

# Parish of Newmarket on Fergus - Carrigerry - The Wells

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28th Sun in Ord Time

15th October 2017

## Sacristans

Bridget O' Halloran : Newmarket  
Mary Barron: The Wells  
Bernadette Glynn: Carrigerry

## Newmarket

Sun 15 11.00am Mary Hamill, Knocksaggart. 1st anniversary  
Mon 16 10.00am Daily Mass  
Tue 17 10.00am Daily Mass  
Wed 18 10.00am Daily Mass  
Thur 19 10.00am Daily Mass  
Fri 20 10.00am Daily Mass  
Sun 22 11.00am Vincent Kelly, Limerick Road  
Brian and Martin Connaughton, Woodland Heights.  
Sean and Kathleen Sheedy, 21 Glencragga & Wallie Farrell  
Pat Sheedy, Ballycar  
Michael and Eileen Clancy, Caherscooby  
Vincent Flannery, Ralahine.

## Wells

Sat 14 6.00pm Danny and Madge Glendon, Ennis Road.  
Sat 21 6.00pm Michael and Kathleen Frawley, Kilnasoolagh Park  
Special Intention

## Carrigerry

Sun 15 9.00am Sunday Mass  
Sun 22 9.00am James and Molly Mahony, Rineanna

Let your  
*light*  
shine.  
Matthew 5:16



## Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mission Month - Fr Conor McGrath

In December 1983, a Columban sister from the town of Antrim was gunned down in the back of an ambulance whilst ministering to prisoners. The killing did not take place on the streets of Belfast or Derry but many thousands of miles from her homeland in Peru. Just five years before, despite ill health, Sister Joan Sawyer had arrived in Peru, fulfilling her life-long desire to be with those who had not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. She shared the determination of St Paul in our second reading today allowing no obstacle to stop her from fulfilling her mission.

It was to those in prison that Sister Joan felt strongly drawn to serve. The conditions of their lives were desperate and pitiful. Many were imprisoned without trial, held in cellblocks containing seven thousand men, though built only for eighteen hundred.

Like the servants in our Gospel, Sister Joan went without reservation to the prisoners. She knew the Lord's invitation was to all. It was not only to the missionary fields that the Lord sent Sister Joan: her mission went further to serve those that society condemned and forgot, to those imprisoned on the peripheries, left in misery and shame.

In contrast, the imagery used by our readings today is filled with the promise of joy and abundance. Isaiah presents a rich banquet prepared for all peoples that replaces mourning for rejoicing. Psalm 22 praises the Lord, for he "(has) prepared a banquet for me...my cup is overflowing." And in a similar manner, Jesus speaks of a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. To his first listeners, the wedding feast was a most joyous occasion. In using such an example, Jesus presents to them the lavish, joyful celebration of salvation to which all are invited.

Elsewhere in the Gospels we discover who these people of the crossroads and byways were. They are described as the tax collectors, the prostitutes, the riff-raff, the no-bodies, the blind, the lame and those who thought they had been forgotten. Sister Joan knew her mission in life was to go out to them, so that by her life and service, others would share in the abundant banquet of the Lord. Having experienced profound joy herself, she was motivated to go to the peripheries and bring those found there to the Lord's Table.

Sister Joan's example challenges us to ask: what are we doing to share the joy of the Gospel and lead others to the Wedding Feast? We too have something to share. In the words of Pope Francis "we should appear as people who wish to share our joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet." (*Evangelii Gaudium* 15). Mission month encourages us to realize that we are all asked by the Lord to go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast. Inspired by the example of Sister Joan, may we become missionaries of joy in our communities, our families and our homes, inviting all, without exception to the abundant Wedding Feast.

**Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-  
Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome**

**Clare Parkinson's Support**

We would like to invite you to the next **Support Group** meeting for people affected by **Parkinson's Disease** which takes place at Carrigoran Health & Wellness Centre, Newmarket-on-Fergus at 10.00 am on Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct.

The Support Group's aim is to link people with **Parkinson's Disease**, their carer's, relatives, friends and interested health and care professionals and to offers a forum for discussion, support and information as well as to raise awareness locally about **Parkinson's Disease** and problems associated with the condition.

These informal meetings normally include a presentation by a healthcare professional or complementary therapist, as well as an activity that assists people living with **Parkinson's Disease** such as Yoga, Dance, Physiotherapy or Tai Chi. Refreshments provided - there is always time to enjoy a coffee, tea, a scone and a chat! **All are Welcome. Further information contact 087 415 8430**

**Would You Like to be a Chef!!**

Career Opportunities in Dromoland Castle Hotel  
Dromoland Castle is now accepting applications for their apprentice chef programme. If you are interested please contact Dromoland by email [chef@dromoland.ie](mailto:chef@dromoland.ie) or by phone on 087 6249606

**Dublin City Marathan:** Flan Sheedy, John and Áine Meehan are running in the Dublin City Marathon in aid of the Clare Crusaders. All donations gratefully received.

**COMMUNITY GAMES AGM:** The Newmarket area Community Games AGM will be held in the family centre on Tuesday Oct. 17th @7.30pm. All Welcome

**Parish Walk Thursday 26th October**  
Cabhail Count - Houses of the past —  
Dromoland Interchange to The Square.  
Depart Fair Green 11.00 a.m.

**'SPLIT THE POT'** Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire  
Our pot this week was €614. **Congratulations to our winner Carmel Casey. Next Draw : Tuesday 17th Sept in EuroSpar**

Pat O' Reilly Memorial Tractor Run—Sunday 22nd October, €20 entry fee and Proceeds to Milford Care Centre.  
Registration at Sixmilebridge Mart, 12pm. All tractors welcome. If anyone would like to help with making sandwiches, baking or donate a raffle prize please contact the Sixmilebridge Kilmurry Macra Facebook page. Email: [SMBMACRA@YAHOO.IE](mailto:SMBMACRA@YAHOO.IE)  
Snapchat: SMBMacra 087-6411543

**GAA Lotto:** We had no winner of either €10,000 Jackpot, numbers drawn (2,10,19,24) & (12,17,21,31). €40 Winners; Peg Kenny, Aine Galvin, Bob Enright, Anne Casey & Dara McInerney. Monday's draw is in The Honk with both jackpots still valued at €10,000.

**Tradraí:** The wait is over as Tradraí 2016 is now in shops around the parish of Newmarket-on-Fergus and beyond. Outlets stocking Tradraí 2016 are; Halpin's Service Station, Eurospar, Spar, Reale's Butchers, Crowe's at the Ministers Cross, The Sports Bar, O'Neills Bar and The Club Shop. For the third year in succession, copies are available for an extremely modest €5. Readers are treated to a host of features, some old favourites and other new exciting ones as well as recapping the year that was. Put a fiver aside and remember to pick up your copy. Stay tuned to [nofgaa.com](http://nofgaa.com) if you're living outside Newmarket-on-Fergus for ways to buy Tradraí.

**Juniors Lose Out:** We were left devastated last weekend as our Junior Bs lost by a point to Tubber. It was a gutting result for such a genuine group that have given massive commitment all year. We owe a great deal of thanks to their management team of John Hannon, Seamie Lynch, Derek Clancy, John Guilfoyle & Peter Roche.

**Underage Headed To Stonehall:** Newmarket-on-Fergus is a large parish and we're spreading our wings for underage training. Stonehall National School is hosting U6 training this Sunday at 11am. On the move to Stonehall we're hoping to collect some new recruits on the way. New faces are more than welcome to join the U6s. If you don't have a helmet or hurley there is no need to worry as we'll be able to sort that, for such queries contact our U6 manager Tomas Ryan (086-388-2966). Many thanks to Stonehall N.S. Principal Diarmaid McMahon and SNA Siobhán Conway for their help and enthusiasm in organising this. As a club we're doing our best to bring the GAA to every corner of Newmarket-on-Fergus, it is an outlet for everyone in the parish be it sporting or social, our doors are open to each and everyone and they will continue to be.

**AGM Season:** Dates have been set for the Annual General Meetings of the Hurling & Camogie Club. First up on November 11<sup>th</sup> is the Camogie AGM with November 25<sup>th</sup> pencilled in as the date for the Hurling AGM. More details will be made available in the coming weeks.

**Colin Announces Inter-County Retirement:** Newmarket-on-Fergus senior hurler, Colin Ryan has announced his retirement from inter-county hurling. Among his many highlights in the county jersey were his contributions to the All-Ireland winning U21 side in 2009 and finishing as the highest scoring player (0-70) in the 2013 senior championship as Clare won only their fourth All-Ireland title. He has been an inspiration to young hurlers across the country but his influence over CLG Cora Chaitlín remains very strong having captained the senior hurlers since 2014. Thankfully he will continue to play for the club, to the delight of not just everyone in our club but to hurling enthusiasts who will get to bask in watching him in action. He has been a staple part of our club senior team since making the breakthrough aged sixteen and we hope he will be for several more years.

**All Star Nomination For Roisin:** Captain of the Newmarket-on-Fergus senior camogie team, Roisin McMahon has been nominated for the Camogie All-Stars sponsored by Liberty Insurance. She is one of five nominees from the Banner County along with Orlaith Duggan, Aoife Keane, Maire McGrath and Newmarket ladies footballer Chloe Morey. Congratulations to all five on making the forty seven woman shortlist. Roisin is in the running for a position in the half-back line against tough opposition.

**Corey Wins Premier League Predictor:** Congratulations to Corey Ryan who has won our Premier League Predictor competition. Corey certainly proved that age and wisdom don't necessarily go hand in hand. It is his first taste of success and the €250 win is one he kept rather cool about at the presentation on Saturday. His father Neil has yet to confirm whether it will be going towards a college fund, straight into the Credit Union or if it could be left to rest in another account.

**Newsletter items to Parish Office @ 061 - 368127 or  
email [office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie](mailto:office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie)  
Deadline is 11.00am on Thursday**

**Abundance Prayer Group** Meet each Monday except Bank Holidays at 7.30pm in the upstairs meeting room in Newmarket Church

**St Vincent de Paul / Local Helpline**  
**086 3024238**

Last week's Church Collection €1375.89  
Thank You