

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

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

Sun. 08th Mar. – 11.15 am: Barry Mc Intyre, Cloncorrick.
Mon. 09th Mar. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.
Sat. 14th Mar. – 12 noon: Funeral Mass for Fr. Robert Morrow, late of Beaghbeg and Manchester, followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.
Sun. 15th Mar. – 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. 08th March 2026):

Sun. 08th Mar. – 10.00 am: Terry, Joe & Jack Reilly, Corcar.
Sun. 15th Mar. – 10.00 am: Terence Murray, Aughavore & D.F.M's.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 07th March 2026):

Sat. 07th Mar. – 8.00 pm: Pat Mc Govern, Kinkeen & D.F.M's.
Thurs. 12th Mar. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.
Sat. 14th Mar. – 8.00 pm: Fr. John Quinn, Drumcoura & Glenfarne.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: WEEKEND 28 th FEB. / 01 st MARCH
Carrigallen	€645
Drumeela	€325
Drumreilly	€398

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be mindful of the small things in life. One day you will look back and realise they were the big things.

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 continues on this **Sunday 8th March at 8.30 pm** in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall. All are invited.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting on **Thursday 12th March at 8.30 pm** in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall. All members please attend.

KILMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

This year's Pilgrimage will take place from **5th – 10th May** flying from Knock. Book with Cavan Travel, Main Street, Cavan on 049-4361222 and for Assisted Pilgrims book with Fr. Tom Mannion, Pilgrimage Director, Ballinaglera on 087-9170879.

RADIO INTERVIEW: Beginning this Sunday 8th March, Shannon Side/Northern Sound Radio will interview Fr. Jason Murphy and four young people on the "Side by Side" programme, about their visit last June to Mazabuka, Zambia. They will describe a heart-wrenching story of their experience there and of the people they met. They will speak of an incredible woman called Rose, whom they describe as the "Florence Nightingale of Mazabuka". It's a two-part interview which airs on **Sunday 8th March and Sunday 15th March, at 9.10 am.**

Your generosity to the St Patrick's Day collection will help.....

- o Support St. Paul's Missionary Society and Minna Diocese, Nigeria.
- o Support Irish Missionaries and Immersion Programme in African countries.
- o Provide support to the Irish Chaplaincy Abroad.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Catholic Marriage Encounter are hosting a marriage enrichment weekend From **Fri. 20th - Sun. 22nd March** at St. Mary's Retreat Centre, Knock. Visit: www.marriageencounter.ie for more info., booking etc. A weekend like no other!

RETURNING TO NATURE: Last year we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the document from the late Holy Father "Laudato Si" (*Praise be to You*) care of our common home on earth. We are asked to set aside 30% of Church land for Biodiversity. In order to do this, we have information evenings in the three Church Areas on **Tues. 10th March @ 8.30pm**. Tom Clarke Memorial Room. Teach Dúchais. Drumreilly Community Centre. All welcome
ST. MARY'S N.S. DRUMLEA/DRUMREILLY are now taking enrolments for the academic year 2026/2027. Enrolment forms are available by emailing: principal@stmarysdrumlea.com or by phoning 049-4333125.

CAKE SALE in Teach Dúchais following the **10.00 am Mass on Sunday 15th March** in St. Mary's, Drumeela. This is a fundraiser for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newtowngore on Tues. 17th March at 4.30 pm. Prizes, Raffles & Live Music. Please support.

SELF-HELP COURSE: Do you have: Anxiety, Depression, OCD, Anger, Insomnia, Nervousness? For Better-Mental-Health, the Recovery Self Help Method can help. **Every Monday at 7.30 pm**. It is FREE to attend meetings. Details about Recovery on www.RecoveryIreland.ie Phone or text (086) 827 9374, email: info@RecoveryIreland.ie The meetings will be held in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral centre, Cullies, Cavan, H12E5C7.

ANAM CARA supports bereaved parents. It will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on this **Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7.30 pm** in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

CEOL ÁLAINN CCÉ CARRIGALLEN are delighted to be hosting the Leitrim County Fleadh for the first time in approx. 75 years. Running from **Fri. 17th until Sun. 19th April**. There will be competitions, open air music, session trails & a Saturday night céilí with the "Glenside Céilí Band". Its promises to be a wonderful weekend full of music, dance & culture.

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 WALKING GROUP starting on this **Sunday 8th March at 10.00 am** at Garadice Lake car park (N41 CA32). Now that the weather is improving slightly, you are encouraged to increase your outdoor activity by joining this new walking group on Sunday mornings. Walk as much or as little as you like. Get moving in March!

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.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is **€3,000**. 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.

CYBER SECURITY & FRAUD AWARENESS: Raise your understanding of scams and fraud, including text messaging scams, phone call scams, investment scams and romance scams. Also tips for online shopping. A talk will be given in Mitchell's Bar, Carrigallen on this **Wednesday 11th March starting at 7.00 pm**. Everyone welcome to come along.

FREE GARDEN PLANNING CLASSES every **Wednesday 10.00 am to 2.00 pm** in the old Vocational School, Ballinamore. Drop by or contact Seamus at 087-9168087. All welcome

LEITRIM LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN SURVEY: Leitrim Co. Council is inviting people across the county to take part in a short survey as part of the ongoing review of the Leitrim Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). Your feedback will help us understand how well Leitrim is progressing in delivering community priorities & achieving the 6 goals of the LECP. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. **Closing date, Friday 13th March**. To take the survey click here: [Community LECP Feedback Survey](https://www.leitrimcoco.ie) or visit www.leitrimcoco.ie Every voice helps shape a stronger, more vibrant Leitrim!

THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE will be accepting blood donations at the Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell on this **Thursday 12th March from 15.50 to 20.00 pm**. Phone 1 800 222 111 to make an appointment, with your donor ID number to hand if you are an existing donor. All blood groups needed. New donors are very welcome. Ring 1 800 731137 to register. Give blood and save a life ! Thank you.

Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon [433 9610](tel:4339610) / *Mob. 086-2126582*.

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
08th March - 2026 - Year A

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we hear about Jesus and the woman at the well - a story about both physical and spiritual thirst. Jesus and His disciples have travelled a long journey. The disciples travel ahead of Him to the town to get food and Jesus stops at a well (*Jacob's Well*) where he meets with a Samaritan woman and asks her for a drink of water. At that time, Jews did not associate with Samaritans, so the woman was surprised at this request. Lent reminds us that God meets us in ordinary places: at wells, in daily routines, in moments of tiredness and weakness. He meets us as we are.

Very quickly, the conversation shifts. Jesus moves from physical water to "living water." The woman comes to draw from the well, but Jesus reveals that she herself is thirsty and offers her something deeper: living water that becomes "a spring of water welling up to eternal life." When the conversation turns to worship, Jesus reveals something profound: "The hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem... true worshipers will worship in Spirit and truth."

True worship is not about location. It is about relationship. It is about a heart open to God. Lent is a school of true worship: it helps us to pray, fast and to love by almsgiving. At the end of the story, the woman leaves the well and goes back to her town and says, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done." The encounter with Jesus transformed the woman, and the people of her town now believe that Jesus really is the saviour of the world.

FEAST DAYS / MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK

MON. St. Frances of Rome.	TUES. St. John Ogilvie of Glasgow.
WED. St. Aengus of Tallaght.	THURS. St. Fina of Tuscany.
FRI. St. Roderick of Córdoba.	SAT. St. Matilda of Germany.