

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 05th July 2026):

Sun. 05th July – 11.15 am: Cemetery Sunday Mass followed by Blessing of Graves.

Mon. 06th July – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Tues. 07th July – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Fri. 10th July – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Sun. 12th July – 11.15 am: Maureen Mc Cabe, Ballinasloe & Druminiff (**M.M. Mass**)
Frank Corr, Gulladoo.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 05th July 2026):

Sun. 05th July – 10.00 am: Brian Kiernan, Newtowngore (**Month's Mind Mass**).

Sun. 12th July – 10.00 am: Cemetery Sunday Mass followed by Blessing of Graves.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 04th July 2026):

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.

Thurs. 09th July – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Sat. 11th July – 8.00 pm: Mamie & Michael Joe Smith, Corrawaleen.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION 27 th / 28 th June	POPE'S COLLECTION
Carrigallen	€716 (Incl. €341 returns from Ballinamore & Templeport Group of Parishes)	€358
Drumeela	€294 (Incl. €134 returns from Ballinamore & Templeport Group of Parishes)	€152
Drumreilly	€508 (Incl. €229 returns from Ballinamore & Templeport Group of Parishes)	€224

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus offers rest for our souls, not just our bodies.
This means finding inner peace, even when life is busy or difficult.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY: *For respect for human life* - Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING RECENTLY DECEASED:



FR. PAT MC HUGH, Killesher & Swanlinbar (*Retired Kilmore Diocesan Priest*) whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Swanlinbar on **Monday 29th June 2026** followed by burial in Killaduff Cemetery.

JOHN BEHAN, Drumcondra and formerly of Carrigallen whose funeral took place in the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Marino on **Tuesday 20th January 2026** followed by cremation in Glasnevin Crematorium.

May the souls of the departed rest in heavenly peace.

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.

CEMETERY SUNDAY – CARRIGALLEN: Thanks to all who take care of your family plots. We especially thank the Rural Social Scheme and Supervisor who keeps the cemetery and Church environs neat and tidy during the year. We appeal to all of you to bring home all recyclable items from the graves and dispose of them in the proper way. No dumping of debris at the top of the cemetery – all grass and potted composite can be put in the designated area. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

CAKE / BAKE SALE in aid of Drumreilly Community Centre will be held after Mass & Blessing of Graves on Cemetery Sunday, **19th July** in the Centre. More details next week.

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

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.

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 Girl 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 €4,700. 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.

MARGARET OF NEW ORLEANS BIRTHPLACE COTTAGE – Summer Opening: The Cottage is now open for the summer season. It will be open every Sunday from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm throughout July and August. **Special events** taking place on Sunday, 12th July. Everyone is welcome to visit and enjoy this unique local heritage attraction.

MARGARET'S CORNER: **Chess classes** (Over 18's) are now held on **Tues. from 7 - 10 pm**. All genders and abilities welcome. For more info. contact: 083-3792790. **Roleplay Tabletop games night** (Over 18's) on **Wed./Thurs. nights from 7pm to 10pm**. All genders welcome.

FREE DANCE WORKSHOP in the Cornmill Theatre for 11 to 17 year-olds on this **Tuesday 7th July from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm**. It aims to bring people together through movement, creativity, and community in a welcoming and inclusive environment. The workshop is provided by Leitrim Volunteer Centre and is fully funded by the PEACEPLUS programme. Book through Leitrim Volunteer Centre's website, event page on <https://volunteerleitrim.ie>

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND – LOCAL SERVICES: A Day Service runs every **Friday (9.30 am – 2.15 pm)** in Carrick-on-Shannon. The service offers dementia-specific care, including social activities therapeutic programmes & support in a safe, friendly & welcoming environment. Contact Sinéad: 087-0680714. Social Groups also in : • Carrick Library – every second **Monday, 11.00 am–1.00 pm** • Mohill Library – every second **Friday, 2.45–4.45 pm**.

FEAST DAYS / MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK – 06th July to 11th July.

MON. St. Maria Goretti of Italy. **TUES.** St. Maelruain of Tallaght.
WED. St. Killian of Mullagh & Cross. **THURS.** The Chinese Martyrs.
FRI. St. Amelia of Belgium. **SAT.** St. Benedict – Patron Saint of Europe.

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

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05th July 2026 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

CEMETERY SUNDAY - CARRIGALLEN

Today, on the first Sunday of July we come together in Carrigallen to celebrate the first of our annual Cemetery Sunday / Blessing of Graves events in the parish. Our thoughts drift to the lives we commemorate in the peaceful resting places that are our cemeteries. We ponder on their stories, joys, sorrows and the legacies they left behind. Their lives have brought us to where we are today.

This annual tradition is now deeply rooted in our Irish culture and is an emotional time for us. It's a day where sorrow and regret intertwine with celebration and joy. It is a day marked by the weight of loss, yet also illuminated by the warmth of cherished memories. While we grieve for those no longer with us, we also rejoice in the profound impact their lives have had on us. It is a day to honour their heritage, to remember the love and laughter they brought into our lives, and to find comfort in the community of those who share in both our grief and our gratitude.

As we look around the cemetery we see many headstones, some weathered and some brand new, all silent witnesses to generations of lives lived in this community. Each grave marker represents a person who once walked these same paths that we do and who faced life's myriad challenges and embraced its fleeting moments of happiness. Many endured hardship and sorrow but were sustained and comforted by their strong faith and trust in God.

PRAYER: God of love and mercy, we entrust our loved ones to your care. As we bless their graves with our prayers and holy water, we give thanks for the life and love they shared with us. May they rest in peace in your eternal presence. Amen.