

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 13th Sept. 2026):

Sun. 13th Sept – 11.15 am: Edward & Ethel Maguire, Cloncorrick. Jim Quinn, Claremorris. Amy Maguire, Dublin. James (Jnr.) White, Donegal. Seán Duffy, Errew.

Mon. 14th Sept. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

Tues. 15th Sept – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Wed. 16th Sept – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Fri. 18th Sept – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Sun. 20th Sept – 11.15 am: Paddy Mc Cann, Curraghboy & Main Street.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 13th Sept. 2026):

Sun. 13th Sept. – 10.00 am: Vincent & Mary Cassidy, Longfield.

Sun. 20th Sept. – 10.00 am: Fergus O'Brien, London & Drumeela.
Brona O'Brien-Conlon, Ballymahon & Drumeela.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 12th Sept. 2026):

Sat. 12th Sept – 8.00 pm: Nan Connolly, Ardunsaghan (**1st Anniv. Mass**).
Peggy Kiernan, Gortahose.
Matthew & Mary Fee, Clonboyher.

Thurs. 17th Sept – 7.30 pm: P.J. Denny & all dec'd members of the Denny and Mitchell families, Kinkeen.

Sat. 19th Sept – 8.00 pm: Packie Quinn & all dec'd members of the Quinn family, Drumdiffer.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION 05 th / 06 th Sept.	HOLY LAND COLLECTION
Carrigallen	€355	€293
Drumeela	€290	€150
Drumreilly	€315	€173

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



It is in forgiving that we are most like God, our Father, and Christ, His Son. It is in forgiving that we bring healing to ourselves & to others, that we restore broken relationships and release the seeds of love in our communities.

LOUGH DERG - ONE DAY RETREATS – GUIDED DAYS OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

- places available on **Sept. 15th, 19th & 20th**. Adm. €50. Group discounts. Advance Booking Essential. Includes a Themed Retreat on **19th Sept.** – Divine Mercy. Write to Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Visit: www.loughderg.org or email: info@loughderg.org or Tel. 071-9861518.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL RENEWAL - A Personal Invitation:

· Our information evening takes place on **Tues. 22nd Sept. at 8.00 pm in Carrigallen Parish Hall.**

· This is an opportunity to help shape a welcoming, vibrant and faith-filled future for our parish, whether through the Parish Pastoral Council or another form of service.

· Please come along—and consider personally inviting someone whose gifts and experience could enrich the life of the parish.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING on this **Tues. 15th Sept. at 8.30 pm** in the Tom Clarke Memorial meeting room in Carrigallen Hall. All members are requested to attend.

WHAT PART COULD YOU PLAY IN THE LIFE OF YOUR PARISH ? A short video where Bishop Martin Hayes and Martina Gilmartin speak about the important role of Parish Pastoral Councils. Watch the video and find out more by using the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1628447778869128>

ALTAR SERVERS: St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen is looking for new altar servers from 3rd to 6th Class in the National School. This is a great opportunity for children to get involved in the Church and Community life of the parish. Contact Audrey Mc Loughlin on 087-7814048.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: This weekly publication will be increasing in price by 30 cent to €3.80 per copy with effect from **1st October 2026.**

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential weekend from **Fri. 2nd to Sun. 4th Oct.** at the "Focolare Centre", Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. www.marriageencounter.ie

CAMINO FOR CANCER SUPPORT: Michael Flynn from Cavan will complete a "Camino De Fatima" from Lisbon to Fatima between **Sept. 14th & Sept. 24th** to help raise €12,500 to enable Cuan Cancer Support to purchase a Dragon Boat which will be available to service users to help them reduce the build-up of fluid following the removal of Lymph Nodes. To contribute, contact Cuan on 086-4556632 or contribute online: www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/cuancancersupport11

DRUMREILLY COMMUNITY CAMINO TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER on **Sat. 19th Sept. at 5.30 pm** in Drumcoura City Saloon Bar. Traditional Music at 6.00 pm. Tillerman at 7.30 pm. Joe Campbell at 10.00 pm. Raffle on the night. Come along for a lovely evening of tea, music, fun & fundraising in support of Drumreilly Community Camino. Donations at the door.

DRUMREILLY GAA HEALTHY CLUB are hosting a **1-day Basic First Aid Training Course.** It's open to anyone in the local area wishing to gain essential life-saving skills and knowledge in a practical workshop. Register your interest with Barry Maxwell on 086-3114707 or email: drumreillyhealthyclub@gmail.com

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Regular weekly Draw is held on Sundays in the Clubrooms. This week's Jackpot is €5,700. 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.

SMALL COIN COLLECTION: Time to start gathering your small coins as St. Mary's N.S. Drumlea/Drumreilly will be holding their annual small coin collection week **from Sat. 3rd Oct. to Sat 10th Oct. inclusive.** Every coin counts ! More details nearer the event.

PARISH BINGO in Drumreilly Community Centre on **Friday nights** and in Carrigallen Hall on **Sunday nights at 8.30 pm sharp**. Raffles during Bingo in both venues. Please support.

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP meet on **Wednesdays at 8:30 pm** in the Community Centre. Many engaging activities / outings. Refreshments served. New members welcome.

MARGARET'S CORNER C.C., CARRIGALLEN: *Our Culture Night is on next Friday 18th Sept.* Doors open at 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start. A **FREE EVENT** but booking is essential. A great night planned with music, song writings, poems and storytelling. **Call/Text/Whatsapp** 089-2712131 or email: margaretscornercc@gmail.com to book your tickets. **Strength and tone classes for over 50's** in Margaret's Corner on **Wednesdays**. €20.00 for 6 classes. Limited places, so book your space on: 089 2712131 or Email: margaretscornercc@gmail.com **CRAFTY CUPPA** on **Thursday mornings from 11.00 am -12 noon** - This a **FREE** event. Everyone welcome.

HOSPICE AWARD: Our congratulations to Anna Maxwell, Carrickmakeegan who has recently received a **'Together for Hospice National Super Host Award'** in recognition of her remarkable commitment to hosting Ireland's Coffee Evening for nearly 30 years. This award was presented to Anna during a special ceremony at St. Francis Hospice in Blanchardstown. These fundraising events support people and families living with life-limiting conditions across Leitrim, Sligo and South Donegal. As usual, Anna will again be hosting a Coffee Evening in aid of North West Hospice on **Sat. 26th Sept.** in Drumreilly Community Centre following the 8.00 pm Mass. As always, your support will be greatly appreciated for this worthy cause.

HEALTH SERVICE COURSE: Leitrim College are running a part-time QQI Level 5 Community Health Service course in Carrick on Shannon. Information and registration day on **Friday 18th September at 11.00 am** in the Market Yard, Carrick on Shannon, N41 P997.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED IN LEITRIM TO VISIT THE ELDERLY: Would you be willing to provide companionship through a weekly friendly visit to an older person seeking more social contact for just 1 hour per week? ALONE is currently seeking volunteers. Full training and ongoing support are provided. To get involved, please sign up at: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more info. contact Collette on 086-1921505 or email: Collette.Ferguson@alone.ie Thank you for your continued support. It makes a real difference in helping older people stay connected in their communities.

FEAST DAYS / MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK – 14th Sept. to 19th Sept.

MON. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. **TUES.** Our Lady of Sorrows.

WED. Saints Cornelius & Cyprian. **THURS.** St. Robert Bellarmine.

FRI. St. Joseph of Cupertino. **SAT.** Our Lady of La Salette.

Phone Numbers: Fr. John Mc Mahon **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.**

Parish Website: www.carrigallenparish.ie The Parish Newsletter is uploaded to the site each weekend and 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

13th Sept. 2026 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION

(Matt. 18: 21 - 35)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter comes to Jesus with a question that many of us can identify with: *"Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"* Peter thinks he is being generous. But Jesus goes much further: *"Not seven times, but seventy-seven times."* Jesus is not asking us to keep a record of how many times we forgive someone. He is telling us that forgiveness is not something we practise occasionally; it is a way of life.

In the parable a servant owes his master a big debt and the master takes pity on him and cancels the entire debt. Yet, the servant refuses to show even a small measure of mercy to another person who owes him much less. The contrast is uncomfortable because it challenges us to look at ourselves. How easily we can ask God to forgive our own failures while finding it difficult to forgive someone who has hurt us. Forgiveness does not mean pretending that the hurt never happened. It does not mean saying that injustice is acceptable. It does not always mean restoring a relationship to what it was before. There are situations where boundaries and protection are necessary. But forgiveness means that we refuse to allow hatred and resentment to have the final word in our lives.

Perhaps there is someone we need to forgive today. Perhaps there is someone whose name comes to mind as we listen to this Gospel. Or perhaps we need to forgive ourselves for something we have carried for too long. Jesus invites us to remember how much mercy we ourselves have received. We stand before God not because we have everything right, but because God is merciful. We are people who have been forgiven, healed, welcomed and given another chance.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, may the Eucharist we celebrate today soften our hearts. May You free us from bitterness and resentment. And may we become people who are willing to forgive, not because the hurt was insignificant, but because God's mercy is always greater than our hurt. Amen.