

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 27th Sept. 2026):

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

Sun. 03rd Oct. – 11.15 am: Larry Reilly, Beaghmore, John Duffy, Errew and all
dec'd members of the Reilly & Duffy families.

Burial of Ashes – Brigid Masterson late of Cornafest who died in England.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 27th Sept. 2026):

Sun. 27th Sept. – 10.00 am: Francie & Mary Gill, Raghleigh, Doogarry and dec'd
family members, Brian, Pat, Aiden, Willie, Bridie & Nuala.

Sun. 03rd Oct. – 10.00 am: Eugene & Bridie O'Kelly, Drumloona
and their daughter Cathriona Lydon, London.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 26th Sept. 2026):

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

Thurs. 01st Oct. – 7.30 pm: Memorial Mass for Eamon Curran, Perth, Australia
and Askeaton, Co. Limerick (*husband of Kathleen Mc Govern, formerly of Kilmore*).

Sat. 03rd Oct. – 8.00 pm: Michael Donohoe & all dec'd members of the
Donohoe family, Ardunsaghan.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION 19 th / 20 th Sept.
Carrigallen	€516
Drumeela	€360
Drumreilly	€309

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Genuine actions and a sincere change of heart matter more to God
than empty promises.

DIOCESAN GATHERING FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: You are most welcome
to a Diocesan Gathering for Eucharistic Adoration on **10th October**, beginning with a Talk by
Fr. Sean Kelly OFM Cap. in Derrylin Parish Hall 10.00 am, followed by Tea/Coffee. Adoration
in Derrylin Church from 11.15 am, concluding with Mass at 12.30 pm to be celebrated by
Bishop Martin Hayes. All who regularly participate and who are interested in the prayer of
Eucharist Adoration in our parishes are encouraged to gather for this diocesan event.

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=pfbid0QH8MV7sq8vYAGrZigAmdnUaHgCxUAQVtzRGPXiZoh5DQn9bZiQCZuqMHoHS8x2DQl&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: raphoeeparish@gmail.com

ABIDE IN HIS LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: It takes place from **20th to 22nd
November** in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers include: Sarah
Swafford, Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton, Kimberlee Wooling, Danielle Noonan,
Nashville Dominicans & more. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin from Cork &
Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend. For more details visit Abide in
His Love at www.eventbrite.ie Registration link: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

5 STEP SUPPORT SERVICE: Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by
another individual ? 5 Step Support can help you; it is a free , non-judgemental, one - one
service. Putting your needs and wellbeing first , helping you manage often stressful , difficult
and emotional issues. If you would like further information or an appointment, please
contact 071-9150578 / 085- 8759319 or email: sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com You don't
have to be addicted to suffer from addiction!

ANNUAL 'SMALL COIN' COLLECTION WEEK at St. Mary's N.S. Drumlea will run this
year from **Sat. 3rd to Sat. 10th Oct.** If you have coins of any value, we would appreciate it if
you could donate them to the school. There will be a collection bucket in St Mary's Church,
Drumlea during the 8.00 pm Mass on both Saturday nights or you can drop your coins into
the school from Monday to Friday during school hours. Every coin counts! Thank you.

CARRIGALLEN YOUTH THEATRE is managed by Leitrim Youth Arts. It has started a
new term and is welcoming new members. This is a safe space for young people to have fun,
make friends and develop skills in theatre and acting. There are two groups, Junior (ages 9-
12) and Senior (ages 13-17), which meet on a **Tuesday evening** at Carrigallen Community
Hall. Visit www.leitrimyoutharts.com or contact Jo Holmwood
(jo.holmwood@leitrimcoco.ie) for more information.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Weekly Draw on Sundays in the Clubrooms.
Jackpot is €5,900. 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.

DRUMREILLY GAA HEALTHY CLUB WALKING GROUP meet on **Sunday mornings
at 10.00 am** at Garadice Lake. Get active. Feel better. Connect with others. Enjoy nature
together. All ages and abilities welcome.

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.

MARGARET'S CORNER C.C., CARRIGALLEN: *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 ACTIVE AGE GROUP meet on **Wednesdays at 8:30 pm** in the Community Centre. Many engaging activities / outings. Refreshments served. New members welcome.

IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES AND CIORCAL COMHRÁ for all levels from beginners to fluent speakers will begin on **Tuesday 6th October at 8.00 pm** in Ballinamore Library. Places must be booked by texting or ringing 087-6821566 in advance. Classes are free.

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**.

ACTIVE & HEALTHY LEITRIM PLAN 2026–2031 marks an important step towards achieving the shared vision of a more active, connected and healthy Leitrim for everyone. The Plan aims to create more opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to be active, remove barriers to participation, improve access to facilities and programmes, and support healthier, more connected communities throughout the county. For more information or to view the Plan, visit: www.leitrimsports.ie Email: sports@leitrimcoco.ie Tel: (071) 9650498.

FIT-FARMERS APP: The App. was created in response to what farmers need - a one-stop shop for clear, reliable health information they can trust. It's a **practical, easy-to-use digital tool** that brings expert-backed support into one accessible place – designed with and for farmers and in collaboration with farming experts and farming organisations. By providing **credible, accessible & farmer-focused content**, it empowers users to take proactive steps toward better physical and mental wellbeing. **Our vision** is to help normalise and embed health & wellbeing support into the everyday fabric of farming life ensuring that every farmer in Ireland has access to the tools, information and encouragement they need to live well, work safely and stay connected. The app is **100% free**, requires no sign-up, and works offline – perfect for use in the field or in areas with poor signal. Simple navigation, fast loading and a clean, user-friendly design to support even those less confident with tech. All content is relevant & tailored to farmers' needs. Download from the Google App. Store or email: lauratully@fitfarmers.ie

FEAST DAYS / MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK – 28th Sept. to 03rd Oct.

MON. St. Wenceslaus of Bohemia. **TUES.** The Archangels, Michael, Gabriel & Raphael.

WED. St. Jerome of Dalmatia. **THURS.** St. Therese of Lisieux.

FRI. The Holy Guardian Angels. **SAT.** Bl. Columba Marmion of Dublin.

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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27th Sept. 2026 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION

(Matt. 21: 28–32)

In today's Gospel we hear about a father asking his two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says, "I will not," but later changes his mind and goes. The second says, "Certainly, sir," but does not go. Jesus then asks the question: **Which son did the will of his father?** The answer is obvious: the first one. But Jesus is not simply talking about two sons. He is talking about us. He is reminding us that our relationship with God is shown not only by what we say, but by what we do. It is easy to say the right things. We can speak about love, forgiveness, justice and compassion. All of these things are important. But the Gospel challenges us to ask: **Do our lives actually reflect what we profess?**

The first son initially said "no," but he changed his mind. That change is important. Jesus shows us that God does not expect perfection from us. What God looks for is a heart that is willing to change. Sometimes we have said "no" to God through our choices, our selfishness, our anger, our unwillingness to forgive, or our failure to reach out to someone in need. Yet it is never too late to change direction. Perhaps there is someone we need to forgive or someone from whom we have become distant. Perhaps there is a good thing God has been asking us to do, but we keep postponing it. It's never too late to say yes.

The second son reminds us of another danger. We can become very good at saying the right things without allowing those words to change our lives. Faith cannot remain only on our lips. It must reach our hands, our decisions, our relationships and our everyday actions. The vineyard is still there. The invitation is still there. And God's call is still there. May we have the humility to recognise where we have said "no," the courage to change, and the generosity to say "yes" to God, not merely with our words, but with our lives.

PRAYER: *Dear Lord, help us not simply to speak about Your will, but to live it. Give us hearts willing to change, hands ready to serve, and the courage to say yes to You each day. Amen.*