

## Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

### St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026):

**Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. – 11.15 am:** James, Mary Kate & Philip Reilly, Aughawillen.  
**Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. – 10.00 am:** Mass of the Day.  
**Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> Mar. – 10.00:** Mass of the Day. **Wed. 01<sup>st</sup> Apr. – 10 am:** Mass of the Day.  
**Fri. 03<sup>rd</sup> April – 3.00 pm:** Service of the Lord's Passion.  
**Sun. 05<sup>th</sup> April – 11.15 am:** Blessing of Paschal Candle – Blessing of Easter Water–  
 Renewal of Baptismal Promises – Sprinkling of Easter Water – Eucharist.  
*Anniv.* - Dec'd members of the Masterson family, Beaghmore.  
 Johnny & Eileen Lee, Main Street.  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues. 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

### St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026):

**Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. – 10.00 am:** Missa Pro Populo.  
**Thurs. 02<sup>nd</sup> April – 8.00 pm:** Mass of the Lord's Supper with Prayer before the  
 Blessed Sacrament until **10.00 pm**. Watch & Pray!  
**Sun. 05<sup>th</sup> April – 10.00am:** Blessing of Paschal Candle – Blessing of Easter Water–  
 Renewal of Baptismal Promises – Sprinkling of Easter Water – Eucharist.  
*Anniv.* - Owen & Catherine Connolly, Drumminshingore & D.F.M's

### St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026):

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. – 8.00 pm:** Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday.  
**Fri. 03<sup>rd</sup> April – 7.30 pm:** Prayer around the Cross.  
**Sat. 04<sup>th</sup> April – 8.00 pm:** The Easter Vigil – Blessing of Easter Fire –  
 Procession of the Paschal Candle – Reading of God's Word – Blessing of Easter  
 Water – Renewal of Baptismal Promises – Eucharist.  
*Anniv.* – James Quinn, Drumcoura.  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: WEEKEND 21 <sup>st</sup> / 22 <sup>nd</sup> MARCH
Carrigallen	€615
Drumeela	€285
Drumreilly	€461

### A THOUGHT FOR HOLY WEEK

This week, as we walk with Jesus from agony to triumph, let us embrace the word **HOLY** and confront our own shadows whilst recognising that God's love, not our failures, defines our true worth.

### CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER

**Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> Mar;** DRUMREILLY – 7.00 pm. DRUMEELA – 7.30 pm CARRIGALLEN – 8.00 pm  
**Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> Mar;** ARVAGH – 7.00 pm. CORONEA - 7.45 pm. KILLESHANDRA – 8.30 pm.



### IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

**GERRY RUDDEN**, Cavan (*father of Niall Rudden, Drumlea*) whose funeral took place on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** in the Cathedral of St's. Patrick & Felim, Cavan followed by burial in St. Brigid's Cemetery, Killygarry.

**FR. OLIVER O'REILLY**, Cornafean (*Retired Kilmore Diocesan Priest*) whose funeral took place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arva followed by burial in Coronea Cemetery.

*May their souls rest in heavenly peace.*

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE** in St. Patrick's Church, Ballinamore on **Palm Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 pm** with visiting priests and with the blessing and anointing for healing. Everyone welcome.

**INVITATION TO CHRISM MASS:** Parishioners are invited to the Cathedral of St's. Patrick & Felim, Cavan on **Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30 pm**. The Oils of Baptism, Chrism and the Sick will be consecrated for use in the Diocese. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**TRÓCAIRE:** Please remember to drop in your Trócaire contributions for 2026 as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

**FREE ONLINE RETREAT:** The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE Easter Triduum Retreat. Journey through the Sacred Music of the Easter Triduum. Visit our website [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) or click on this link [HERE](#) to register/find out more.

**A YOUTH 2000 DAY RETREAT** takes place on **25<sup>th</sup> April at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo**. Youth 2000 provide an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith & meet other young people through a structured retreat programme. Talks, testimonies & games. Donation only. Check out [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) to register or contact [connaught@youth2000.ie](mailto:connaught@youth2000.ie) for more info.

**CASH FOR CLOBBER:** Carrigallen N.S. are holding a cash for clobber fundraising collection on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April**. Items accepted are clean clothes, paired shoes, belts, ties, handbags, hats and soft toys. No duvets, bedding, pillows, cushions, rugs or mats allowed. Bags can be dropped into the school from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April (after the Easter holidays)**.

**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](mailto:principal@stmarysdrumlea.com) or by phoning 049-4333125.

**CASH FOR CLOBBER:** The Parent's Association of St. Mary's N.S. Drumlea/Drumreilly are holding a Cash for Clobber Fundraiser on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. We would greatly appreciate your support. Details of drop-off times will be released closer to the date.

**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:** We meet on **Sunday mornings at 10.00 am** at Garadice Lake car park (N41 CA32). Our walks will continue until **Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> April**. Also a special Easter Sunday Family Walk on **5<sup>th</sup> April**. Get fit, get walking, get social. A wellbeing initiative for our whole community. Open to all ages and fitness levels. Walk as much or as little as you like. Get moving in March! Everyone welcome.

**GOOD FRIDAY TABLE QUIZ:** Carrigallen GAA Club are holding their annual Good Friday Table Quiz on **03<sup>rd</sup> April at 7 pm** - Carrigallen Hall. Details available on our social media pages.

**CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW:** Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is **€3,300**. 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.

**PARISH BINGO** in Drumreilly Community Centre on **Friday nights starting at 8:30 pm sharp**. Over €1,000 in prizemoney including a raffle. Extra raffle prizes on Good Friday. As always, we greatly welcome and appreciate your support.

**DRUMREILLY GAA FUNDRAISER:** We are delighted to launch our new club fundraiser. Prizes as follows: A two-year old breeding Heifer, a Pedigree Holstein Friesian Heifer and four tickets to the 2026 Comboys & Heroes event on the June Bank Holiday weekend. Tickets available on our GAA App or from any member of the Club. We appeal for your support.

**CARRIGALLEN PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:** Weekly meetings in Carrigallen Community Care Centre (H12 K5N7) on **Friday mornings from 10.00 am to 12.00 am**. €2 per child or €5 if 3 or more children in a family. For more info. contact Rachel on 086-6035977.

**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.

**THE 2026 LEITRIM PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS** will be held on **Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> April** on the lands of Jim Kiernan at Errew from 12 noon. The event, organized by the Leitrim Ploughing Assoc. features horse/vintage/conventional ploughing, loy digging, a Machinery Auction, Car Boot Sale, local trade stands and young handler livestock competitions.

**CEOL ÁLAINN CCÉ CARRIGALLEN** are delighted to be hosting the Leitrim County Fleadh for the first time in approx. 75 years. Running from **Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> until Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



Summertime begins this weekend. Clock spring forward by one hour marking the start of Daylight Saving Time.

**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](http://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](mailto: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**  
*29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Year A*

## A HOLY WEEK REFLECTION

Holy Week invites a slower attentive way of seeing ourselves, of suffering & of love. It starts with Palm Sunday, where celebration & misunderstanding sit side by side. The crowd cheers but doesn't yet understand what kind of king is arriving. That tension feels familiar: how often do we welcome what we think we want, only to resist what is actually given?

As we move into quieter days, we think that not much is happening, but behind the scenes there is much plotting, planning and spying. As the week deepens, the tone shifts. In the intimacy of Holy Thursday, we're shown a different kind of power - one that kneels, washes feet and gives itself away. Love is revealed in service and vulnerability.

Then comes the stark stillness of Good Friday. There are no easy words here. It confronts the reality of pain, injustice, and loss, not from a distance, but from within. The cross reminds us that suffering isn't avoided or dismissed but fully embraced and lived through. It asks us to consider: where is there brokenness in our own lives or in the world that we would rather avoid? And what might it mean to stay present to it, rather than turning away?

And we come to Holy Saturday, a day of quiet reflection, waiting, anticipating. Holy Week allows unrushed silence, uncertainty, even grief. And yet, it holds the quiet promise that love is at work even when it seems defeated. This week is less about having answers & more about being willing to walk the path: to notice, to feel, to reflect. In doing so, it opens the possibility that transformation often begins in the places we least expect.

**A PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK:** Lord God, as we begin this Holy Week, we praise You for sending Your Son as a humble king. Strengthen our faith, that we may trust You in times of joy and struggle. Help us to follow Jesus, even to the cross, and share in the victory of His resurrection. Amen.