

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 20th Sept. 2026):

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

Sun. 27th Sept – 11.15 am: Bernadette Mc Brien (*née Greene*),
New York and Drumcannon.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 20th Sept. 2026):

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

Sun. 27th Sept. – 10.00 am: Francie, Mary, Brian, Pat, Aiden, Willie, Bridie &
Nuala Gill, Raghleagh, Doogarry.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 19th Sept. 2026):

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

Sat. 26th Sept – 8.00 pm: Missa Pro Populo.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION 12 th / 13 th Sept.
Carrigallen	€1,552 (Incl. €1,097 returns from Aughavas/Cloone/Mohill/Fenagh/Killeshandra)
Drumeela	€352 (Incl. €162 returns from Aughavas/Cloone/Mohill/Fenagh)
Drumreilly	€485 (Incl. €193 returns from Aughavas/Cloone/Mohill/Fenagh)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God's reward is not driven by a transactional contract or measured wages, but by His unconditional love for latecomers, those left behind or pushed to the margins of society.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL RENEWAL - A Personal Invitation:

Our information evening takes place on this **Tues. 22nd Sept. at 8.00 pm in Carrigallen Hall**. It's an opportunity to help shape a welcoming, vibrant and faith-filled future for our parish, whether through the Pastoral Council or another form of service. Please come along and consider personally inviting someone whose gifts and experience could enrich parish life.

The following items were discussed at the Pastoral Council meeting held on 15th Sept:

1. Bishop Martin's letter of response to Wakes/Reposals.
2. Knock Pilgrimage.
3. Returning to Nature.
4. New Parish Pastoral Council – Information Evening.
5. Community Christmas Carol Service.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:

MICHAEL CONNOLLY, Middlesex, England and formerly of Carrickmakeegan whose funeral took place in All Saint's Church, Kenton on **Tuesday 15th Sept.**

TOM MC TIERNAN, Athlone and formerly of Killahurk whose funeral in St. Mary's Church, Athlone on **Friday 18th September** followed by burial in Coosan Cemetery.

May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION: **This Sunday, 20th Sept.** marks the 6th anniversary of the episcopal ordination of our bishop, the Most Rev. Martin Hayes on 20th Sept 2020. We pray for his continued works in our diocese.

A FAMILY TREE HEALING MASS will take place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan on **Thursday 24th September**. Confessions from 6.00 pm. Rosary at 7.00 pm. Holy Mass at 7.30 pm. Celebrant: Fr Gerry Campbell. Everyone welcome.

SEASON OF CREATION: This year's theme, **"Living Water"**, explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation.

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**.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND are holding our Ulster Retreat Day on **Sat. 3rd Oct. from 10.00 am – 6.00 pm** at Benburb Priory. For more information, use the following link: https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0QH8MV7sq8vYAGrZigAmdnUaHgCxAUQVtzRGPXiZoh5DQn9bZiQCzuqMHoHS8x2DQI&id=100095535672372

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

A ST. FAUSTINA WEEKEND will take place in St Mary's Church, Convoys, Co. Donegal F93 FX66 on **3rd & 4th Oct.** It consists of prayer & reflection on Divine Mercy Devotions. Led by Fr. Eamonn Kelly, the weekend will invite all to come to know the Person of Divine Mercy. You are invited to come to all or part of the weekend. Email: raphoeparish@gmail.com

NORTH WEST HOSPICE: A Tea/Coffee evening will be held in Drumreilly Community Centre **after the 8.00 pm Mass on next Saturday 26th Sept.** in aid of North West Hospice. Your support will be greatly appreciated for this worthy cause.

CARRIGALLAN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Weekly Draw on Sundays in the Clubrooms. Jackpot is €5,800. 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 www.member.clubspot.app/c/carrigallen-gaa/fundraisers Monthly 50/50 Draw. See our socials.

MARGARET'S CORNER C.C., CARRIGALLAN: **Strength & tone classes for over 50's** in on **Wed.** €20.00 for 6 classes. Book on: 089-2712131 or Email: margaretscornercc@gmail.com
CRAFTY CUPPA on **Thursday mornings from 11.00 am -12 noon** - FREE event. Everyone welcome.

DRUMREILLY HEALTHY CLUB WALKING GROUP is starting back again on this **Sunday, 20th Sept. at 10.00 am** for 6 weeks at Garadice Lake. Be active - Be social !

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.

MEMORY WALK in support of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland **today (Sun. 20th Sept.) at 3.00 pm** at the Slieve Russell Hotel following by live music, refreshments & children's face painting. Register on www.memorywalk.ie or simply sign up & make a donation on the day.

ALZHEIMERS FREE INFORMATION CAFE opened to everyone on **Thurs. 24th Sept. from 11 am to 1 pm** at the Commercial Hotel, Ballinamore. Contact Eileen 087-0024190.

BE EMERGENCY READY TOOLKIT LAUNCHED: From severe weather and flooding to power cuts, water supply disruptions and other emergencies, unexpected events can affect our daily lives. Planning ahead and taking a few simple steps can help individuals, families and communities manage disruption more effectively. The Department of Defence's Office of Emergency Planning has launched **Be Emergency Ready**, a national public information campaign promoting practical preparedness, community resilience and the use of trusted information before, during and after an emergency. The campaign is led by the Office of Emergency Planning on behalf of the Government Task Force on Emergency Planning, with support from Local Government Ireland. It replaces the previous **Be Winter Ready** and **Be Summer Ready** public preparedness campaigns. More details on www.leitrimcoco.ie

HEDGE CUTTING/OVERHANGING TREE CANOPY GRANT SCHEME 2026/27:

To encourage the cutting of roadside trees and hedges, Leitrim Co. Council operate a Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme and it's now open and aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to all, individual applicants, communities and groups. Minimum length of road network per application is 1km. The grant is €75 per km of the roadside hedge/overhanging trees which are cut back. An additional grant of €50 per km for the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches along the public road network (min. of 10 trees p/k). Terms & Conditions apply. Further info. & application forms on www.leitrimcoco.ie or by contacting the Roads Department by e-mail - roads@leitrimcoco.ie or Telephone 071-9620005 Ext. 630. Closing Date is **Fri. 29th Jan. 2027**.

FEAST DAYS / MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK – 21st Sept. to 26th Sept.

MON. St. Matthew, the Apostle. **TUES.** St. Maurice of Egypt.

WED. St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina. **THURS.** Our Lady of Walsingham.

FRI. St. Finbarr of Cork. **SAT.** St's. Cosmas & Damian (*Arabian Twins*).

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

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20th Sept. 2026 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION

(Matt. 20: 1-16)

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us about a landowner who goes out at different times of the day to hire workers for his vineyard. Some begin working early in the morning, others later, and some only in the final hour. Yet when evening comes, everyone receives the same wage. Naturally, those who worked all day feel that this is unfair, but the Kingdom of God is not built on competition. God's love is not a limited resource that must be divided according to our merits. God does not love one person less because He has shown mercy to another. Sometimes we can fall into the same attitude as the workers who arrived first.

God rejoices whenever a person turns back to Him, whether that happens early in life or at the very end. The person who returns to God after years of being lost is not welcomed with suspicion but with joy. God's mercy does not diminish because someone else receives it. This Gospel also challenges us to examine our hearts for jealousy and comparison. We can easily measure our lives against those of others. But comparison can rob us of gratitude. God has given each of us a place in His vineyard. Our task is not to calculate what others deserve but to faithfully respond to the invitation God has given us today.

Perhaps some of us have been working in the vineyard for many years. Others may feel that they have arrived late. Some even feel that they have little to offer. But the invitation is always there to come and work in God's vineyard. The final words of Jesus are particularly challenging: **"The last will be first, and the first, last."** God's ways are not our ways. His justice is always accompanied by mercy, and His generosity goes beyond what we think people deserve.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, teach me to trust in Your goodness and not to compare my life with the lives of others. Free me from jealousy, resentment and the desire to measure what others deserve. When I feel that I have come too late, remind me that Your invitation is always open. Help me to work faithfully in Your vineyard, and may I learn to see others through Your eyes with compassion, generosity and mercy. Amen.