

Parish of Newmarket on Fergus - Carrigerry - The Wells

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Mary, the Mother of God

1st Jan 2017

Sacristans

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



Newmarket

Sat 31st 7.30pm Gus, Bridie and Michael McNamara, Kilnasoolagh Pk
William and Ann Fitzgerald, Kilnasoolagh Pk
Sun 1st 11.00am Mary Hayes, Old Road, Ballycar. 1st anniversary
Mon 2nd 10.00am Daily Mass
Tue 3rd 10.00am Daily Mass
Wed 4th 10.00am Daily Mass
Thur 5th 7.30pm Feast of the Epiphany
Fri 6th 11.00am Feast of the Epiphany
Sat 7th 7.30pm Josephine and Martin Ward, Ballycar Road & deceased family members
Michael and Teresa Considine and their son Michael, Urlanmore
Michael Morrin, Ennis Road. 1st anniversary
Joe and Mary McNamara, Ballycar Road
Maureen Cullinan, Ballycar. Month's Mind
Sun 8th 11.00am Patrick and Mia Daly and their daughter Marie Piggott, Glenaifreann
Paddy, Anna Mary and Noel Dillon, Main Street

Wells

Sat 31st 6.30pm Betty Hayes, Gate Lodge, Bunratty
Paddy Lardner, brother of Bridie Kirby, Minister's Cross
Sun 1st 10.00am Sunday Mass
Fri 6th 6.30pm Feast of the Epiphany
Sat 7th 6.30pm John Kelly, Firgrove
Kevin O'Callaghan, Bunratty Lodge
Sun 8th 10.00am Sunday Mass

Carrigerry

Sun 1st 9.00am Sunday Mass
Fri 6th 9.00am Feast of the Epiphany
Sun 8th 9.00am Brian Cutt, Ballycalla

Recent Deaths:

Mary Kilmartin, Kilnasoolagh Park
Mary Fahy, Lemenagh
Paddy Lardner, brother of Bridie Kirby, Minister's Cross
Bridget Freeman, late of Carnakilla
May they rest in peace.

Feast of the Epiphany Masses

Thursday 5th January - 7.30pm in Newmarket
(There will be no 10am Mass on 5th)

Friday 6th January - 9.00am in Carrigerry
6.30pm in the Wells
11.00am in Newmarket

As the 6th January is the first Friday, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 11am Mass

Fr Tom and Canon Reuben wish to thank you for supporting their Christmas Collection.
Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

Fri 6th Jan: First Friday: Exposition after mass

Sat 7th Jan: the 1st Fatima Hour of 2017: The rosary will be recited continuously from 2pm to 3pm. You are welcome to join even if only for one decade.

The Sacristans Winter Collection will be held in all churches this weekend.

Christmas:

In the modern christian calendar the Birth of Jesus is celebrated on 25 December. There is no historical evidence that he was born on 25 December. There is evidence that the feast was celebrated in Rome before 336 AD. Around the same time the birth was celebrated in the eastern churches on 6 January, now the feast of the Epiphany. By 400 AD, 25 Dec was the date in western Europe and was gradually accepted in the east.

The winter solstice was chosen to replace a major pagan feast that was held at the winter solstice, the feast of dies natalis Solis Invicti (the birthday of Mithra, the god of the invincible sun). The pagan priesthood (druids) warned the people that their prayers and sacrifices necessary to bring back the sun, the sustainer of all life. The prayers and sacrifices of the druids were always successful. The feast of Christmas gradually took over as Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. It quickly developed in liturgical importance; from a memorial feast remembering a historical event it became a mystery feast celebrating the Mystery of the Incarnation (the Son of God becoming human). For centuries it was the only feast that had three masses; midnight, dawn and morning.

Other customs grew up around the feast: during the week before 25 December there were three fast days, abolished mid twentieth century: the Christmas Crib was introduced by St Francis of Assisi in 1123 AD: the Christmas tree had a German origin in Strasbourg 1605 AD and was based on the Paradise tree adorned with apples on December 24 in honour of Adam and Eve: the candle lit in the window was the symbol of a house where Mary and Joseph would be welcome: the exchange of gifts, associated with different days in different countries during the Christmas season, may go back to a pagan custom of exchanging gifts on 1 January.

From a poem by John Betjeman

And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissueed fripperies,
The sweet and frilly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,
No Carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bell
Can with this single Truth compare
That God was Man in Palestine
And lives to-day in Bread and Wine.



The local conference of SVP gratefully acknowledge all the private donations received since the Church Gate Collection.

Local Helpline 086 3024238

Please leave a short message plus your contact details and a member of the society will call you back

Community Centre Thanks You...

The Directors of Newmarket on Fergus Community Centre would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

To Thank You for your continued support in using the Hall for your Sports Activities, Birthday Parties and of course our Bingo Players. Many thanks to our Volunteers who help every week throughout the year.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Wednesday Night's Bingo when our Jackpot will be a whopping €9,400.

'SPLIT THE POT' Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire
Our pot this week was €194
Congratulations to our winner—
Pauline O'Neill
Winning ticket sold in Bar One
Next Draw will take place on Tues
3rd Jan in Spar

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima and

St. Anthony's Shrine:

The Killaloe Diocese is organising a once off pilgrimage to Fatima for the Centenary Year 2017 and a visit to the shrine of St. Anthony in Lisbon. The pilgrimage will be direct from Shannon Airport on Easter Monday 17th April, returning Friday 21st April. (Easter week) Cost €699 full board with €10 reduction for online booking to joewalshstours.ie Booking forms also available from Fr Tom Ryan, pilgrimage Director Shannon 061-364133 or Fr Brendan Quinlivan Ennis. There are less than 90 places available on a first come basis. Next Year 2107 is the centenary Year of the apparitions in Fatima Portugal and Pope Francis announced during the week that he will go on pilgrimage to the shrine in May.

Two pilgrimages to Medjugorje:

September 6th -13th spiritual director Fr. Tom O'Gorman. September 13th -20th. Spiritual Director TBA.
€100 deposit secures €659 price. After 1st Feb, price of €709 applies. Book now before 1st Feb. Contact group leader: Jimmy Con-sidine: 085 738 5385 or 065 905 9328.

The Back to Education Initiative, Further Education and Training Centre, Clonroad Campus, Clonroad Business Park, Ennis, Co. Clare are currently recruiting for learners interested in courses in the Childcare area. This QQI Level 4 Introductory programme prepares learners for working in a crèche or other Childcare settings. Modules on the programme include Child Development and Play, Nutrition and Healthy Options and Computer Applications. This QQI Level 4 programme aims to introduce learners to the knowledge and skills required to progress to further learning in Childcare at QQI Level 5. The programme will run on Monday evenings from 6pm – 9pm & Thursday 11 am – 4.30 pm. Commencing on 12th January 2017.
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