

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 15th Feb. 2026):

- Sun. 15th Feb. – 11.15 am:** John & Mary Kate Morrow, Aughawillen & D.F.M's.
- Mon. 16th Feb. – 10.00 am:** Mass of the Day.
- Tues. 17th Feb. – 7.30 pm:** Anna Mary Nash, Kivvy (1st Anniversary Mass).
- Wed. 18th Feb. – 11.30 am:** Mass for Ash Wednesday.
- Fri. 20th Feb. – 7.30 pm:** Mass of the Day - Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse.
- Sun. 22nd Feb. – 11.15 am:** Missa Pro Populo.
- Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 15th Feb. 2026):

- Sun. 15th Feb. – 10.00 am:** Missa Pro Populo.
- Sun. 22nd Feb. – 10.00 am:** Seamus Mc Cartan, Drummucker.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 14th Feb. 2026):

- Sat. 14th Feb. – 8.00 pm:** Aoife Donegan-Kennedy, Gortahose.
- Wed. 18th Feb. – 7.30 pm:** Mass for Ash Wednesday.
- Thurs. 19th Feb. – 7.30 pm:** Tom, Bridget & Lily Mimna, Drumshangore & D.F.M's.
- Sat. 21st Feb. – 8.00 pm:** Hugh Mc Cartin, Ardunsaghan.
- Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

| CHURCH AREA | OFFERTORY COLLECTION: WEEKEND 07 th FEB. / 8 th FEB. |
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| Carrigallen | €940 |
| Drumeela | €326 (Incl. €20 returns from Staghall / Milltown) |
| Drumreilly | €512 |

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

View Lent not as a gloomy time, but as a spring season to grow into the full stature of Christ.

GETTING READY FOR LENT WITH BAPTISED & SENT: As we prepare to enter this sacred season, parishioners are invited to make use of *Baptised & Sent*, a Lenten faith resource available to all in the diocese. Whether used individually or with others, *Baptised & Sent* offers a gentle and prayerful way to reflect on our Baptism and our call to live our faith each day. All are welcome to take part. Resources and information can be found at www.synod.ie



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

CATHERINE (KATIE) REILLY, Milltown, Belturbet and formerly of Crickeen (Sister of Christy Reilly) whose funeral took place in St. Patrick's Church, Milltown on **Tues. 10th Feb.** followed by burial in Drumlane Cemetery.

FR. ROBERT (ROBBIE) MORROW, Manchester & formerly of Beaghbeg (brother of Jimmy Morrow). Funeral arrangements later.

May their souls rest in heavenly peace.



RECENT MARRIAGE: Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness to Noeleen Rawle, Cloughla, Carrigallen and Daniel Casserly, Galway who received the Sacrament of Marriage in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen on **Saturday 14th February.**

LENTEN SHORT TERM PLEDGE: This enables a person to make a commitment to take the pledge for the six weeks of Lent. In doing this you are doing something uplifting and challenging for yourself or others this Lent. Say the short-term pledge prayer twice daily. "For Your greater glory and consolation, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for your sake to give good example to practise self-denial to make reparation for the sins of intemperance and for the conversion of excessive drinkers, I will abstain for Lent from all intoxicating drink".

DRUMREILLY FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING on this **Thursday (19th Feb.) at 8.15 pm** in the Sacristy. All members are requested to attend the meeting.

NEWS FROM THE RECENT PASTORAL MEETING:

Safeguarding Sunday: Parish Information Meeting for all who are involved with minors & vulnerable adults on Tuesday 3rd March at 8.30 pm.

Returning to Nature: Parish Meeting in each Church Area on Tues. 10th March at 8.30 pm.

Lenten Program – Baptised and Sent beginning on Tuesday 24th March at 8.30 pm.

Why Sunday Matters – Discussion on Mass attendance.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE in the RDS Dublin from **Friday 27th February to Sunday 1st March.** A powerful weekend with speakers: Fr. James Blount, Fr. Adrian Crowley, Rosin Doherty and many others including Holy Mass, Adoration, Healing Service and Confessions. Tickets: Saturday €35, Sunday €25, weekend €45. More information on www.divinemercuryconference.com

SCOIL MUIRE NAOFA, CARRIGALLEN: Enrolment forms for Sept. 2026 available from school/local crèches for Mainstream & Special Class (ASD) including Early Intervention (ASD) preschool. Completed forms to be returned together with child's Birth Cert. and a copy of a utility bill before **Fri. 27th Feb.** Tel:049-4339929. Email: Secretary@carrigallenns.ie

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP: Our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will take place in the Community Centre this **Wednesday, 18th February, at 8.30 pm sharp.** We encourage all members to attend and warmly welcome any new members who would like to join us. We offer a wide range of interesting and varied activities and outings throughout the year. Refreshments are served at every meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

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!

MARGARET'S CORNER EVENT: Join us for an engaging evening celebrating **Active Age and Community Wellness** in Carrigallen on this **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 HEALTHY CLUB – Ladies Exercise Classes on **Mondays at 11.00 am** in the Corn Mill Theatre (*Temporary Venue*). Social cuppa & chat afterwards. All welcome
CARRIGALLEN TIDY TOWNS are holding their AGM on **Thurs. 26th Feb. at 8.30pm** in the Tom Clarke Room. Great work has been done in the last few years. Funding received made a difference. It would be great to see new members/volunteers who can contribute or help.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is **€2,700**. 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.

LOCAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME: Applications for the Local Enhancement Programme 2026 are now open. LEP 2026 will provide small scale funding to support community groups across Leitrim. The funding supports groups in disadvantaged areas to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, training equipment etc. [Please click here for further information](#) or visit: www.leitrimcoco.ie **Closing date for applications is Fri. 27th Feb. at 4pm.**

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY is seeking dedicated volunteers with strong organisational skills who are willing to bring Daffodil Day fundraising events to our community. It's Ireland's largest flagship fundraising day and requires the support of volunteers to coordinate the sale of Daffodil Day merchandise. With full support of the Irish Cancer Society fundraising team, you will be responsible for helping to bring Daffodil Day & it's fun & excitement to your local area, in turn helping to support cancer patients and their families across Ireland by raising vital funds and awareness. If you are available to support us on **Fri. 20th March** and would like to become a Daffodil Day Community Organiser, please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

FEAST DAYS / MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK

MON. St. Juliana of Nicomedia. **TUES.** St. Fintan of Clonenagh.
WED. Ash Wednesday. **THURS.** St. Odhrán of Tipperary.
FRI. St. Colga of Lusk. **SAT.** St. Peter Damian of Italy.

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

15th Feb. 2026 – 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

(Annual Safeguarding Sunday - Diocese of Kilmore)

ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins here, not as a test of willpower but as an invitation to return. To return to God and to return to ourselves. Fasting, prayer and repentance are not punishments; they are tools for remembering who we are when the excess is removed. They make space. They quiet the noise. They help us notice where we have grown numb or distracted, and where love is still waiting to be chosen.

There is something special about this day. God meets us not at our strongest, but at our most human. Not in perfection, but in ashes. The same hands that formed us from dust still hold us, still breathe life into us, still promise that dust is not the end of the story.

Ash Wednesday reminds us that while we are finite, we are also deeply loved. We are marked not only by ashes - a reminder of our mortality, but by mercy. And in acknowledging what will one day fade, we are gently guided toward what will not.

Ash Wednesday – 18th Feb. 2026 - 1st Day of Lent - Day of Fast & Abstinence

Mass and Distribution of Ashes:

St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen ~ 11:30 am

St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly ~ 7:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Prayer

Dear God, on this Ash Wednesday may the ashes on our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to Your Son, and may our worship, prayer and penitence be sustained throughout this holy season of Lent.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.