

LOUGH DERG: one day retreats on Sun 3rd – Mon 4th – Sat 9th – Tues 12th – Sun 17th – Sat 23rd & Mon 25th May. A day of guided prayer and reflection. Adm €50. Concessions available for groups. Contact 071-9861518 or visit www.loughderg.org

RECOVERY – SELF HELP METHOD Mental Health support group meetings take place on Monday nights (excl. Bank Holidays) in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan starting at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Sligo University Hospital are Recruiting Meet & Greet volunteers (2–3 hours/week) to assist patients and visitors. For further information please contact Lorraine on 087-2983987 or by email on Volunteer.SUH@hse.ie

DRUMREILLY GAA HEALTHY CLUB WALKING GROUP:

This Sunday is our last Spring Walk for the Group. As usual we meet at 10.00 am at Garadice Lake Car Park (N41 CA32). A big thank you to those who took part in the walk over the past seven weeks.

CARRIGALLEN TIDY TOWNS: Join us for a Coffee Morning on Sunday 3rd May 2026 in the Community Centre, Carrigallen following 11:15 am Mass. We currently have a number of exciting projects and improvements underway, all aimed at benefiting our community. Your support will help us continue this important work. Come along, enjoy a cup of coffee, and connect with friends and neighbours. Everyone is very welcome! We truly appreciate your support.

DRUMREILLY GAA FUNDRAISER: *We have launched our new club fundraiser. Prizes as follows: A two-year old breeding Heifer, a Pedigree Holstein Friesian Heifer and four tickets to the 2026 Cowboys & 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.*

DRUMREILLY CLEAN-UP: A big thank you to all the pickers who came out to clean up Drumreilly for the Camino. Much appreciated. Seamus Quinn & Pádraic Fee

DRUMREILLY COMMUNITY CENTRE: committee meeting on this **Tues 28th April 8.30 pm**. All members please attend.

Priests Phone Numbers Fr John McMahon 049 433 9610. Mobile: 086 2126582.

Fr S Mawn (B'more) 071 9644039/087 6869040. Fr Malachy Moses cc 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

CARRIGALLEN – DRUMEELA
DRUMREILLY

26th April 2026—Good Shepherd Sunday—Year A

A REFLECTION FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Sunday is celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Easter and focuses on the image of Jesus Christ as the shepherd who knows, guides and lays down his life for his sheep. It's a quiet but deeply challenging invitation to reflect on what it means to belong, to listen and to be led. The shepherd is not distant or abstract; he knows his sheep "by name." That suggests a kind of attention and care that is very personal. In a world where people are often reduced to roles, labels or numbers, this image insists on dignity and individuality. It also raises a question: do we recognize that kind of voice in our own lives? Or are we more attuned to the noise and distractions of the world which pulls us in all directions?

Sheep are not exactly known for independence or insight and have a need for guidance. Good Shepherd Sunday suggests that wisdom might include knowing when not to rely solely on yourself and being open to guidance that leads towards living a good Christian life. The "good" shepherd is distinguished by a willingness to lay down his life. Leadership here isn't about power or status; it's about responsibility and self-giving. That challenges not just religious leaders, but anyone in a position of influence such as parents, teachers, managers etc...to consider what kind of care they offer and is that care rooted in genuine concern for others' well-being?

This Sunday is also Vocations Sunday, a day to reflect on how one is called to live and serve. Vocation isn't limited to religious life. It can be understood more broadly as the way each person is invited to live with purpose, integrity and attentiveness to others.

May Christ, our Good Shepherd, guide us safely home.

Parish Masses *Anniversaries*

Carrigallen

(Masses are livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie)

Sun 26th April 11.15 am Gerard Gormely, Kilbracken
(1st Anniv Mass). **Rose Tierney Tully**

Tues 28th 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo

Wed 29th 10.00 am Mass of the Day

Fri 1st May 7.30 pm Margaret & Seamus Williams
Concorrick.

Sun 3rd 11.15 am The deceased members of the Jackson Family *Aughavore & Concorrick*

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tues. 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am

Drumeela

Sun 26th April 10.00 am John & Mary Kate Dolan
Drumbrick

Sun 3rd May 10.00 am Vin McGovern Derrinlester

Drumreilly

Sat 25th April 8.00pm Seán, Paddy & Sue Maguire & DFM's
Mullaghmore Vin McGovern Derrinlester
John & Mary Gaffney Corrala

Thurs 30th 7.30pm Mass of the Day

Sat 2nd May 8.00pm Bridie & Padraic Lunney, Toome

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

THE HOLY ROSARY is recited before the Saturday evening Masses in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly during the Month of May at 7.45pm.

Thought for the Week: In the arms of the Good Shepherd, faith grows, peace reigns, and the truth sets us free.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 18TH/19TH APRIL
Carrigallen €720 • Drumeela €345 • Drumreilly €261

General Notices

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS AND SUPPORT SERVICES COLLECTION

This collection is due next weekend, 2nd/3rd May and you will have the envelope in your box of parish envelopes. The Parish is levied at 15% of the Offertory Collection for 2025. This money is used to pay for the *Accord Marriage Preparation Courses and Counselling, Priesthood Vocations, Diocesan, Pastoral and Administration costs.* Please be as generous as you can. Baskets will be passed around after Communion. *Thank you.*

KILMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026 – FINAL CALL This year's Pilgrimage takes place from 5th-10th May flying from Knock. Book with Cavan Travel, on 049-4361222 and for Assisted Pilgrims book with Fr Tom Mannion, Pilgrimage Director, Ballinaglera on 087-9170879. **To care for the Assisted pilgrims two extra nurses are required. If you would be interested, please contact Paula Brady, Director of Nursing on 086-1721712.**

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.

EVENING OF PRAYER & HEALING in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan on **Thursday 30th April.** Confessions from 6.00 pm, Rosary at 7.00pm and Holy Mass at 7.30 pm. Fr Cyriacus will pray with everyone individually after Mass. All welcome to attend.

MARGARET'S CORNER

STRENGTH AND TONE for over 50's Classes are happening again in Margarets Corner in conjunction with Leitrim Sports Partnership on Wednesday's. 6 x classes just €20.00. To book your place call/text 089-271 2131.

CHESS CLASSES are happening (Over 18's) on Sunday afternoons from 2.00 pm-5.00 pm. All genders and abilities welcome. To get more info contact: 083-3792790.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW:

Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is €3,700. 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.

CLÁR FUNDING SCHEME 2026—NOW OPEN

Che Dept. of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht have announced CLÁR 2026 Funding. CLÁR provides funding for small infrastructural projects in rural areas that have suffered significant levels of population decline. Funding for projects in Co. Leitrim will be available under the following measures:

Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities & Amenities. Measure 1 will support a variety of capital projects provided that they contribute to the enhancement of existing, and/or the development of new, accessible Community Recreation Facilities, and therefore further build the resilience of rural communities.

Expressions of Interest under Measure 1 should be submitted to Leitrim Co Council by Thurs 14th May at 4.00pm. Please email your application to: clarfunding@leitrimcoco.ie *Clár Expression of Interest form 2026 Clár Scheme Outline 2026.* For further information on the scheme please contact: clarfunding@leitrimcoco.ie or call 071-9620005 Ext 504 for your continued support.

FEAST DAYS/MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK
Mon: **St Zita of Lucca**
Tues: **St Crónán of Roscrea**
Wed: **St Catherine of Siena**
Thur: **St Pius V of Rome**
Fri: **St Joseph the Worker**
Sat: **St Neachtain of Louth**

PARISH BINGO

takes place every Friday night in Drumreilly Community Centre, kicking off promptly at 8:30 pm. Over €1,000 in prizes up for grabs, plus a raffle each week. Extra raffle prizes on Fri 1st May for the long weekend. Your support is always warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Drumreilly Active Age Group

Our meetings are held on Wednesdays at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. A Defibrillator Demonstration will be held on Wed 6th May at 8.30 pm. All welcome to attend. Refreshments served. Additionally, we host a relaxed 'Ceili House' gathering on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Centre. It's a casual get-together for a friendly chat and a cup of tea. All welcome!

CAMINO: Drumreilly Community Camino takes place on Sat. 2nd May starting from Drumcoura Lake Resort. A choice of three routes. Full details available on www.drumreillycamino.ie

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.

COFFEE CONNECT CONVERSATION: Everyone welcome. It happens in Margaret's Corner C C, Carrigallen on a Thursday from 11.00 am -12 noon —This a FREE of charge event.