

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 08th Feb. 2026):

Sun. 08th Feb. – 11.15 am: Fr. Patrick (*Patsy*) Young, Drumalee.
Mon. 09th Feb. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.
Tues. 10th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Anna Brady, Barley Field (*Month's Mind Mass*) also remembering her daughter, Kelly Brady.
Wed. 11th Feb. – 10.00 am: Mass for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes.
Fri. 13th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.
Sun. 15th Feb. – 11.15 am: John & Mary Kate Morrow, Aughawillen & D.F.M's.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 08th Feb. 2026):

Sun. 08th Feb. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.
Sun. 15th Feb. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 07th Feb. 2025):

Sat. 07th Feb. – 8.00 pm: Peggy Mc Girl, Derrygoan (*Month's Mind Mass*).
Thurs. 12th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.
Sat. 14th Feb. – 8.00 pm: Aoife Donegan-Kennedy, Gortahose.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: WEEKEND 31 st JAN. / 01 st FEB.	
Carrigallen	€575	
Drumeela	€290	
Drumreilly	€504	



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There are two ways to live your life, one as though nothing is a miracle, and the other as though everything is a miracle.

BAPTISED & SENT – ENCOURAGED BY OUR BISHOP

Baptised & Sent is being warmly encouraged by Bishop Martin as a Lenten journey for the people of the diocese. The programme reminds us that Baptism is not just something that happened in the past, but a living call today — shaping how we live, serve, and witness to our faith in our homes, parishes, and communities. Parishioners are invited to using *Baptised & Sent* as part of their Lenten prayer & reflection this year. More info. on www.synod.ie



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

GERARD MC GIRL, Drumdiffer whose funeral took place on **Wed. 04th Feb.** in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly followed by burial in Fenagh Abbey Cemetery.

MARTIN KIERNAN, Lakeview House, Carrigallen and formerly of Aughavas whose funeral takes place in St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas on **Tues. 10th Feb. at 12 noon** and will be followed by burial in the local cemetery.

May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting on this **Tuesday, 10th Feb. starting at 8.30 pm** in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall. All members are requested to attend.

www.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.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 14th/15th FEB.- Our annual Safeguarding Sunday takes place next weekend **14th/15th February**. A copy of the 2026 Newsletter is posted on the Church notice boards. If you wish to download the Newsletter go to www.kilmorediocese.ie and click on the safeguarding section to download a copy.

PLEDGE SUNDAY: The young people who receive their confirmation this year will take their Pledge of Abstinence from alcoholic drinks and all harmful illicit drugs and vapes. This will take place next weekend **14th/15th February** at the three parish Masses.

MOTHER AND BABY INSTITUTIONS PAYMENT SCHEME: This Irish Government Payment Scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland. For further details and to apply visit: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme or Contact the Helpline: 01-5229922. All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality.

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

CARRIGALLEN GAA HEALTHY CLUB – Ladies Exercise Classes resuming on this **Monday 09th Feb. starting at 11.00 am** in the Corn Mill Theatre (*Temporary Venue*). A social cuppa served afterwards. Everyone welcome.

ANAM CARA, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on this **Wed. 11th February at 7.30 pm** in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

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!

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.

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 **€2,600**. 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.

HOME ALONE – AWAY TOGETHER: Valentine's Day Trip - Sat 14th Feb: A gentle Valentine-themed guided bus tour from Cavan to the Northwest, with quirky love stories, poetry moments, group lunch & time to meet new people. Travel alone or with friends - 35+. Contact Martina: **087-0617300**.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES - Feast Day – Wed. 11th Feb.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comforter of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favours, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen.

Feast Days / Memorials during the Coming Week (09th Feb. – 14th Feb.)

Mon. – St. Teilo of Wales. 6th Century Monk, Bishop and Monastery founder.

Tues. - St. Scholastica of Italy. 6th Century Benedictine Nun. Sister of St. Benedict of Nursia.

Wed. - Our Lady of Lourdes. The title of the B.V.M. who appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858

Thurs. - St. Anthony of Saxony. 14th Century Franciscan Monk. Martyred in Serbia.

Fri. – St. Catherine de' Ricci. 16th Century Italian Nun in the Third Order of St. Dominic.

Sat. – St. Valentine of Rome. 3rd Century Bishop. Patron Saint of love & engaged couples.

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

08th Feb. 2026 – 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel (Matthew 5: 13-16) we hear two very powerful and frequently used metaphors - **salt** and **light**.

Salt has many purposes: it is used for preserving food, enhancing flavour & as a purifying agent. Jesus calls His followers the "salt of the earth," implying that Christians are to have a preserving & purifying influence on the world. In a world often marked by decay, sin & corruption, followers of Christ are called to uphold moral integrity and be a moral influence on society.

However, Jesus warns about salt that loses its saltiness. It could lose its flavour if mixed with impurities. This reflects how Christians, if they lose their uniqueness or fail to live out the Christ's teachings, can become ineffective. If Christians lose their commitment to living according to God's laws, they no longer serve their purpose of influencing good in the world.

Light symbolizes truth, knowledge, and righteousness. Just as a city on a hill is visible from afar, Christians, by their actions and their lives, are meant to stand out and point others towards God. The purpose of light is to illuminate the darkness, and Christians are called to shine the light of Christ's love, truth, and justice into the world's darkness.

A lamp not being hidden under a tub reinforces the idea that a Christian's light should not be concealed. It's meant to be seen and to influence others. When Christians hide their faith or fail to live authentically, they fail to fulfil their purpose. Instead, they should live boldly, showing love, compassion and truth in a way that others can see and be drawn to Christ.

So, this week, let us reflect on how we might live out this salt / light calling. In what areas of our lives do we see opportunities to preserve goodness, shine truth or help others see the glory of God through our actions?