

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!

CAVAN INSTITUTE PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING & OPEN DAY: Join us at Cavan Institute's Parent & Student Information Evening on **Tues. 25th August** from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm or call in to us during our Open Day on **Fri. 28th August** from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Late applications are still being accepted, with student induction commencing from **Mon. 7th Sept.** Don't miss your opportunity to secure a place for September—Apply today.

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.**

BURREN OUTDOOR RETREAT: takes place from **Fri 4th Sept to Sun 6th Sept.** Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora & ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in both body and soul. Contact Mary at 087- 9701130 for more information or Des at 085-1614951 for bookings.

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

23rd August 2026—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION (Matt. 16: 13-20)

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples a deeply personal question: "Who do you say that I am?" It is not a question about what people have heard about Jesus. It is a question that demands a deeper response.

Peter answers with faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus blesses Peter because this recognition is not merely the result of human reasoning; it is a gift from God. Then Jesus says to Peter, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church." Peter is given leadership and service. The authority Jesus gives him is not about privilege or power for its own sake. It is a responsibility to strengthen others in faith and to help build up the community of believers.

We may know many things about Jesus, his teachings, his miracles, his death and resurrection, but Jesus asks something deeper: Who is He for me? Is Jesus simply a figure from history? Is he someone we turn to only when life becomes difficult?

Or is he truly the centre of our lives, the one in whom we place our trust? Peter's confession challenges us to make our own profession of faith. He also reminds us that faith carries responsibility. Having recognised Jesus, we are called to live differently: to forgive, to serve, to encourage, to stand with those who are struggling, and to become people through whom others can encounter Christ.

The Gospel also reminds us of the importance of the Church. Christ does not call us to live faith entirely on our own. He gathers us into a community where we support one another, celebrate the sacraments, hear God's Word and grow together. Today, let us hear Jesus asking each of us: "Who do you say that I am?" May our answer not remain only on our lips. May it be expressed in the way we live, love, serve and forgive. And may our faith in Christ become a source of hope and strength for those around us.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Deepen our faith in you and help us to recognise your presence in our lives. Give us courage to profess our faith not only in words but through lives of love and service. Build your Church among us and make us instruments of your peace and hope Amen.

23rd August 2026

Parish Masses *Anniversaries*

Carrigallen

(Masses are livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie)

Sun 23rd Aug 11.15 am Missa Pro Populo
Mon 24th 10.00 am Mass of the Day
Tues 25th 7.30 pm Mass of the Day
Wed 26th 10.00 am Mass of the Day
Fri 28th 7.30 pm Mass of the Day
Sun 30th 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 23rd Aug 10.00 am Patrick & Mary McCartan
Newtowngore
Jim & Maisie McCartan & DFM's *Drumbrick*
Sun 30th 10.00 am Christina, Michael & Ena Lee
Drumloona
Elizabeth & John Shannon *Drumminshingore*

Drumreilly

Sat 22nd Aug 8.00pm Kathleen & Michael Reilly *Middlesex & Drumreilly.*
Thurs 27th 7.30pm Mass of the Day
Sat 29th 8.00pm Jo Mc Govern *Kinkeen [MONTH'S MIND]*
Peter & Rose Kiernan & DFMs
Mullaghmore

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Thought for the Week: True faith is recognising Jesus as the Son of God and building our lives firmly upon Him

RECENT BAPTISM

With joy we welcome Annie Mary Reilly, Drumkeelwick who was baptised into our Community of Faith in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Sun 16th August and we congratulate her parents, Claire and Edward.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 15th/16th AUGUST/HOLY DAY

Carrigallen €475 and €343 • Drumeela €196 and €37

Drumreilly €214 and €184

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: As part of the National Anti-Dumping Initiative 2026, Leitrim County Council will be holding a Household Bulky Waste Collection Day at Lough 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).

ALZHEIMERS FREE INFORMATION CAFE opened to everyone on Thurs. 27th July from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm Commercial Hotel, Ballinamore. Contact Eileen 087-0024190.

CARE OF CREATION LIVE BROADCAST MASS – SUN 6TH SEPT

RTE1 will broadcast Mass for the *Season of Creation* live from the Cathedral of St's Patrick & Felim, Cavan on Sun. 6th September at 11.00 am. All are welcome to join us for this Mass at which Bishop Martin Hayes will be the principal celebrant. Those attending the Mass are asked to be in their places by 10:50 am at the latest, please.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS As we prepare for the renewal of our Parish Pastoral Council this autumn - Your Gifts Matter: The Parish Pastoral Council depends on people who are willing to listen, reflect, and serve the wider community. As we approach the time of renewal, please consider how you could contribute to the life of your parish by being a member of your Parish Pastoral Council. Even taking the step of coming along to an information evening is a great way to begin. Details of the date, venue and time of this information evening will be announced in the coming weeks.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW:

Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is €5,400. 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.

MARGARET OF NEW ORLEANS BIRTHPLACE COTTAGE

is open every Sunday from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm throughout the month of 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 **Sat 5th Sept**. Bookings should be made immediately. 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 (24-29 AUG)

Mon: St Bartholomew, the Apostle
Tues: St Patricia of Italy
Wed: St Bregwin of Canterbury
Thur: St Monica of Algeria
Fri: St Augustine of Algeria
Sat: The Beheading of St John the Apostle

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

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND – FAMILY DAY

Catholic Mothers Ireland will hold its Annual National Mass on Sunday 6th September at **Termonbacca Retreat Centre**, Derry City. The day will begin with Mass at 2.00 pm, celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, followed by refreshments, children's activities, and a talk for parents. This promises to be a lovely day for the whole family. For more information and booking details, please email info@catholic-mothers.ie All are welcome!