

## Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

### St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2026):

- Sun. 03<sup>rd</sup> May – 11.15 am:** The deceased members of the Jackson family, Aughavore & Cloncorrick.
- Mon. 04<sup>th</sup> May – 10.00 am:** Francie & Elizabeth Mc Glynn, Cloncorrick.
- Tues. 05<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30 pm:** James Morris, Gulladoo.
- Wed. 06<sup>th</sup> May – 10.00 am:** Dec'd members of the Gormley family, Cornaughy.
- Fri. 08<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30 pm:** Missa Pro Populo.
- Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> May – 11.15 am:** James Grimes, Cornaughy, (**Month's Mind Mass**).  
Monica Lyons, Killahurk & the deceased members of the Lyons & Mc Weeney families.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

### St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2026):

- Sun. 03<sup>rd</sup> May – 10.00 am:** Vin Mc Govern, Derrinlester.
- Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> May – 10.00 am:** Mass of First Eucharist.

### St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 02<sup>nd</sup> May 2026):

- Sat. 02<sup>nd</sup> May – 8.00 pm:** Bridie & Pádraic Lunney, Toome.
- Thurs. 07<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30 pm:** Mass of the Day.
- Sat. 09<sup>th</sup> May – 12 noon:** Mass of First Eucharist.
- 8.00 pm:** Bernard & Annie Jane Corby, Drumreilly.  
(**Preceded by the Holy Rosary at 7.45 pm**).

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: WEEKEND 25 <sup>th</sup> / 26 <sup>th</sup> April.
Carrigallen	€1,255 (Incl. €560 returns from Oughteragh – Lr. Drumreilly / Corlough – Templeport)
Drumeela	€485 (Incl. €189 returns from Oughteragh – Lr. Drumreilly / Corlough – Templeport)
Drumreilly	€435 (Incl. €171 returns from Oughteragh – Lr. Drumreilly / Corlough – Templeport)



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Faith can overcome fear and bring comfort to those with troubled hearts.



**RECENT BAPTISM:** With joy, we welcome Baby Seán Davy Flynn, Drumsilla who was baptised into our Community of Faith on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen and we congratulate his parents, Catherine & David.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY 2026 - That everyone might have food:** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



### IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

**MAURA SHERIDAN** (née Corrigan), Ballinamuck & formerly of Tully whose funeral took place on **Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> April** in St. Patrick's Church, Ballinamuck followed by burial in St. Columcille Cemetery, Aghnacliffe.

*May her soul rest in heavenly peace.*

**DIOCESAN VOCATIONS AND SUPPORT SERVICES COLLECTION:** This collection was postponed for 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May and will now take place **next weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May**. 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 generous as you can. Baskets will be passed around after Communion. Thank you.

**KNOCK YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME:** Applications are now open for this upcoming Programme, beginning this Sept. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply before the closing date of **22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**. This 2-year, part-time programme is designed for individuals who are interested in, or currently involved in, youth ministry within their parish. The programme aims to equip participants with the essential skills, knowledge and confidence needed to support and accompany young people as they explore and deepen their faith. We welcome applicants who are open, approachable and compassionate in their engagement with young people. It's an opportunity to develop leadership abilities while making a meaningful impact in parish communities. Delivered in partnership with Youth Link and Redemptorist Youth Ministry, the programme is accredited by Queen's University Belfast, ensuring a high standard of learning and professional development. **More info.** from Mairéad on 094-9375321 or email [youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie) or log on to the following link: [www.knockshrine.ie/knock-youth-leadership-programme/](http://www.knockshrine.ie/knock-youth-leadership-programme/)

**LOUGH DERG** 1-day retreats on Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> – Sat.9<sup>th</sup> – Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> – Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> May. A day of guided prayer & reflection. Adm. €50. Concessions available for groups. Call 071-9861518 or visit [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) 3-Day Pilgrimages start on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**RECOVERY – SELF HELP METHOD:** Mental Health support group meetings on **Monday nights** (excl. Bank Holidays) in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

**CARRIGALLEN TIDY TOWNS:** Coffee Morning **today Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> May** in the Community Centre, Carrigallen following 11:15 am Mass. We currently have a number of exciting projects & 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.

**PARISH BINGO** in Drumreilly Community Centre on **Friday nights starting promptly at 8:30 pm**. Over €1,000 in prizemoney including a raffle. All support welcome & appreciated.

**DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP:** We meet on **Wed. at 8:30 pm** in the Comm. Centre. A Defibrillator Demonstration will be held on this **Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30 pm**. All welcome. Refreshments served. We also host a relaxed 'Ceili House' gathering on **Sun. evenings from 7 to 9 pm**. A casual get-together for a friendly chat & cup of tea. All welcome!

**MARGARET'S CORNER:** **Strenght and Tone** for over 50's. Classes in conjunction with Leitrim Sports Partnership are on **Wednesday's**. 6 x classes just €20.00. To book your place call / text 089-271 2131. **Chess classes** are held (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 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. More info. from 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.

**CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW:** Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is **€3,800**. 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.

**ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY OF IRELAND NATIONAL TEA DAY** on **Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. Join us for a cuppa on this day to celebrate and support our community members, and for research and care for those living with this condition. Venue: Commercial Hotel Ballinamore, from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Contact: 089-2432273.

**THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND** now offer Day Services in Carrick on Shannon with more services to be added in the near distant future. If you or a loved one or someone you know would benefit from our Services or like more info., then please contact Sinéad Foley Coleman at the following: 087-0680714 or E-mail [sineadfoley.coleman@alzheimier.ie](mailto:sineadfoley.coleman@alzheimier.ie)

**CLÁR FUNDING SCHEME 2026 - NOW OPEN:** The Dept. of Rural & Community Dev. & the Gaeltacht have announced CLÁR 2026 Funding for small infrastructural projects in rural areas that have suffered significant levels of population decline. Developing Community Facilities & Amenities will 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 should be submitted to Leitrim Co. Council by **Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00 pm**. Please email your application to [clarfunding@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:clarfunding@leitrimcoco.ie) [Clár Expression of Interest form 2026](#) [Clár Scheme Outline 2026](#). For further information on the scheme please contact [clarfunding@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:clarfunding@leitrimcoco.ie) or call 071-9620005, Ext. 504.

**FEAST DAYS / MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK – 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> MAY.**

**MON.** St. Conleth of Newbridge.      **TUES.** Bl. Edmund Rice of Kilkenny.  
**WED.** Bl. Edward Jones of Wales.      **THURS.** St. John of Beverly.  
**FRI.** Bl. John Sullivan of Dublin.      **SAT.** St. Louise de Marillac of France.

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**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

03<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year A

## THERE ARE MANY ROOMS IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE - A REFLECTION

There is something deeply comforting in the image of a house with many rooms. It suggests space, room enough for everyone, room enough for difference, room enough for the many versions of ourselves we carry through a lifetime. In a world that often feels crowded and divided, the idea of a dwelling that does not exclude anyone is quietly comforting. When Jesus Christ speaks of "my Father's house," the language is intimate rather than distant. This is not an abstract kingdom or an unreachable realm, but a home. And homes, at their best, are places of recognition where we are known and welcomed even in our unfinished state.

The "many rooms" can be understood in different ways. For some, they point to the promise of life beyond death, a place prepared with care and intention. For others, they symbolize the vastness of divine love which holds all people, all stories and all struggles. There is also a quiet reassurance in the idea of preparation: "I go to prepare a place for you." It suggests that our lives are not accidental or overlooked. There is a sense of being expected, even awaited. When we feel lost, that idea can steady us that somewhere, in ways we may not fully grasp, a place is being made ready for us. It's a promise which offers us an image of a home large enough to gather all that we are and all that we might yet become.

**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, I come before You with a heart seeking rest, anchoring my hope in the promise of Your Word: that in Your house there are many rooms. Thank You, Lord Jesus, that You have gone to prepare a place for me—a place specifically designed, lovingly prepared, and waiting for me to arrive. Amen.*