

PADRE PIO HEALING MASS in Ballinamore Church on **FRIDAY, 28TH AUGUST 7:00 pm**—Join us for a special evening of prayer, healing, and spiritual renewal. Individual blessings with Padre Pio relics. Sacrament of Reconciliation available before Mass. A time of prayer, healing, and spiritual renewal. Visiting Capuchin Friars celebrating the Mass. Early attendance is strongly recommended to ensure seating and participation in the sacrament and blessings. Come and experience the grace and healing of this powerful devotion to St Padre Pio. All are welcome!

ANNUAL KNOCK NOVENA: continues until Friday 21st Aug inclusive. Guest speakers each day and a special Family Day today, Sun. 16th Aug. from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. Novena Ceremonies daily at 3.00 pm & 8.00 pm. Visit www.knockshrine.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.**

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

CARRIGALLEN – DRUMEELA
DRUMREILLY

16th August 2026—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION (Matt. 15: 21-28)

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear the story of the Canaanite woman who approaches Jesus and pleads for the healing of her daughter. Jesus appears to ignore her. When she continues to plead, His response seems even more difficult: "It is not right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." Yet the woman does not walk away. She responds with both humility and faith: "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus then praises her: "O woman, great is your faith! Let your wish be granted." And her daughter is healed.

This is a good example of perseverance in faith. The woman comes to Jesus with a desperate need. She does not pretend that everything is fine.

She brings her suffering directly to Him. Even when she seems to encounter silence and rejection, she continues to trust. There are moments in our own lives too when we pray and God seems silent. We ask for healing or help, yet nothing appears to change. The woman teaches us not to mistake God's silence for God's absence. Faith sometimes means continuing to knock even when the door does not seem to open.

The Gospel also reminds us that God's mercy is wider than our human boundaries. The woman was a foreigner, yet Jesus responds to her faith.

The Kingdom of God cannot be restricted by nationality, culture, background or social status. Faith and trust in God can be found in unexpected people and places. Perhaps the most important question this Gospel asks us is: How persistent are we when we pray? Do we give up when

God does not answer immediately? Or can we continue to say, "Lord, help me"?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, give us the faith of the Canaanite woman. When our prayers seem unanswered, help us not to lose heart. Teach us to trust in Your mercy, to persevere in hope, and to place every need into Your loving hands. May our faith draw us ever closer to You and make us instruments of Your compassion to others. Amen.

16th August 2026

Parish Masses *Anniversaries*

Carrigallen

(Masses are livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie)

Sun 16th Aug 11.15 am **Brendan Reilly** *Beaghmore.*

[1ST ANNIV MASS]

Mon 17th 10.00 am Mass of the Day

Tues 18th 7.30 pm Mass of the Day

Wed 19th 10.00 am **Mary Ellen Brady** *Scordan Road*

Sun 23rd 11.15 am Missa Pro Populo

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Drumeela

Sun 16th Aug 10.00 am Missa Pro Populo

Fri 21st 7.30 pm **James, Bridget & Margaret Galligan & all dec'd members of the Galligan & Cassidy families** *Nedd*

Sun 23rd 10.00 am **Patrick & Mary McCartan** *Newtownmore*

Jim & Maisie McCartan & DFM's *Drumbrick*

Drumreilly

Sat 15th Aug 8.00pm **Francie Masterson & DFM's** *Ardra*

Thurs 20th 7.30pm **John James & Catherine Maxwell, & DFM's** *Carrickmakeegan*

Sat 22nd 8.00pm **Kathleen & Michael Reilly** *Middlesex & Drumreilly.*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Thought for the Week: Consider who we might treat as an "outsider" or dismiss from our circles, and ask for the grace to see them through Christ's eyes.

RECENT MARRIAGE

Our congratulations and best wishes for future to **Seán Mc Cabe, Tully and Claire Collins, Athlone**, who received the Sacrament of Marriage on **Fri 14th Aug.** in Newman University Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 8th/9th AUGUST
Carrigallen €550 • Drumeela €235 • Drumreilly €258

General Notices

ACCORD PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE DATES 2026

9th/10th Oct. Courses take place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, H12 E5C7. To book please log on to: www.accord.ie

MARGARET'S CORNER Carrigallen Chess Club now on a break until Sept. More info. from Drew on 083-3792790. **Strength & Tone Classes** back in Sept. Book your place on 089-2712131.

2026 HOUSEHOLD BULKY WASTE COLLECTIONS:

ugh Rynn Amenity Area, Clooncahir, Mohill, Co. Leitrim, N41 KH22 on Sat. 29th August from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets €6 and can be purchased from Murphy's Newsagents, Ballinamore or Centra, Mohill.

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.

CRAFTY CUPPA It's held in Margaret's Corner C.C., Carrigallen on Thursdays from 11.00 am -12 noon - This a FREE event. Everyone welcome. (Supported by Leitrim Development Company).

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION LEITRIM LGFA

There will be a church gate collection taking place on Sat 22nd/Sun 23rd August in all County Leitrim parishes in aid of Leitrim County Ladies LGFA. Your contribution helps with transportation, physiotherapy and all related costs to support the ladies throughout the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW:

Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is €5,300. 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 is open every Sunday from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm throughout the months of July and August. Drop in for a chat and a cuppa.

Drumreilly Active Age Group Weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 8.30 pm in the Community Centre. Many varied activities and outings. Refreshments served and new members very welcome.

ONE DAY RETREAT TO LOUGH DERG SAT 5TH SEPT

The Parish of Oughteragh & Drumreilly Lower (Ballinamore) invites people to take part in a One-Day Retreat to Lough Derg on Saturday 5th September. Bookings should be made by this Monday 17th August. For information and bookings, contact the Parish Office at 071-9644039 or 087-9610911. The bus departs from the square at 7.30 am. On arrival on the Island, pilgrims are welcomed with tea/coffee and scones. The Retreat begins at 10.20 am in St Patrick's Basilica and follows a gentle programme of prayer and reflection, concluding with Mass in the Basilica. A light lunch (soup, sandwiches, tea & coffee) is provided. Warm, waterproof clothing is recommended. Boats depart the Island from 4.00 pm.

FEAST DAYS/MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK (17-22 AUG)
Mon: **Our Lady of Knock**
Tues: **St Helena of Constantinople**
Wed: **St John Eudes of France**
Thur: **St Bernard of Clairvaux**
Fri: **Pope St Pius X of Rome**
Sat: **The Queenship of the B.V.M.**

WEEKLY PARISH BINGO continues in Drumreilly Community Centre on Friday nights at 8.30 pm sharp and in Carrigallen Hall on Sunday nights also at 8.30 pm sharp. Raffles during Bingo in both venues. We welcome & appreciate your support.

DO YOU HAVE: ANXIETY/DEPRESSION/OCD/ANGER/INSOMNIA/NERVOUSNESS?
For Better-Mental-Health, the Recovery Self Help Method can help. Every Monday at 7.30 pm. It is FREE to attend meetings. Details about Recovery on www.RecoveryIreland.ie Phone or text (086) 827 9374, email: info@RecoveryIreland.ie The meetings will be held in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan, H12 E5C7. Please come and see, it's free.

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK 2026 It runs from Sat.15th Aug. to Sun. 23rd Aug. inclusive. Lots of events happening in Leitrim and nationally. Visit: www.heritage-week.ie/event-listings

JOB VACANCY Drumeela Dev Association/ Leitrim Dev Company are currently looking to recruit someone to maintain the grounds around Drumeela Church under the Rural Social Scheme which operates under Flexible working Hours to suit everyone. To be eligible to participate on the scheme, an individual must be in receipt of one of the following: Farm Assist, Jobseekers Allowance, Disability Allowance, One Parent Family Payment, Survivor's Pension. Unfortunately, if we are unable to recruit someone, the RSS Scheme will no longer be able to maintain the grounds around the Church. Contact Gerry on 087-6383284 or email: GKeegan@ldco.ie