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**Lately deceased: Briege Daly, Jim Gallagher**

**CARRICKMORE**

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| Sat 28th | 6.30pm | Hugh McMahon, Michael & Mary Ann Loughran & dec family, Michael Rafferty |
| Sun 29th | 11.30am | Francis, Frank & Susan McKernan Mary Alice Daly |
| Tue 31st | 9.30am | |
| **Wed 1st** | **10.00am** | The People of our Parish |
| Fri 3rd | **7.30pm** | May Mooney |
| Sat 4th | 6.30pm | Seamus & Anna McCaughey |
| Sun 5th | 11.30am | Annie & James Corrigan |

**LOUGHMACRORY**

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| Sun 29th | 10.00am | Vincent Conway, Nuala Treacy, Mona Kelly |
| **Mon 30th** | **7.30pm** | Mary McCarney {1st Anv} |
| Thur 2nd | 10.00am | |
| Sun 5th | 10.00am | |

**CREGGAN**

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| Sun 29th | 9.00am | Michael McAleer & Joseph McKernan |
| Sun 5th | 9.00am | |

**We welcome into the parish community Aodh Kelly & Ruaidhri Rafferty who were baptised recently.**

**Exposition** will take place on Mon in Carrickmore 6pm – 7.15pm: There will be no Exposition in St Mary's on 1st Jan

Sunday 29 December is the **Feast of the Holy Family** – As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend, we thank God for all our families & we pray God's blessing on them & on our parish family in the year to come. We might visit the crib as a family during these special days & take a piece of straw from it & place it in our homes. We might like to place the straw in our wallet or purse & carry it with us during the coming year. Perhaps we might even give a piece to someone who is sick or housebound, reminding all that we're all part of the family of faith. Please take one of the Family Prayer Cards from the Church and leave it on your kitchen table & pray it as a family in the coming days! **Prayer:** God our Father, we want to live as Jesus, Mary & Joseph, in peace with you & with one another. Give us the courage & strength to live each day & to face the troubles & Challenges of life, Amen.

**Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**: Next Year will be a special Jubilee/Holy Year within the Church, 25 years on from the Millennium. Pope Francis has chosen the Feast of the Holy Family (Sun 29 Dec) to mark the opening of the year of Jubilee in all dioceses of the world. Archbishop Martin & Bishop Router along with the Papal Nuncio to Ireland, will celebrate Mass on that day in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh @ 11am. A family from all 61 parishes in the Archdiocese will attend. At the Mass, the Archbishop will also announce the beginning of a period of consultation & preparation for a Diocesan Congress on "Youth & Family Ministry" which will take place in March 2026.

**Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Siena**:**22 – 29 Sept 2025**, led by Fr Peter. All info & booking at Marian Pilgrimages info@marian.ie or 01 8788159 (See the link on Parish FB Page) A special programme for the weeks pilgrimage as we celebrate this Jubilee Year.

**New Years Day** – Wednesday 1 January is the Feast of Mary, the mother of God & World Day of Peace. There will be one Parish Mass on the day in **St Colmcille's Church @ 10am**. What better way to begin the New Year, than by gathering as a Parish Family, to ask God's blessing on all of us & our families & our parish in 2025.

**First Friday**: Friday 3 Jan is the first Friday of the Month. Confessions in St Colmcille's Church on Friday @ 7pm. Please note the sick and housebound will be visited next week. Mon 6th (Carrickmore), Tues 7th (Loughmacrory), Wed 8th (other areas)

**Padre Pio Masses**: Dates for the coming months - Mon 6 Jan, Mon 3 Feb, Mon 3 March

**Feast of the Epiphany**: **Monday 6 January** - Mass in St Mary's @ 10am & in St Colmcille's @ 7.30pm. On this Feast, we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the world. Today, we ask that the glory of the Lord be revealed to us & to all who seek Jesus. We might think about our own journey. What star brought us there? What gifts did we leave there? What gifts were we given there?

**Oasis of Peace Retreat Centre: Catholic Young Adult Group (18-35yrs)** First Sunday of each month @ 1pm @ Mellifont Abbey, Collon, Co Louth. Contact John @ 0035389 6152568

**Accord Counselling –** If you are interested in this rewarding opportunity & training as a counsellor, contact info@accord.ie

**Parish Mass Cards/Bouquets** are available from Parish Office & Carrickmore & Loughmacrory Church Sacristies. (Price £4 & all proceeds for the Missions)

**Marriage and Relationship Counselling with Accord:** If you feel that you and your partner could benefit from Marriage & Relationship Counselling, either face to face or online, contact us. Ph 028 90233002 / info@accordni.com / www.accordni.com

**Creggan Community Association:** Irish Dancing Classes on Tues & Thurs (Beginners 6pm, Advanced 7.30pm), Jujitsu on Saturdays @ 4pm, Bingo on Sundays @ 8pm

Thanks to all who bought **Trocaire gifts** before Christmas in our parish, total realised £760 & thanks to all who helped support "The Reach" Food Appeal.

**SVP Termonmaguirc** received a donation of £2825 from the staff & pupils of Dean Maguirc College. Further donations were also made to neighbouring groups. SVP thanks all for their generosity.

**Termonmaguirc Historical Society** is undertaking work on a new parish history publication in 2025. Any topic ideas for the publication eg a landmark, a person, a building, an event or a photo, a tradition or a custom.. email termonhistory@gmail.com

**A New Years Prayer:** Holy God, as we enter this New Year, we thank you for your presence with us in all the years of our lives. We have known joy but also sorrow, success & failure, and through it all, you have been with us, the companion on all our journeys. Much of life is fleeting & so we thank you for things that endure – the love of faithful friends, wisdom gained from experience, the reliability of nature & your steadfast love. We thank you for this year which awaits us. Take us by the hand & lead us on, AMEN.