

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 04th Oct. 2026):

Sun. 04th 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.

Mon. 05th Oct. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

Tues. 06th Oct. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Wed. 07th Oct. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day (*Our Lady of the Rosary*).

Fri. 09th Oct. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Sun. 11th Oct. – 11.15 am: Dec'd members of the Gormley family, Kilbracken.
Dec'd members of the Mc Manus family, Bredagh.
Jack & Mary Mc Manus, Kilbracken.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 04th Oct. 2026):

Sun. 04th Oct. – 10.00 am: Eugene & Bridie O'Kelly, Drumloona
and their daughter Cathriona Lydon, London.

Sun. 11th Oct. – 10.00 am: Winnie Lynch, Drumbrick.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 03rd Oct. 2026):

Sat. 03rd Oct. – 8.00 pm: Michael Donohoe & all dec'd members of the Donohoe family, Ardunsaghan. (*Rosary at 7.45 pm*)

Thurs. 08th Oct. – 7.30 pm: Memorial Mass for Josephine (*Jo*) Mc Govern, Kinkenn
(*at the behest of Drumreilly Active Age Group*).

Sat. 10th Oct. – 8.00 pm: Johnny Gaffney, Mullaghboy & D.F.M's (*Rosary at 7.45 pm*)

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION 26 th / 27 th Sept.
Carrigallen	€1,185 (Incl. €685 returns from Oughteragh – Lr. Drumreilly / Templeport)
Drumeela	€650 (Incl. €411 returns from Oughteragh – Lr. Drumreilly / Cootehill / Kilmore)
Drumreilly	€547 (Incl. €333 returns from Oughteragh – Lr. Drumreilly / Templeport)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God treats us like a beloved vineyard, giving us all the care & freedom we need to thrive. He does not force us to produce fruit but patiently waits for our response.

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.



RECENT BAPTISM: With joy, we welcome Baby Croia Rose Reilly, Drumbreanlis who was baptised into our Community of Faith on **Sunday 27th September** in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen and we congratulate her parents, Margo & Barry.



RECENT MARRIAGE: Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness to Gerald Percival, Beaghmore and Stephanie Tully, Killeshandra who received the Sacrament of Marriage on **Friday 2nd October** in St. Brigid's Church, Killeshandra.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER - For Mental Health Ministry: *Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.*

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 drugs by another individual? 5 Step Support can help you; it's a free, non-judgemental, one - one service. Putting your needs & wellbeing first, helping you manage stressful & difficult issues. For further info. or an appointment, contact 071-9150578 / 085- 8759319 or email: sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com You haven't to be addicted to suffer from addiction!

ANNUAL 'SMALL COIN' COLLECTION WEEK at St. Mary's N.S. Drumlea continues until **Saturday 10th October**. 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 Saturday night 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 €6,000. 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.

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 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.

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 on **Tuesdays at 8.00 pm** in Ballinamore Library. Places must be booked by texting or ringing 087-6821566 in advance. Classes are free.

BALLINAMORE ATHLETIC CLUB INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TRAINING will commence with enrolment in the Sports Hall on this **Tuesday 6th October at 7.00 pm**. All ages from eight upwards are catered for. Leitrim Cross Country Championships Under 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and senior in St. Felim's on **Saturday 10th October at 2.00 pm**.

ABBEYLARA ARTS FESTIVAL: **Saturday 7th Nov.** - One Act Drama Festival. **Sunday 8th Nov.** - Free Family Show featuring our little stars. A weekend not to be missed. Check out our social media and our posters for more information.

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.

AN AUTUMN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I pray that as the summer fades and the days get shorter in this autumn season, please be with the prayer requests that are on my heart and mind. As the God of creation, you know the details of all the situations, even if I do not. You have ordained a time and a season for every activity under the heavens. Help us to appreciate this season that You have designed. As the fading of the summer sun says goodbye and in the morning chill frost's first kiss touches barren fields let us draw close to you. Amen.

FEAST DAYS / MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK – 05th Oct. to 10th Oct.

MON. St. Faustina Kowalska of Poland. **TUES.** St. Bruno of Cologne.
WED. Our Lady of the Rosary. **THURS.** The Seven Virgins of Armagh.
FRI. St. John Henry Newman of England. **SAT.** St. Paulinus of York.

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

04th Oct. 2026 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION

(Matt. 21: 33-43)

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who plants a vineyard, carefully prepares it, and entrusts it to tenants. When harvest time comes, the tenants refuse to give the owner what belongs to him. They reject his servants and eventually kill his son. The vineyard is a very strong image of God's love and trust. God gives us gifts, opportunities, relationships, abilities and responsibilities. He does not simply ask us to possess these gifts but also to make them fruitful.

The tragedy of the tenants is that they begin to believe that the vineyard belongs only to them. Their hearts move from stewardship to possession, from gratitude to entitlement & forget the one who gave them everything. This can happen in our own lives too. We can become so focused on what we have that we forget that everything is ultimately a gift from God.

The Gospel also challenges us to consider how we respond to God's word. The owner sends servant after servant, yet the tenants refuse to listen. God likewise continues to reach out to us through Scripture, the Church and the circumstances of our lives. Sometimes His message is comforting and at other times it can be a challenge. And then comes the most remarkable part of the parable when the owner sends his son. Jesus is pointing toward himself, the Son whom humanity will reject and put to death. Yet rejection does not have the final word. God brings salvation even through what appears to be failure and defeat. A fruitful Christian life begins with a grateful heart.

PRAYER: *Dear Lord, we pray for the grace not to be possessors but faithful stewards. May we find in our lives the fruits of Your love, compassion, forgiveness, justice & service. And may we always remember that the best gift entrusted to us is not something we own, but a relationship with God who continually calls us to bear fruit for His kingdom.*