

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 22nd Feb. 2026):

Sun. 22nd Feb. – 11.15 am: Missa Pro Populo.
Tues. 24th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Sean Reilly, Drumminshin & Belturbet. (*M.M. Mass*).
Wed. 25th Feb. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.
Fri. 27th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Maurice Brady, Scordan Rd.
 Followed by Stations of the Cross.
Sun. 01st Mar. – 11.15 am: Jim & Lily O'Neill, Killahurk.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 22nd Feb. 2026):

Sun. 22nd Feb. – 10.00 am: Seamus Mc Cartan, Drummucker.
Sun. 01st Mar. – 10.00 am: Carmel Gilhooly, Drumanure (*1st Anniv. Mass*).

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 21st Feb. 2026):

Sat. 21st Feb. – 8.00 pm: Hugh Mc Cartin, Ardunsaghan.
Thurs. 26th Feb. – 7.30 pm: Memorial Mass for Peggy Mc Girl, late of Derrygoan.
 (at the behest of Drumreilly Active Age Group).
Sat. 28th Feb. – 8.00 pm: Gerry Mc Girl, Drumdiffer (*Month's Mind Mass*).
 John Blessing, Corrala & D.F.M's.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: WEEKEND 14 th FEB. / 15 th FEB.
Carrigallen	€818 (Incl. €123 returns from Aughavas / Cloone / Mohill / Killeshandra)
Drumeela	€280 (Incl. €64 returns from Aughavas / Cloone / Mohill)
Drumreilly	€501 (Incl. €82 returns from Aughavas / Cloone / Mohill)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Lent is a time to experience afresh the embrace of God's love; a time to join Jesus in the desert and allow the Spirit to lead us on an inner journey.

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME: Parishioners are invited to take part in a Lenten journey called *Baptised and Sent*. This program will help us reflect on our faith in relation to daily Christian living. It begins next **Tuesday, 24th February at 8.30 pm** in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall. All are invited.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING EVENING: This information evening takes place on **Monday 2nd March at 8.30 pm** in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall. All those involved in the supervision of children and those visiting the sick and housebound are asked to please attend. Also, an open invitation for all parishioners to attend. This meeting will be facilitated by Ms. Shannon Edwards, Parish Safeguarding Rep.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

KATIE SYNAN (*née Canning*), Luton, England and formerly of Drumcoura. Funeral will take place in England at a later date.

TOMMY MC CARTIN, Killameen whose funeral takes place on **Monday 23rd February at 11.00 am** in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

TROCAIRE'S LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2026: This year's Lenten Campaign accompanies a three-generation family in rural Rwanda, led by Uwamahoro, a young mother supporting her daughter, niece and elderly mother. Through their story, parish communities are invited to reflect on themes of resilience, care for our common home, and the dignity of every person in the face of poverty caused by climate injustice. Their lived experience helps bring the Sunday Gospels to life and connects faith with the call to solidarity. Find out more at www.trocaire.org. Trócaire packs for 2026 are now available in the Church porches. They contain information leaflets, a Trócaire Box and an envelope for returning your contributions to your local Church at Eastertime.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Together every Friday evening during Lent after the 7.30 pm Mass in either Carrigallen or Drumeela.

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

A LENTEN EVENING OF PRAYER AND HEALING will take place in St. Brigid's Church, Killygarry on **Thurs. 26th Feb.** Confessions from 6.00 pm, Holy Mass 7.30 pm concluding with laying on of hands and benediction. Water, Salt and Oil blessed on the night. All welcome.

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

ST.MARY'S N.S. DRUMLEA/DRUMREILLY are seeking a part-time caretaker, effective from the end of March 2026. Application forms and further information are available via email: principal@stmarysdrumlea.com or telephone 049-4333125. The closing date for applications is **Friday 6th March 2026**.

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!

PARISH BINGO in Drumreilly Community Centre on **Friday nights starting at 8:30 pm**. Over €1,000 in prizemoney including raffle. We greatly welcome & appreciate your support.

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
DRUMREILLY GAA HEALTHY CLUB 2026 WALKING GROUP starting on **Sunday 8th March at 10.00 am**. Location: Garadice Lake. Joggers, Walkers and Crawlers all welcome.

DRUMREILLY COMMUNITY CAMINO LAUNCH NITE in Drumcoura City Saloon on next **Saturday 28th February** with D.J. Paul Corrigan. 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 **€2,800**. 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.

ALZHEIMERS FREE INFORMATION CAFE open to everyone on the 4th Thursday of the month. This month it falls on **Thursday 26th February from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm** in the Commercial Hotel, High St. Ballinamore. For more info. contact Mary on 087-0024190.

SHANNON WATER FLOW: You are invited to the launch of 'Shannon Waters Flow' with Fionnuala Maxwell, in Ballinamore Library on this **Wed. 25th Feb. at 7.00 pm**. An enjoyable evening of songs, stories & cultural change in 1920's Leitrim. Free event. All are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBANUS: Open night on this **Tuesday 24th Feb. Venue: St Joseph's Centre, Leitrim Village at 8:30 pm**. The Carrick Primary Council (Branch), known as CK88, caters for faithful Catholic men living in Leitrim. If interested, contact Ciarán on 086-6027126. Attendance by pre-arrangement only. Visit: www.knightsofstcolimbanus.ie St. Joseph's centre is located on Church Road, Leitrim Village (N41 EA39).

SEANAD VOTING - REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR GRADUATES: Irish citizens with degrees from designated 3rd level colleges are eligible to vote in the 'Higher Education' constituency which replaces the NUI and Trinity panels in Seanad Éireann. Thousands of previous voters have been removed from the register. Ensure you are registered on www.seanadvoter.ie before **26th February**. Evidence of a passport or pre-2005 birth certificate is needed. For queries email applications@seanadvoter.ie

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.**

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



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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT marks the beginning of our Lenten journey — a sacred season of 40 days that prepares our hearts for Easter. Today, we follow Christ into the wilderness. The desert is not just a physical place, it's a spiritual space of testing, silence and encounter with God. Just as Jesus fasted for 40 days, Lent invites us to: **FAST, PRAY & GIVE ALMS**. The desert strips away comfort. It reveals what truly sustains us. When Satan tempts Jesus with bread, power and spectacle, He responds with Scripture, reminding us that *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."*

During Lent, we should ask ourselves a few questions: Do we hunger more for material satisfaction than spiritual nourishment? Do we seek recognition rather than humility? Do we test God instead of trusting Him? Like Christ, we are not meant to fight alone. The Spirit led Jesus into the desert, & the same Spirit helps us too. Lent is not about punishment, it's about preparation.

Forty days/years are mentioned a few times in the Bible: Israel's forty years in the wilderness - Moses' forty days on Mount Sinai - Elijah's forty-day journey to Horeb. In each case, forty days (or years) marked transformation. Lent reminds us that before resurrection comes surrender. Before Easter joy, comes desert discipline. Yet the desert is never the final destination, angels ministered to Jesus, and victory followed obedience.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Lord Jesus, as You enter the desert, lead me into deeper trust in You. Strengthen me against temptation, purify my heart through fasting and prayer, and prepare me to rejoice fully in Your Resurrection. Amen.

FEAST DAYS / MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK

MON. St. Polycarp of Turkey. **TUES.** St. Sergius of Syria.

WED. St. Ethelbert of Kent. **THURS.** St. Victor of France.

FRI. St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrow. **SAT.** St. Oswald of Worcester.