

HOLY LAND COLLECTION *The annual collection for the support of oppressed and persecuted Christians in the Holy Land is due next week-end (05th/06th Sept.). Baskets passed around after communion. Green/white envelope in your parish envelope box for this purpose.*

ST JOSEPH MEN'S CAMINO *Join men from across Ireland on Sat 12th Sept for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker Fr Mark Quinn. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student €55). Registration, accomodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com*

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.*

BARBECUE *Corrawaleen & Newtowngore Parishes are holding their Annual BBQ & Social on Sat. 5th Sept. at 7.00 pm in Newtowngore Hall. Adults €15. Children 7-12 years €5. Under 7's free. All welcome.*

Phone Numbers: Fr John McMahon 433 9610/Mob 086 2126582

Parish Cluster Fr Seán Mawn, Ballinamore 071 9681992 or 087 6869040. 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

30th August 2026—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION (Matt. 16: 21-27)

In today's Gospel, Peter has just recognised Jesus as the Messiah. Yet almost immediately, Peter struggles to accept what this means. Jesus tells the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer, be killed and be raised again. Peter objects because he cannot imagine a Messiah who suffers. He wants glory without the cross, victory without sacrifice. Jesus' response is strong: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path." Peter's problem is not that he does not love Jesus. Rather, he is trying to love Jesus on his own terms. He wants God's plan to fit human expectations.

Jesus then tell His disciples: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." This means being willing to love when love is costly, to forgive when forgiveness is difficult, to remain faithful when it would be easier to walk away, and to put God and others before our own comfort and self-interest. Sometimes taking up our cross may mean choosing patience instead of anger. It may mean caring for someone who cannot repay us. It may mean remaining faithful during a difficult season of life.

Jesus also reminds us that there is a deeper reason for this sacrifice: "Those who lose their life for my sake will find it." The world often tells us that we will find happiness by protecting ourselves and accumulating earthly goods. Jesus tells us something totally different. We discover our true life when we give ourselves in love. The cross is not the end of the Christian story. Beyond the cross is the resurrection. Every act of genuine love, every sacrifice made for another, and every moment of forgiveness becomes part of God's work of bringing new life.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, teach me to follow You faithfully. When the road is difficult, give me courage. When I am tempted to choose comfort over love, give me strength. Help me to take up my cross each day and to trust that, in giving my life to You, I will discover the fullness of life among us and make us instruments of your peace and hope Amen.

Parish Masses *Anniversaries*

Carrigallen

(Masses are livestreamed on www.churchtv.ie)

Sun 30th Aug 11.15 am Missa Pro Populo

Mon 31st 10.00 am Mass of the Day

Tues 1st Sept 7.30 pm Francie & Bridie Smyth *Aughavillen*
James Reilly *Arva*

Wed 2nd 10.00 am Mass of the Day

Fri 4th 1.00 pm Opening Year Mass for National School & Farewell to Mr Alan Kelly

Sat 5th 11.00 am Funeral Mass for Simon Webb followed by burial of ashes.

Sun 6th 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 30th Aug 10.00 am Christina, Michael & Ena Lee *Drumloona*

Elizabeth & John Shannon *Drumshingore*

Sun 6th Sept 10.00 am Astrid Mc Cartin-Murphy, *Newtowngore*

Drumreilly

Sat 29th Aug 8.00pm Jo McGovern *Kinkeen* [MONTH'S MIND]
Peter & Rose Kiernan & DFMs

Thurs 3rd Sept 7.30pm Mass of the Day

Sat 5th 8.00pm Seán McKeon *Drumlea*
Bridget Wrynn & Breda Prior *Drumlea*

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Thought for the Week: Carrying our cross does not mean seeking out pain for its own sake; rather, it means staying faithful to God's love and truth even when it costs us our comfort and popularity.

RECENT MARRIAGE: Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness to Gerard Gorby, Newtowngore and Maria Smith, Burren, Doogarry who received the Sacrament of Marriage in St Patrick's Church, Kilnavart on Sat 29th Aug.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 22nd/23rd AUGUST

Carrigallen €957 • Drumeela €325

Drumreilly €255

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.

FULL-TIME ADULT EDUCATION COURSES starting Sept. 2026 in Leirim 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.leirimcollege.ie our Facebook/Instagram pages @LeirimCollege 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 Leirim Development Company).

SCHOOL MASS: on **Fri 4th Sept. at 1.00 pm** in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen to mark the 12-year dedication and service that Mr. Alan Kelly has given to Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Carrigallen. All Welcome. Light refreshments will be served in the school from 2.00 pm-3.30 pm.

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 RENEWAL—

Our Parish, Our Shared Mission:

- The life and mission of our parish belong to the whole faith community & each person has gifts that can help our parish grow & thrive.
- The forthcoming information evenings will explore the renewal of parish life, the role of the Parish Pastoral Council and other ways in which parishioners can become involved.
- Please consider coming along to hear more; everyone will be welcome. (**Tues. 22nd Sept. at 8.00 pm – Carrigallen Parish Hall**).

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW:

Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clurrooms. This week's Jackpot is €5,500. 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.club-spot.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 this Sunday (30th Aug.) from 2.00 – 5.00 pm. Drop in for a chat and a cuppa. This is the final opening of the current season.

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 (31 AUG-5 SEPT)

Mon: St Aidan of Lindisfarne.

Tues: St Giles of France

Wed: St Ingrid of Sweden

Thur: St Gregory the Great of Rome

Fri: St Mac Nissi of Down & Connor.

Sat: St Teresa of Calcutta

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.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST FRANCIS

Bishop Martin Hayes will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to Assisi from Tues 24th to Sun 29th Nov 2026 to mark the special jubilee year there commemorating the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. Bookings for the pilgrimage are now being accepted. Contact Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159 as places are limited, especially for those seeking single room accommodation. The fare (including hotel accommodation on half-board basis, flights etc is €1,495 per person sharing. The single room supplement is an extra €450 per person). Further Info contact Seán Coll, Pilgrimage Director, Diocesan Pastoral Centre on 049-4375004 Ext. 102.

25th ANNUAL SUMMER PRAISE in Carrigallen

Presbyterian Church (at the Arva/Killeshandra Road Junction) on this Sunday, 30th August starting at 3.30 pm with renowned Violinist Vladimir Jablovkov, soloist Michael Lawson and local musicians. Refreshments served afterwards and everyone is welcome. Freewill offering accepted.

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!