

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 28th June 2026):

- Sun. 28th June – 11.15 am:** Missa Pro Populo.
- Mon. 29th June – 10.00 am:** Mass of the Day.
- Tues. 30th June – 7.30 pm:** Mass of the Day.
- Wed. 01st July – 10.00 am:** Mass of the Day.
- Fri. 03rd July – 7.30 pm:** Mass for the First Friday.
- Sun. 05th July – 11.15 am:** Cemetery Sunday Mass followed by blessing of graves.
- Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm & Wed. 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 28th June 2026):

- Sun. 28th June – 10.00 am:** Tommy & Alec Roche, Longfield and their parents, Thomas and Mary Anne.
- Sun. 05th July – 10.00 am:** Brian Kiernan, Newtowngore (**Month's Mind Mass**).

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 27th June 2026):

- Sat. 27th June – 8.00 pm:** Pat Joe & Bridie Donohoe, Ardunsaghan.
- Thurs. 02nd July – 7.30 pm:** Mass of the Day.
- Sat. 04th July – 8.00 pm:** Maureen Quinn, Drumdiffer (**1st Anniversary Mass**).
Seán Mc Cartin, Ardunsaghan & all the deceased members of the Mc Cartin & Maguire families.
- Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 20 th / 21 st June.
Carrigallen	€483
Drumeela	€353
Drumreilly	€237



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The only thing that really matters in this life and in the next, is knowing Christ Jesus and putting our trust in Him.

LOUGH DERG: Three-Day Pilgrimages continue until **Saturday 15th August 2026**. Admission €85. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. For more information, call 071-9861518 or visit www.loughderg.org Booking is essential.

BLESSING OF GRAVES 2026

CARRIGALLEN & ERREW: SUNDAY 5TH JULY at 11.15 AM.

DRUMEELA: SUNDAY 12TH JULY AT 10.00 AM.

DRUMLEA & MULLAGHBOY: SUNDAY 19TH JULY AT 11.15 AM.

Families are asked to prepare their plots for the forthcoming Blessing of Graves. A Collection will be taken up at the Blessing to fund the upkeep of the Cemeteries throughout the year. Those attending are asked to be as generous as you can. There will also be a Cake / Bake Sale in Drumreilly Community Centre following the Blessing of Graves on **Sunday 19th July**.

BOOKS FOR SALE: We have a number of books of local interest for sale at the Parochial House, Carrigallen or in the Sacristy after Mass.

1. **"Carrigallen Parish – a History"** edited by Raymond Hackett & Michael Reilly (Dec. 1996).
 2. **"The Diocese of Kilmore - c 1100 – 1800"** written by Mgrs. Liam Kelly (2017).
- Books cost €20 each. These are well worth giving as a gift to people living abroad or letting them know that copies are available.

LOUGHCREW SUNDAY 2026 is today **Sun. 28th June**. Mass at 3.00 pm in Loughcrew Gardens, Oldcastle, the birthplace of St. Oliver Plunkett. The Homilist is Bishop Denis Nulty.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: The National Grandparents Pilgrimage will take place at Knock Shrine on **Sun. 26th July**, marking the 6th World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly. This year's pilgrimage is significant as it celebrates the 25th Grandparents Pilgrimage & the Golden Jubilee of the Basilica. Grandparents & all who value the gift of faith across the generations are invited to attend this special day of prayer, thanksgiving & celebration. Pope Leo XIV's theme for this year is: **"I will never forget you."**

KILMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE on **Saturday 8th Aug. 2026**.

This year we are pre-empting the Feast of St. Felim – Patron Saint of the Diocese. Outdoor Procession and Stations of the Cross starting at 2.00 pm. Concelebrated Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at 3.00 pm with Chief Celebrant, Bishop Martin Hayes. To book your seat on the bus, contact Colm on 086-3852749 or email: mckernancolm@hotmail.com

NORTH-WEST STEM FEST 2026: A new adventure for your teen at the Island Theatre, Ballinamore where North-West STEM Fest takes place from **27th - 31st July**. A chance for incoming 1st years to meet through novel engaging Science/Technology/Engineering/Maths activities from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm each day & includes a night star gazing, if the weather allows. Price for the week is €99 and can be paid by contacting Seán on 089-9596278.

SWIMMING AND LIFE SAVING LESSONS will be held at Gulladoo Lake from **Mon. 13th July to Fri. 24th July** inclusive. Children can be enrolled on www.eventbrite.ie or at the Lakeshore on Mon. morning **13th July at 9.30 am**. MARLIN 10 can only be booked at the lake.

CARRIGALLEN PARENT & TODDLER GROUP meet in the Carrigallen Health Centre on **Fridays from 10.00 am to 12 noon**. Contact Rachel on 086-6035977. Also, a Family Fun Day in Mohill Family Support Centre on **Sat. 11th July**. Contact 071-9631253 for more info.

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

GIVE BLOOD: The Irish Blood Transfusion Service Mobile Unit will be in the Slieve Russell Hotel on this **Tuesday (30th June) from 3.50 pm to 8.00 pm**. Help ensure essential blood supplies are always available by donating regularly. Call 1800 222 111 for an appointment.

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP meet on **Wednesdays at 8:30 pm** in the Community Centre. A variety of engaging activities & outings, with refreshments at each meeting. We are going on a trip to Croke Park Museum & Glasnevin Cemetery on **Mon. 6th July leaving at 8.00 am**. Tickets must be pre-booked for both venues. To book your seat on the bus, contact Joan Mc Gair or Mary Quinn or any member of the Active Age Group as soon as possible.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is €4,600. 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.

MARGARET'S CORNER: Strength and Tone for over 50's. Classes in conjunction with Leitrim Sports Partnership continuing on **Wednesday's**. 6 x classes just €20.00. To book your place call / text 089-271 2131. Chess classes (Over 18's) are now held on **Tuesdays from 7 - 10 pm**. All genders and abilities welcome. To get more info. contact: 083-3792790. Also Role-play on **Wed./Thurs. nights from 7 pm to 9 pm** and Pilates on **Saturdays**.

FULL TIME ADULT EDUCATION COURSES starting **Sept. 2026** in Leitrim College of Further Education & Training located in Drumshanbo campus on the Hilly Road, N41 C6X6 and Carrick on Shannon campus - The Courtyard, N41 A386 and N41 TE20. Check our website www.leitrimcollege.ie our Facebook/Instagram pages @LeitrimCollege or call 089-2667813.

OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME 2026/27: The Department of Rural & Community Development have announced the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2026/27, and Leitrim County Council now invites submission of Expressions of Interest for the Scheme. The focus of the Scheme will be to support outdoor recreational infrastructure and amenities in countryside areas across Ireland located near rivers and lakes that provide an inclusive approach for communities to deliver outlets that support a diverse range of users, including people with disabilities and older adults. Further details on the Scheme outline, deadline dates and application forms are available at: ORIS 2026-2027

FEAST DAYS / MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK – 29th June to 04th July.

MON. St. Peter & St. Paul (*Apostles*).

TUES. St. Lucina of Rome.

WED. St. Oliver Plunkett of Loughcrew.

THURS. St. Otto of Bamberg.

FRI. St. Thomas, the Apostle.

SAT. St. Elizabeth of Portugal.

Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon **433 9610 / Mob. 086-2126582.**

Parish Cluster: Fr. Seán Mawn, Ballinamore **071-9681992 or 087-6869040;** Fr. Malachy Moses C.C. 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

St. Mary's Parish

Carrigallen – Drumeela – Drumreilly

H12 AK84 - H12 HP63 - H12 XY92

28th June 2026 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION (Matt. 10: 37-42)

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks challenging words: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." These words may seem harsh, but Jesus is not asking us to love our families less; rather, He is inviting us to place God at the centre of our lives. When Christ becomes our first love, all our other relationships are purified, strengthened and ordered according to God's will.

Jesus continues by saying that whoever takes up his cross and follows Him will find true life. The cross symbolizes the sacrifices, struggles and acts of faithfulness that come with discipleship. Following Christ is not always easy. It may require us to let go of selfish desires, forgive those who hurt us, stand for truth, or persevere through suffering. Yet Jesus assures us that in losing ourselves for His sake, we discover the fullness of life that God desires for us.

The Gospel concludes with a beautiful lesson on hospitality. Even the smallest act of kindness - a cup of cold water given to one of Christ's little ones has great value in God's eyes. Jesus reminds us that holiness is often found in simple acts of love, generosity and welcome. We do not need extraordinary opportunities to serve God; everyday acts of compassion become encounters with Christ Himself.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, help me to place You at the centre of my life. Give me the courage to carry my cross daily and follow You faithfully. Open my eyes to see You in those I meet, & inspire me to serve with generosity and love, even in the smallest things. May my life reflect Your compassion and bring others closer to You. Amen.