

Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 11th Oct. 2026):

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.

Mon. 12th Oct. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

Fri. 16th Oct. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Sun. 18th Oct. – 11.15 am: Frank, Pauline & Seán Donohoe, Gortermone.

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 11th Oct. 2026):

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

Sun. 18th Oct. – 10.00 am: Eamonn & Mary Kate Kiernan, Drumeela & D.F.M's.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 10th Oct. 2026):

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

Thurs. 15th Oct. – 7.30 pm: Pat Sutherland, Garadice & D.F.M's.

Sat. 17th Oct. – 8pm: Teresa & Hugh Mc Goohan, Kilmore & D.F.M's (Rosary 7.45pm)

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION 03 rd / 04 th Oct.
Carrigallen	€640
Drumeela	€295
Drumreilly	€239

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



God extends a universal, open invitation to His heavenly banquet, but responding requires a sincere heart, active faith, and a life transformed by His grace.

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING CONFERENCE — Bundoran, 16th – 18th Oct. Freedom in Christ: Jesus Breaking the Chains of Addiction. Mass, Adoration, Healing Services, Praise & Worship & talks on Addiction & Recovery. Speakers: Fr. John Keane, Fr. Adrian Crowley, Eddie Stones and more. Registration €50 — Info: 087 784 7304 / 086 315 2460 / 086 154 6099.

ABIDE IN HIS LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE takes place from 20th to 22nd Nov. in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. Speakers: Sarah Swafford, Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton, Kimberlee Wooling, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Domincans & more. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin from Cork & Ross Diocese. All welcome. More details at www.eventbrite.ie Registration link: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

PRISONERS' SUNDAY: This Sunday, 11th Oct., is **Prisoners' Sunday**. Bishop Martin Hayes, Bishop of Kilmore and IEC Liaison to the Irish Prison Service, has prepared a reflection for the occasion, inviting us to consider the dignity and needs of those in prison, the importance of rehabilitation, and our Christian call to recognise God's persistent love for every person. Full reflection from Bishop Martin available on the Diocesan website: www.kilmorediocese.ie

OCTOBER MISSION MONTH: October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. Right now, missionaries desperately need your help. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia and Latin America missionaries are serving on the front line. They already do so much, walking hand in hand with marginalised communities, long before and after any emergency. You can show missionaries you care by supporting World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and generosity will change lives. Please help by donating on Mission Sunday next weekend, 17th / 18th Oct. by either picking up Missio envelopes in the church porches or in your box of parish envelopes. Please give a little, it will help a lot! This Year's Mission Sunday theme is: **"One in Christ, United in Mission"**.

THE WORKING DOCUMENT FOR THE IRISH NATIONAL SYNODAL ASSEMBLY, taking place in Gormanston, Co. Meath, on 17th Oct., brings together the fruits of five years of prayer, listening discernment and will guide delegates as they consider and vote on suggested actions to be presented to the bishops of Ireland. The Assembly marks an important moment in the journey and is now moving towards a new phase of implementation. Everyone is invited to read, pray with, and reflect on the *Working Document* and the question: *"What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?"* Please pray for all those taking part in the Assembly and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and find the Document and more on: www.synod.ie

ANAM CARA, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Wed. 14th Oct. at 7.30 pm** in the Mullingar Park Hotel. A free event & open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age their child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. No need to register. Also, an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01-4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

DRUMREILLY COMMUNITY CAMINO: We are holding our A.G.M. on **Mon. 19th Oct. at 7.15 pm** in Drumcoura City Saloon Bar. New members welcome. If interested, please come along.

DRUMREILLY GAA DEVELOPMENT DRAW takes place on **Saturday 7th November 2026** in Drumcoura Lake Resort. 1st Prize - €3,000. 2nd Prize - €1,000 and ten prizes of €100. Tickets are €20 each or three for €50. Tickets available from players and Club members or buy online at: www.member.clubspot.app/club/drumreilly-gaa/fundraisers...

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Weekly Draw on Sundays in the Clubrooms. Jackpot is €6,100. 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. Feel better / Connect with others. All ages and abilities welcome.

MARGARET'S CORNER C.C. CARRIGALLEN: **ART CLASSES** for Beginners and Improvers for 5 weeks on **Monday Mornings 10.30 am - 12.30 pm**. €25.00. To book your place, call: 089 271 2131. **THEATRE SESSIONS** - Theatre Skills, full of fun. A Safe Space. Empowers those with Disabilities, Neurodivergent Health Conditions, Isolation - In Margaret's Corner on **Friday 16th from 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm**. Book on: 087 903 6436. **DRAMA CLASSES** on **Thursday mornings 11.00 am - 12.30 pm**. FREE EVENT. All 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.

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

LEITRIM COLLEGE, Carrick on Shannon is inviting expressions of interest for our upcoming QQI Level 4 courses. Improve your communications/computer/digital skills & create pathways to further education. Contact Rachel at rachelbutler@msletb.ie to register.

LEITRIM ADULT GUIDANCE SERVICE: Are you considering education and unsure of your options? The Leitrim Guidance Service will be in **Ballinamore Library on Thurs. 15th October from 2.00 to 4.00 pm & Mohill Library on Fri. 16th Oct. from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm** to answer any question you might have. No appointment necessary. Come along on the day.

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 in the Sports Hall on **Tuesday evenings at 7.00 pm**. All ages from eight upwards are catered for.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND is the National Charity Supporting 500,000+ Family Carers Nationwide and we are currently recruiting for Community Homecare Workers to provide support to clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Own car and Full Driving Licence essential. Please send your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie or contact Carol on 049-8511031 or 086-4183949 for more information.

 **THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE** will be accepting blood donations at St. Brigid's Community Centre, Loch Gowna on this **Mon. 12th Oct. & Tue. 13th Oct. from 15.50 to 20.00 pm**. Phone 1 800 222 111 for an appointment, with your donor ID number to hand if you are an existing donor. All blood groups needed. New donors are very welcome. Ring 1 800 731137 to register. It is important that we all remember that many patients in hospitals need our blood and this need never ceases. Give blood / save a life !

FEAST DAYS / MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK – 12th Oct. to 17th Oct.

MON. St. Carlo Acutis of Italy. **TUES.** St. Edward the Confessor of England.
WED. Pope St. Callistus I of Rome. **THURS.** St. Teresa of Avila.
FRI. St. Gall of Leinster. **SAT.** St. Ignatius of Antioch.

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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11th Oct. 2026 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

GOSPEL REFLECTION

(Matt. 22: 1-14)

Today's Gospel presents us with an image of a king preparing a wedding feast for his son. The invitation goes out, but many of those invited refuse to come. Some ignore the invitation; others become so caught up in their own affairs that they have no interest in the feast. The king then opens the invitation to everyone. The servants go out into the streets and bring in anyone they can find, both good and bad. The banquet hall fills up with guests.

This image speaks powerfully to us about God's invitation. He continually invites us into relationship with Him. His invitation is not merely an invitation to attend a religious ceremony; it is an invitation to share in his life, his joy and his love. Yet, we can sometimes become too busy to respond. There are many things competing for our attention such as work, family, money, responsibilities, worries, ambitions & personal plans. None of these things is necessarily bad but can become obstacles when they leave no room for God.

The Gospel then tells us about the man who arrives without a wedding garment. This garment can be understood as a symbol of the changed life that should follow our acceptance of God's invitation. It is not enough simply to hear God's call but to allow God's grace to transform us. Christian faith is about allowing our belief in God to shape how we live, how we treat others, how we forgive and how we love. Each time we come to Mass, we are reminded that we have been invited to the Lord's table. The Eucharist is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. We come not because we are perfect, but because we need God's mercy and grace. The invitation is for everyone.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, help us to prepare for Your heavenly banquet and teach us, even now, to live as people who have already tasted the joy of Your kingdom. Amen.