Parish Masses / Anniversaries / Other Events:

St. Mary's, Carrigallen (Week commencing Sun. 25th Oct. 2026):

Sun. 25th Oct. – 11.15 am: Cathal Whelan, Kivvy.
Helen & Patrick Murphy, Aughawillen.

Mon. 26th Oct. – 10.00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

Wed. 28th Oct. – 10.00 am: Mass of the Day.

Fri. 30th Oct. – 7.30 pm: Thomas & Rita Moran, Cloncorrick & D.F.M's.

Sun. 01st Nov. – 11.15 am: Dan Egan, Mullanadarragh ***(1st Anniv. Mass).***

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

St. Mary's, Drumeela (Week commencing Sun. 25th Oct. 2026):

Sun. 25th Oct. – 10.00 am: Felix Prior, Nedd.

Sun. 01st Nov. – 10.00 am: Jim & Betty Moran, Lugnagun.

St. Mary's, Drumreilly (Week commencing Sat. 24th Oct. 2026):

Sat. 24th Oct.– 8.00 pm: Liam Mc Girl, Drumcoura and his parents,
Thomas & Brigid Mc Girl, Derrygoan ***(Rosary 7.45pm)***

Tues. 27th Oct. – 12 noon: Funeral Mass for Mattie Fee, late of Mullaghboy.

Thurs. 29th Oct. – 7.30 pm: Mass of the Day.

Sat. 31st Oct.– 8 pm: Tom, Bridget & Thomas Maxwell, Carrickmakeegan & D.F.M's

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

CHURCH AREA	OFFERTORY COLLECTION 17th / 18th Oct.	MISSIONS COLLECTION
Carrigallen	€410	€555
Drumeela	€375	€150
Drumreilly	€228	€305

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Love of God and love of neighbour is one inseparable truth. Life is not about counting our neighbours but about becoming a neighbour to whoever crosses our path.

REMINDER - PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORMS / EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORMS: Please return the completed forms to your local Church *(Box provided))* or to the Parochial House, Carrigallen by next weekend ***31st Oct. / 1st Nov***.
A meeting of the present serving members of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on this Wed. 28th Oct. at 8.00 pm in the Tom Clarke Memorial Room, Carrigallen Hall.

KILMORE DIOCESAN PTAA MASS AND PRESENTATION OF PINS on next ***Sunday 1st November at 2.00 pm*** in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen followed by Dinner and Dancing in the Kilbracken Arms Hotel. Anyone eligible for Pins, please contact Rosaleen immediately. To order Pins or book dinner tickets, please contact Rosaleen Smith on 087-2450692. Music is by Seamus Farrell and tickets cost €35. Thanking you. Rosaleen.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER:
MATTIE FEE, Mullaghboy whose funeral takes place in St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly on ***Tuesday 27th Oct. at 12 noon*** followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.
May his soul rest in heavenly peace.

CONFESSIONS FOR ALL SOULS: **We are encouraged to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation as one of the conditions to receive a Plenary Indulgence for the Holy Souls.**
CONFESSIONS: ***Thursday 29th Oct. - St. Mary's Church, Drumeela: 6.30 pm.***
Thursday 29th Oct. - St. Mary's Church, Drumreilly: After 7.30 pm Mass.
Friday 30th Oct. - St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen: 6.30 pm.

NOVEMBER LISTS OF THE DEAD: Please remember to bring in the November Lists of your dead next weekend. You will find a green & white envelope and listing sheet in your box of parish envelopes. You can put them into the Offertory baskets during Mass or drop into the metal boxes in the Church Porches. A number of Masses will be offered in each Church area during the month of November for all those named on the lists.

800th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S DEATH: There will be a special Diocesan Mass with main con-celebrant Bishop Martin Hayes on this ***Thursday 29th October at 7.00 pm*** in St. Clare's Chapel, off Main St., Cavan. This will be followed by a talk given by Mons. Liam Kelly in the Farnham Arms Hotel at ***8.15 pm***. Refreshments served. All welcome.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT: Advent is a time of waiting, hope & preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. A practical workshop to help prepare for this special season takes place on ***Sat. 7th Nov. from 10.30am to 12.30pm*** in the Pastoral Centre hosted by Fr. Turlough Baxter from Longford. It offers simple ideas to enrich our prayer & parish celebrations & will explore practical ways to make Advent a meaningful time of preparation for Christmas. Everyone with an interest in parish life & liturgy is warmly welcome. No registration required; just turn up on the day.

AN EVENING OF SONG to remember the victims of the Orphanage Fire in Cavan Town in 1943. The choirs are Cavan Rugby Club/Cavan Singers/Cavan Community Voices/Cuan Crooners/Loreto College. It's on ***Friday 6th November at 8.00 pm*** in the Hotel Kilmore. Proceeds to create a lasting memorial as close to the orphanage as possible. Tickets €20 on the door.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND are holding our Retreat Day on ***Sat. 7th Nov. from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm*** in Ely House, Dublin. A day of prayer, reflection & spiritual renewal with guest speakers, Fr. Dominik Domagala, Dr. Iva Beranek & Mrs. Maria Steen. Lunch & refreshments provided. Cost: €50 Booking: www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats All welcome, bring a friend.

PUBLIC BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING: Northwest Hospice invites the public to a free Bereavement Information Evening on ***Tuesday 3rd Nov. at 7.00 pm*** in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon. The event offers support, guidance, and understanding for those who are grieving or supporting someone through grief. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING with an Garda Síochana will take place in Carrigallen Hall on ***Wednesday 4th November starting at 7.00 pm***. This will be an opportunity for the general public and local community groups / organisations to share information and address any local issues and concerns they may have. All welcome.

DRUMREILLY ACTIVE AGE GROUP are hosting their annual ***Boxty & Bacon Social*** in the Community Centre on ***Wed. 28th Oct. at 8 pm.*** Music by Seamus Farrell. Adm. €10. Raffles & prizes galore. A warm friendly evening of food, music & community. All welcome.

TEA/COFFEE EVENING: A big thank you to all who supported this recently held fundraiser in Drumreilly Community Centre, which raised €1,325. Thanks also to all who helped in any way with the running of the event. All funds raised go to support the work of Northwest Hospice including the provision of Palliative Care Services in this region.

CARRIGALLEN GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW: Weekly Draw on Sundays in the Clubrooms. Jackpot is €6,300. 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.

R.S.S. VACANCY: Drumreilly GAA Park, Carrickmakeegan in conjunction with Leitrim Development Co. have a vacancy for a Caretaker / Environmental Worker for the GAA Grounds. 19.5 hour week with flexible working days & hours. Contact Gerry on 086-7716896.

MARGARET'S CORNER C.C. CARRIGALLEN: ***ART CLASSES*** for Beginners and Improvers on ***Monday Mornings from 10.30 am -12.30 pm***. €25.00. To book your place, call: 089 271 2131. ***DRAMA CLASSES*** on ***Thursday mornings from 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.

WATER SAFETY AWARDS: Our congratulations to Gretta O'Neill & Shelia Mollohan on receiving a national award for organising water safety lessons each summer for the past 40 years. Thanks to them, many young people from the area have learnt how to swim & obtain water safety certificates. These awards took place in the Mansion House, Dublin on ***Tues. 13th Oct***. Well done ladies.

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. For more information, please contact Monica or Emily at: **www.volunteer@irishcancer.ie**

FEAST DAYS / MEMORIALS DURING THE COMING WEEK – 26th Oct. to 31st Oct.

MON. St. Alfred the Great of Wessex. **TUES. St. Otteran of Waterford & Lismore.**
WED. St. Simon & St. Jude *(Apostles).* **THURS. St. Colman of Kilmacduagh.**
FRI. St. Alphonsus Rodriguez of Spain. **SAT. Bl. Dominic Collins of Youghal.**

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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION *(Matt. 22: 34-40)*

In today's Gospel the Pharisees ask Jesus which commandment is the greatest. Jesus responds by placing love at the centre of everything: love of God and love of neighbour. He tells us to love God with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind. To love God with all our heart means to put Him first in our lives. It means trusting Him in moments of uncertainty and being grateful for His blessings. To love God with all our soul means allowing our relationship with Him to shape who we are and how we live. It means seeking His will, turning away from sin and allowing His grace to transform us. To love God with all our mind means allowing the Gospel to guide our thoughts, decisions and attitudes. We should ask ourselves whether our choices reflect God's truth, mercy and justice.

The second commandment is closely connected to the first: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Jesus challenges us to recognise the dignity of every human person. Our neighbour is not only the person who lives beside us, belongs to our family or shares our beliefs but is anyone whose life touches ours and anyone in need of our compassion. Sometimes, loving our neighbour can mean offering financial assistance to someone in need or visiting a sick person, listening patiently to someone who is struggling, defending someone who is treated unfairly or forgiving a person who has hurt us. Even a simple smile, a kind word or a willingness to listen can become a powerful expression of Christian love.

PRAYER: *Dear God, we thank You for Your Word, which reminds us that love is the foundation of Christian life. Teach us to love You with all our heart, soul and mind. Open our eyes to recognise You in our neighbours, especially the poor, the suffering and the forgotten. May our homes, our parish and our communities become places of genuine love, peace and unity. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



TIME CHANGES THIS WEEKEND

Wintertime starts on ***Sunday 25th October at 2.00 am*** when clocks go back by one hour.