

Parish of Newmarket on Fergus - Carrigerry - The Wells

Parish Office open on Mon, Tue, Thur & Friday 10.00am - 2.30pm. Closed on Wednesdays.

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14th Sun in Ord Time

5th July 2020

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

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| Sat | 4th | 7.30pm | Weekend Mass |
| Sun | 5th | 11am | Lizz Carroll, Glencragga Leonard McNamara, Woodland Heights, Sean McNamara, Knocksaggart Denis, Lena & James McInerney, Ralahine Michael Enright, Gleann Cora Martha Moynihan, Ballycar Gerry Fawl, 14 Kilnasoolagh Park |
| Mon | 6th | 10am | Daily Mass |
| Tue | 7th | 10am | Bridie Reynolds, Moohane. 11th anniversary |
| | | 7pm | Denis O'Leary, Boheraraon. 2nd anniv & deceased members of O'Leary Family |
| Wed | 8th | 10am | Daily Mass |
| Thur | 9th | 10am | Daily Mass |
| Fri | 10th | 10am | Daily Mass |
| Sat | 11th | 7.30pm | Daily Mass |
| Sun | 12th | 11am | Ethna Donlon, Knocksaggart |

Wells

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| Sat | 4th | 6pm | Joe Powell, Ballycasey Beg |
| Sat | 11th | 6pm | Mary Carmody, Lisduff. 1st anniversary & baby Patrick. |

Carrigerry

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| Sun | 5th | 9am | Sunday Mass |
| Sun | 12th | 9am | Sunday Mass |

Our churches reopen for public Masses.

This week we will open our churches to the public for the first time since mid March. Weekday Masses (normally celebrated in the chapel at Newmarket) will be celebrated Mon - Fri at 10am in the Main church for the foreseeable future due to physical distancing guidelines. Weekend Masses will resume with a number of modifications.

- The numbers which can be accommodated are to be restricted. We are truly sad not to be able to welcome everyone but the safety of all is our first priority. We ask your understanding of the constraints this places on us.
- The demands of physical distancing means that seating arrangements will be very different in our churches. Members of the same household will be able to sit together. Others will be seated at a two metre distance from each other, respecting current guidelines. We may not be able to sit where we are accustomed to sitting because of seats being closed off. We understand that this will be difficult for some but it is necessary to ensure safety. Holy water fonts will be empty until the advice on this changes.
- In Newmarket and the Wells churches, entry will be through the main door while exit will be through the side doors only. The stewards will advise you on this and show you where to go. They will also indicate how to exit the church at the end of Mass.
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church.
- People are asked to wear face coverings to church and only remove them to receive Holy Communion.
- Health protocols will not allow the passing around of baskets for the collection during the Preparation of the Gifts. Instead, contributions to the parish collection may be given in a box or basket provided in a designed place at the end of the Church.
- Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass.
- All our churches are fitted with outside speakers so it is quite acceptable to remain outside and listen to the Mass. It will be possible to receive Holy Communion afterwards.

Over the next few weekends the following are the Mass times : **Friday 6.00pm in the Wells**

Saturday 6.00pm in the Wells

Saturday 7.30pm in Newmarket

Sunday 9.00am in Carrigerry

Sunday 11.00am in Newmarket

As our churches will not be able to accommodate large numbers, we ask again for your understanding and cooperation with the stewards on duty. When restrictions are lifted completely we will return to our normal schedule and practice.

Newmarket on Fergus GAA Lotto is Back :

The GAA Lotto is returning on Monday July 6th at 9pm. Tickets now on sale at Euro Spar, Varden's Pharmacy, Newmarket Family Butchers, local sellers and online at nofgaa.clubifyapp.com. Jackpots #1 - €10,000 & #2 - €8,050.

Cotton washable face masks, made locally, donations-in-lieu to the Ennis/Clare Branch of the Samaritans. Contact Mary on 087 6166634.



Men's Shed is back in action after Covid-19. We are hoping that everyone is healthy and happy and looking forward to returning. All the necessary equipment is in order for everyone to partake in the shed's facilities. We are hoping some new members will join in the coming weeks. It is an opportune time for people to make Christmas presents. The Men's shed is an ideal unit in which people can spend their spare time. You are not obliged to commit to all hours available. Please feel free to come along for an hour or two or indeed for whatever amount of time suits you on any Tuesday or Thursday between 10am to 2.30pm. Further details from 087 2079573.

COVID-19 Project: Free online counselling (video and phone): The Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on many individuals and families, and there has been increased pressure on people's ability to cope with the additional challenges posed by the virus. From bereavement and job losses to the fear and anxiety caused by the need to socially distance, and trying to deal with loneliness and isolation, many people are finding it hard to cope at the moment. Getting help and staying connected are very important factors in maintaining good mental health. Talking to a qualified professional is a proven and effective way of dealing with problems of stress or anxiety. MyMind is now delivering FREE online counselling appointments for people all over Ireland. If you have been directly affected by Covid-19, you may be eligible. The main mental health issues include issues arising from unemployment, bereavement, social isolation/cocooning, illness, stress, depression, anxiety, addiction, or domestic violence. To be eligible for the fully subsidised counselling sessions you should be: Presenting with COVID 19 related mental health issues (e.g. bereavement, social isolation/cocooning, illness, stress, depression, anxiety, addiction, domestic violence, etc.); AND (at least one of the following): A front-line worker in a medical setting (e.g. HSE staff, nursing home staff, paramedic, public health worker, GP etc.) / Employed with low income (see threshold in How Do I Apply section) / Unemployed due to COVID 19/ Bereaved resulting from COVID 19 / Over the age of 65 / Cocooning due to ill-health (regardless of age). More information on <https://mymind.org/covid-19-project>

Newmarket – on – Fergus Community Forum

The Newmarket on Fergus Community Forum is a group of local volunteers who came together following a series of public meetings to address a range of issues raised by the community. The Forum is made up of representatives from Community groups, Education, Sporting organisations, Business Community, and representatives from the general community. The broad role of the Forum is to work with established Community Groups, the Local Authorities and Community Members to create a viable Community Development Plan that meets the needs of the whole community. We will aim to keep the community informed on developments by means of regular updates using local social media and newsletters and also (in future) via a community website

Local Environment : The Senior Engineer with Clare Co. Co. has advised that (after a COVID-19 related delay) the County Council intend to commence with weed control in Newmarket on Fergus within the next fortnight, weather permitting. He also advised that a contractor will be undertaking heavy weed removal from footpaths and road edge along the Ennis road from the old service station out as a pilot exercise. The Council recently had similar work carried out along a section of Bothar Mor in Shannon with very positive feedback. We have been advised by Tidy Towns that volunteers have returned to work and are working through their 2020 plan to refresh the extensive flower beds on the village approach roads along with a range of other enhancement works. Tidy towns generally meet at the Green on Tuesdays at 7pm for anyone who wishes to get involved.

Community Development Survey : Given that we have all experienced and continue to feel the effects of Covid-19 we feel now is a good time to initiate a community survey in partnership with Leader and the CDLC (Clare Local Development Company) to get the best and most accurate feedback from the near 5000 strong community and over 1500 households here in Newmarket - on-Fergus. This short survey in paper and electronic form will be distributed in the coming weeks and will provide us with your opinion on how you would like to see Newmarket - on - Fergus develop as a community over the coming years. We need to identify the short-term needs and the longer-term needs of our community. Identifying what is good and what is not so good will help us plan so that we can create the best possible community for all. What do we need in terms of amenities? What can we develop to meet the needs of this changing climate we find ourselves in? The survey will have 3 open-ended questions and should only take 5 to 10 minutes to complete. We will be asking you to prioritise and identify those in the community who will benefit most. Once all the online and hard copy forms are completed the results will be used to create a community development plan which will form a roadmap for development in the community for the next 5 years covering; Environment and Heritage, Community and Recreation, Housing and Urban Design, Infrastructure, Transport, and Economic Development

Contact us: by email at nofcommunityforum@gmail.com

We have received the following donations over the last few weeks. We wish to thank you very much.

Church Envelopes: 14th + 21st + 28th June - €2143
Donation for the Webcam : €300
Diocesan Needs : €183
Lourdes Sick Fund: €69
Trocaire: €100
Education Fund: €20