

A YOUTH 2000 DAY RETREAT takes place on 25th 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 to register or contact: connaught@youth2000.ie for more info.

KILMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026:

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.

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

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 26th April. Also, a special Easter Sunday Family Walk on 5th 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!

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

5th April 2026—Easter Sunday—Year B

HE IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!

What does resurrection mean? Sometimes we think of it as something which happened in the past. But that cannot be. We say, "Christ is Risen!" The risen Christ is with us now as the Gospel reminds us, "I am with you always until the end of the age"; (Matt 28:20).

It's the nearness of Christ which provides Christians with hope and provides the source of deep joy. Easter brings the Spring, we look forward to longer and brighter days, the signs of new life are all around, buds sprouting, newborn lambs in the fields.

But resurrection is more than simply new life; it is life totally transformed. Fr Richard Roher shared a story of how a Christian Minister lived with violent threats against him. Late one night he heard loud noises in his house. He feared it was intruders, but to his surprise he found it was six-year-old daughter dancing in the dark. He could sense in her dancing joyfulness, free from worry or fear. Then he said, "the darkness is all around yet she is dancing."

She taught him that even in the darkest night when we are afraid, when we see no light, the light is still there. At the present time our world can seem dark, and we are maybe afraid of the future. But as Psalm 30 reminds us, "You have turned my mourning into dancing." Can we find ways to allow the Risen Christ to turn our mourning into dancing? And thus, transform us..

A Word of Thanks

I want to thank all those who took part in the Holy Week ceremonies beginning on Palm Sunday last: the readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, choirs, those who looked after the music, Sacristans, Altar societies and church cleaners, editors of the weekly newsletter. On behalf of the parishioners, I want to thank you for your help during the year. I wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter — Fr John.

Parish Masses *Anniversaries*

Carrigallen

(Masses are livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie)

Sun 5th April 11.15 am *Blessing of Paschal Candle – Blessing of Easter Water – Renewal of Baptismal Promises – Sprinkling of Easter Water – Eucharist.*

Dec'd members of the Masterson family,
Beaghmore. Johnny & Eileen Lee, Main Street

- Mon 6th 12.00 Noon** *Funeral Mass for James Grimes*
- Tues 7th 7.30 pm** *Rita Delaney, Mill Lane*
- Wed 8th 10.00 am** *Mass of the Day*
- Fri 10th 7.30 pm** *Mass of the Day*
- Sun 12th 11.15 am** *Brendan & Mary Hunt Church St*

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Drumeela

Sun 5th April 10.00 am *Blessing of Paschal Candle – Blessing of Easter Water – Renewal of Baptismal Promises – Sprinkling of Easter Water – Eucharist.*

Owen & Catherine Connolly and D.F.M's
Drumshingore

Sun 12th 10.00 am *Dessie O'Kelly, Drumloona*
(1st Anniv Mass)

Drumreilly

Sat 4th April 8.00pm *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.*

James Quinn Drumcoura

- Thurs 9th 7.30 pm** *Thomas & Bridget Fee, Mullaghboy and their daughter, Maureen Mullarkey.*
- Sat 11th 8.00 pm** *Kay Fee, Clonboyher*
Patrick Connolly and D.F.M's Ardunsaghan

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 28TH/29TH MARCH

Carrigallen €790 (Incl. €319 returns from Oughteragh – Lr. Drumreilly / Templeport)

Drumeela €360 (Incl. €168 returns from Oughteragh – Lr. Drumreilly / Templeport)

Drumreilly €379 (Incl. €147 returns from Oughteragh – Lr. Drumreilly / Templeport)

General Notices

POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL 2026

For people in crises—Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

INTERESTED IN CARING FOR CREATION IN OUR PARISH? You are invited to enrol in a free online Laudato Si' Animators Course from 15th April (4 sessions) inspired by the '30% Return to Nature of church grounds by 2030' initiative. Sign up through the <https://laudatosianimators.org/website>

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.

ANAM CARA MONTHLY PARENT SUPPORT EVENING on Wednesday 8 th April 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

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.

MOHILL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE are facilitating a Parenting Plus 9-week programme from 15th April. Contact Abi on 087-6744993 or Rachel on 086-6035977 for more information.

IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

KATHLEEN DOYLE (née Fitzpatrick), Freshford, Co Kilkenny and formerly of Drumloona, whose funeral took place in St Lachtain's Church, Freshford on Wed 1st April followed by burial in Muckalee Cemetery. **JIMMY MURPHY**, Drumbreanlis whose funeral takes place on Tuesday 7th April at 11.00am in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen followed by burial in Errew cemetery. **JAMES GRIMES**, Cornaughy whose funeral takes place in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Mon 6th April at 12 noon followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery
May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW:

Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is €3,400. 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.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

Carrigallen N.S. are holding a cash for clobber fundraising collection on Thursday 16th 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 13th April (after the Easter holidays).

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.

TRÓCAIRE: Any outstanding Trócaire contributions for 2026 should be dropped in as soon as possible.
Thank you for your generosity.

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.

FEAST DAYS/MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK

- Mon **St Peter of Verona.**
- Tues: **St John Baptist de la Salle**
- Wed: **St Cennfaoladh of Bangor**
- Thur: **St Acacius of Mesopotamia**
- Fri: **St Michael of the Saints**
- Sat: **St Stanislaus of Poland**

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. Your support is always warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Drumreilly Active Age Group We had a fantastic evening last Wednesday at Edwina Guckian's "Rambling House" event, enjoying dancing, music and refreshments. It was a truly great night of entertainment. Our meetings are held on Wednesdays at 8:30pm 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 8:00pm at the Centre. It's a casual get-together for a friendly chat and a cup of tea.
All welcome!

CARRIGALLEN G.A.A. HEALTHY CLUB

No Ladies Exercise Class on Easter Monday or the following Monday. Resuming on Monday 20th April at 11.00 am in the Corn Mill Theatre (Temporary Venue). Social cuppa & chat afterwards. All welcome.

Thought for the Week: "Easter is a powerful reminder that love, hope, and new life always prevail over despair, mirroring the spring season's renewal".