

Parish of Newmarket on Fergus - Carrigerry - The Wells

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1st Sunday of Advent

1st/2nd Dec 2012

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

Sat	1st	7.30pm	Joe Crimmins, Main Street Carmel & Turlough McMahon, Killula Tommy Cusack & members of the Cusack Family
Sun	2nd	11.00am	Danny Glendon, Ennis Road. Month's Mind
Mon	3rd	10.00am	Daily Mass
Tue	4th	10.00am	Daily Mass
Wed	5th	10.00am	Daily Mass
		7.00pm	Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire enrolment -1st communion & confirmation
Thur	6th	10.00am	Daily Mass
Fri	7th	7.30pm	Ann O'Loughlin, Ballygireen. 1st anniversary
Sat	8th	11.00am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Cornelius McCormack & Denis Cotter, Rathfoland and families Bridget & Martin Higgins, Lounga
		7.30pm	Kathleen & Frank McNamara, Knocksaggart Sean O'Driscoll, Knocksaggart Christina King, Ennis Road. 1st anniversary Margaret McNamara, Rineanna & family members Tom Frawley, Treenahow 1st anniversary & family members
Sun	9th	11.00am	May Clune, Lislea

Wells

Sat	1st	6.30pm	Tom Fahy, brother of late Nora McInerney. Month's Mind
Sun	2nd	10.00am	Sunday Mass
Fri	7th	6.30pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Sat	8th	6.30pm	Kathleen Whitsell, Drumline Johnny and Anna May Daly, Ralahine
Sun	9th	10.00am	Sunday Mass

Carrigerry

Sun	2nd	9.00am	Monica McInerney, Clenagh
Sat	8th	9.00am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Sun	9th	9.00am	Mick Casey, Stonehall



Mass times for the
Feast of the Immaculate

Fri 7th

Wells :6.30pm
Newmarket: 7.30pm

Sat 8th

Carrigerry : 9.00am
Newmarket: 11.00am

Cake Sale & Raffle

The Apostolic Work
will hold a cake sale
& raffle in the
Community Centre
after 11am mass on
Sun Dec 2nd

St. Vincent de Paul HELPLINE

086 3024238

**Leave a message and
a member of the
Society will call you
back.**

2013 missals are now
available in the Sacristies.
Readers and ministers can
collect their copy.
Others can have a copy @
€5 each.

St Peter & Paul AGM:
Thursday 6th December
@ 7.30pm in Credit Un-
ion Office, Clarecastle

Last week's Church
collection
€1497.19

Recent Deaths: Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of

Marian McNamara, sister of John O'Looney, Lislea
May she rest in peace.

Remembrance Tree

During the weeks of Advent, the tree located in the sanctuary of each of our three churches has a special purpose. It is a **Remembrance tree**. You are invited to take a nametag from the basket beside the tree and write on it the name of someone you wish to pray for during the Advent and Christmas season; perhaps someone who has died recently in your family at home or abroad, someone who is sick, someone away from home and family, this Christmas. You can then place the name on the Remembrance tree and we will hold all those people in our prayers over Advent and into the holy season of Christmas.

**Enrolment for Confir-
mation and First Holy
Communion for the
girls and boys of Scoil
na Maighdine Mhuire
on Wed 5th Dec @
7.00pm**

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

Blood Donor Clinic in the West County Hotel, Ennis
 6 – 9 p.m. Wed 12th, Thur 13th, Mon 17th & Tues 18th Dec.
 2 – 5 p.m. Wed 19th & Thur 20th. 3,000 units of Blood are needed every week. 1,000 people receive blood or blood products every week.
 1:4 of our population require blood at some point in their life,
 3% only of our population give blood.



Community Market

New items every week.
 Christmas decorations,
 Books from various Authors,
 Ladies, Mens and Childrens clothing, Bric a Brac,
 Furniture items. Come along and see the many bargains
 Also locally produced & crafted goods

NEWMARKET CELTIC DRAW

€500: Pakie Keyes. / €100 each: Agnes Murphy /Martin O' Neill / Seamie Lynch /Bernard Cusack / Derek Norwood

Fun Fair day for all the family at Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire,
 this Sunday 2nd December, 11am to 5pm. Bargains galore: Bric a Brac, tea, cakes. Santa Clause arrives with his elves and presents, stalls jewellery, toys, dvds, christmas goodies and much more!!..... Not to be missed!!.....

CLUB LOTTO RESULTS :-1-3-11-21 No Jackpot Winner
 €30 Winners:-Jack Keane/Thomas Gregan/Mary Mahony/Han Sheedy/Kieran Crosby(Croc) Next Draw:- The Sportsbar: 3rd Dec: Jackpot:- €4550.00

Eucharistic All- Night Pilgrimage to Knock.
 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Friday 7th/8th December Ceremonies start @ Midnight ending with Mass 4 a.m. Confessions 10p.m. until 12. Bus leaving Newmarket Green 7.30 p.m.
 Fare €20 with name to Mary McMahon 368296

Carrigoran House will open its Day Centre in January 2013. The Centre's focus is to provide services to support and assist people maintain their health and wellbeing in the community. Starting January 17th, Thursday of each week will be for people from the Newmarket-on-Fergus area. If you would like to attend please call your Public Health Nurse or GP or Valerie Vaughan directly at 061 368100.

Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Bunratty

The Bunratty Development Association will have the tree lighting ceremony on the Green by the Creamery on Dec 5th @ 5pm. Weather permitting. Carol Singing, Mulled wine & a log fire.

FROM INSPIRATION TO PUBLICATION Do you like the idea of writing fiction, short stories or a novel? Feel there's a book in you but just haven't ever managed to write it out? Get started with an 8 week creative writing course facilitated by Colm Liddy, Penguin published author. Wednesday nights, 7 to 8:30pm from the 9th of January 2013 in Newmarket-on-Fergus Community Hall. Costs €99. For more details or to book your place, contact 086-8035319 www.colmliddy.com

The official ceremony to mark the illumination of the Milford Hospice Tree will take place at Milford Care Centre on Sunday 9th Dec @ 6pm. Milford Hospice warmly invites you, your family & friends to join them for this special occasion.

Stonehall National School Cake Sale Fri Dec 7th from 10.30am at the school. All are welcome

CLG CORA CHAITLIN VICTORY SOCIAL
 THE CLARE INN HOTEL / SAT 5TH JAN 2013 @ 8PM
 FOLLOWED BY THE FANTASTIC BAND "TAYLORS TWIST"
 AND DISCO WITH CONOR MCINERNEY INTO THE "WEE SMALL HOURS"
 This promises to be a fantastic night with our special guest "The Canon Hamilton" present. Medals will be handed out to our Senior Hurlers, Senior Camogie, Ladies Football and Minor Camogie. Tickets for this event will be available from Mon 3rd Dec at a cost of €32.50 by contacting the following sellers: Pat Keogh 087-2569022, Soney 085-8124202, Cepta O'Connor 086-8253097. Tickets are limited so people are advised to purchase early to avoid disappointment. C'MON THE BLUES

2013 GAA Calendar can be purchased outside churches after masses this weekend



**ST. Vincent de Paul
Christmas Food and Toy Appeal 2012**

The annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal has begun in the village. Christmas food appeal collection points are at Euro spar, Mace and Café Fergus. The Children's Christmas tree toy appeal has also started at Café Fergus. Pick a card with a child's age and interest and buy a suitable toy for that child.
 Please give generously this Christmas The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) is a direct service non-profit organisation whose work primarily involves person-to-person contact with people who have a variety of needs. Any assistance offered by the Society is given in a non-judgemental spirit of compassion, based on the need of the individual or family.
 A key strength of SVP is in the personalised delivery of help which makes it unique in its role as a charitable organisation. We accept people as they are and try to create a caring, non-threatening environment, respecting the dignity of those who seek our help. We only offer advice when it is asked for, and do not believe in telling people what they should do. Our aim is to maintain the dignity of the individual and to promote long-term self-sufficiency. We do so by treating people with respect, while endeavouring to build a relationship of friendship, trust and confidentiality.
 While we act as a short-term safety net for those who fall outside the care of the Welfare State or need emergency financial support, we try to embrace those who are marginalised by helping them to rekindle their self-respect and sense of worth. The Charity's Mission is also to rectify the causes of poverty which perpetuate the problems faced by those we work with.

St. Caimin's Community School, in association with Spin South West proudly presents, "A Musical Christmas Cracker". On Thursday 13th December at 8pm. Tickets are €10.00, on sale at the door. Proceeds in Aid of Children's Ark, Limerick & Our Lady's Childrens Hospital, Dublin.

Give the gift of a smile this Christmas time:
 Myasthenia Gravis (MG) is a severe muscle weakness illness. Christmas cards and gifts in aid of the Myasthenia Gravis Association available to buy online at www.mga-charity.ie or text/phone 087-4160385 for a brochure. By purchasing a gift or cards you help us provide support services to those suffering from MG.

Ballycar N.S News

Christmas Market : on Saturday, December 8th 2012 in the Crabtree from 3-7pm. As always, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you on the 8th.

Congratulations to pupils Áine Bunce, Jessica Oo and Hannah Kennedy who were Credit Union Poster Competition winners in the U7, 8-10 years and 11-13 years categories. Well done girls

The Christmas bingo starts Wednesday night the 5th Dec. Lots of fun and some great spot prizes, hampers and sweets please support your community and the jackpot now stands at €3300.

Newsletter items to Parish Office @ 061 - 368127 or email info@newmarketonf.org. **Deadline is 11.00am on Thursday**

Clare Juvenile Basketball Leagues

Current Clare Leagues : boys u12/ girls u12 / boys u14/girls u14
boys u16/girls u16. **Current Teams:** Clarecastle Comets compete all age groups & categories.
Clooney Quin AbbeyLakers compete all age groups & categories
Cooraclare Blue Allstars compete all age groups except boys u16
Ennistymon Cascaders compete all age groups & categories
Doora Barefield Parish Panthers compete all age groups & categories
Dangan Castle Vikings ie (Ballyea, Ballynacally, Lissycasey, Kildysart)
compete boys u12, boys u14 / **St Colmans Gort** compete all girls teams
Kilrush celtic all girls teams

Promoting the league to create new clubs across Clare whether it be amalgamations or parishes on their own to compete in the leagues which are once a month blitzes that are held in Ennistymon, St Flannans sports hall , Gurteen or Corofin. We are hoping to spread the game into west, north, south and east Clare hopefully with the development of new clubs across Clare in 2013. Clare Juvenile basketball league is a sub body of the Clare sports partnership and grant funding can be acquired for new clubs to cover their costs of jerseys or public liability insurance for use of halls for basketball training. public liability insurance basketball can be acquired from Gleeson's Insurance Ennis for €394 while jerseys can be acquired through O' Neill's Sports Wear. All purchases will be reimbursed through the Clare Sports Partnership. Yours sincerely, Jim Conlan, PR & Games Development Officer of the Clare Juvenile Basketball Leagues

Christmas Celebration Day at the Vandeleur Walled Garden Postponement Notice: Out of respect for the tragic death of our employee's husband we will postpone the event to the 16th December. We are very sorry and hope for the understanding of our visitors.

Bereaved by Suicide: Are you finding it difficult to cope with a death by suicide of a family member, relative or friend? It may help to talk to a Clare Suicide Bereavement (Clare S.B.S.) volunteer. We offer confidential and free support to people who have experienced a death by suicide. This time of year may be particularly difficult and it may help to talk about your pain. Please phone or text. - 086 0565373 or 087 3698315. www.claresuicidebereavement.com

The Mills of Ennis by Brian Ó Dalaigh. Clare and Shannon Archaeological and Historical Society's joint lecture series continues on Tuesday, December 4 at 8pm with this talk which will deal with the milling industry that developed along the Fergus in Ennis from the early mills associated with the Franciscan friary to the principal productive phase of the industry in the mid 19th century and to its decline and final demise in the late 20th century. Civic Rooms, Ennis Town Council HQ, Drumbiggle, Ennis. All welcome. Adm. €5 non-members.

Arthritis Ireland's '10 Steps to Easier Living' Free Seminar is being held in the West County Hotel, Ennis on Wednesday 5th December, starting at 7.30pm. This event covers the 10 easy-to- follow key steps that people with arthritis can use to manage their condition better and improve their quality-of-life. It will feature a number of health experts doing talks and giving one-to-one advice, including rheumatology nurse specialists, physiotherapist, dietician and occupational therapists and will also include services such blood pressure testing, foot scanning and gait analysis. For more information call 1890 252 846.

Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony: Clare Haven Services will hold a Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony in the Friary Ennis on Thursday 6th December 2012 at 7.30pm. This ceremony is to remember the women in Ireland who have died tragically through violence. We would like to extend an invitation to all to attend this ceremony.

'For he has not despised nor disregarded the poverty of the poor, has not turned away his face, but has listened to the cry for help.' *Psalms 22:24.* This Advent, Trocaire is asking parishioners to remember those less fortunate in the world during their Christmas preparations. Transform someone's life with a 'Gift of Change' from as little as €5 (£5). Gifts are available at www.trocaire.org/globalgift or by calling 1850 408 408

Christmas Market at Sixmilebridge Co Op Mart on Thursday 6th December 6pm - 9pm. Please come along to this great community event and shop for exciting products. There will be a raffle and entertainment on the night. Monies raised will go to St Vincent de Paul and local community groups.

Pre-Christmas Fashion Sale: Pre-Christmas sale of new and good quality clothing and gifts taking place on the foyer of the Queen's Hotel on the 8th December, 2012 from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Come early to avail of bargains galore. Raffle on the Day.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 19th June 2013, 7 night's. Spiritual Director: Fr Martin Blake. Price €649 €499 if paid by 14th December (€150 discount). Contact Bernadette Murphy 0861634553

Co Clare VEC's Back To Education Initiative (BTEI) are proposing to offer a FETAC Level 3 themed 'Getting Creative with Drama & Music' programme in Ennis commencing in December 2012. The course is for adults who wish to develop their skills and knowledge in the area of Creative Arts, Music and Communications. For Further information contact the BTEI Office at the Adult & Community Education Centre, Clonroad Business Park, Clonroad on 065-6843633 or 0656897640.

Come and visit Santa at Irish Seed Savers this December: Santa's Elf will bring the children to his secret Winter Cob House where the children will wake Santa up from his nap and hear Santa's story of the true meaning of Christmas. Take part in the lighting of the Christmas Tree with Santa and his Elf and make special Christmas wish on the tree and receive a special gift for each child. Price includes hot festive drinks, homemade cookies and face painting. Café food available all day. Christmas Gifts available at our shop. Dates: Sat 8th, Sun 9th Dec; Sat 15th, Sun 16th Dec; Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Dec. Cost: €15 per child/ €10 per adult (Pre-booking required). Book online: www.irishseedsavers.ie, Tel: 061 921866/921856. Irish SeedSavers Association, Capparoo, Scariff, Co.Clare

Careworkers required by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Clare Branch for their Community Employment scheme. Please contact "The Secretary" 0656845835. DSP criteria applies.



HOME CARE WORKER VACANCIES: Must have FETAC Level 5 Major Award in Healthcare Support or equivalent completed (8 modules) or be in process of completing same. Please forward a letter of application outlining your suitability for the position and a current CV to The Carers Association, Unit 1 Georges Quay House, Georges Quay, Limerick or by e-mail to cdevlin@carersireland.com Tel: 061-310434.

The Carers Association is an equal opportunities employer

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**CRUSHEEN BINGO, EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT AT 8.00 PM
IN CRUSHEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE.
LOTS OF PRIZES AND NEW GAMES. ALL PRIZES PRO RATA**