welcome!

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 GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is **€3,800**. 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 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.

ALZHEIMER'S INFORMATION CAFE open to everyone on the 4th Thursday of the month. This month it's on **Thursday 22nd January from 11.00 am to 1.00pm** in the Commercial Hotel, Ballinamore. For more information, contact Mary on 087-0024190.

THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND now offer Day Services in Carrick on Shannon with more services to be added in the near distant future. If you or a loved one or someone you know would benefit from our Services or like more info., then please contact Sinéad Foley Coleman at the following: 087-0680714 or E-mail sineadfoley.coleman@alzheimer.ie

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of faith and for calling us, in Christ, to be one body. Send Your Holy Spirit upon all who believe in You. Heal the wounds of division, soften hardened hearts, and teach us to walk together in humility, love, and truth. May we recognize Christ in one another, listen with respect, serve with generosity, and bear witness together to the Gospel. As Jesus prayed that we may all be one, so draw us ever closer to You and to each other, that the world may believe in Your saving love.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (19th Jan. – 24th Jan.)

Mon. – St. Canute of Denmark. 11th Century King and Patron Saint of Denmark.

Tue. – St. Féichín of Fore, Co. Westmeath. 7th Century Monk and Monastery founder.

Wed. – St. Agnes of Rome. 3rd Century virgin martyr. Hated sin more than death.

Thurs.- St. Vincent of Saragossa. 3rd Century Spanish Deacon. Buried in Lisbon Cathedral.

Fri. – St. Colman of Lismore. 7th Century Monastic Leader and Theology Teacher.

Sat. – St. Francis de Sales. 17th Century Franciscan Bishop of Geneva.

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

18th Jan. 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel (*John 1: 29-34*), John the Baptist points away from himself and towards Jesus with these words: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This simple statement carries deep meaning. The lamb recalls the Passover sacrifice, the blood that saved God's people and led them from slavery to freedom. By calling Jesus the Lamb of God, John reveals that Jesus is the one who will bring true liberation, not from political oppression, but from sin, fear and separation from God.

Jesus comes quietly, humbly and stands among ordinary people. John admits, "I did not know him," until the Spirit revealed who Jesus truly was. This reminds us that God often works in ways we do not immediately recognize. Christ is present in our daily lives, in the ordinary moments, in the people we encounter, in our struggles and hopes, but we need spiritual attentiveness to see Him. His saving work is universal; no one is excluded. The Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world, not just individual sins, but everything that deforms human dignity and breaks communion.

For us today, this Gospel is both a revelation and a challenge. Like John the Baptist, we are called to point to Christ and not to ourselves. Our choices and way of life should quietly say to others, "Look to Him." At the same time, we are invited to behold Jesus in the Eucharist, where the Church still proclaims at every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God." As we continue through Ordinary Time, may we grow in the grace to recognize Christ more clearly, trust Him more deeply and reflect His light more faithfully to the world.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, You call us from the ordinary moments of our lives to recognize Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Open our eyes to see Him clearly, our ears to hear His voice, and our hearts to follow Him faithfully. As John the Baptist pointed others to Jesus, may our lives also bear witness to Your saving love. We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.