

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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5th Sunday of Easter

May 10th 2020

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

Sat	9th	6pm	Sean Liddy, Ballycalla & his parents Tom and Josephine
Sun	10th	11am	Joan Cullen, Ballycar Road. 1st anniversary Alice and John Joe Lynch, Latoon House
Mon	11th	10am	Daily Mass
Tue	12th	10am	Daily Mass
Wed	13th	10am	Peggy and James O'Grady, Rathfoland
Thur	14th	10am	Mairead Slattery, Ennis Road.
Fri	15th	10am	Daily Mass
Sat	16th	6pm	Gerry Noonan, Carnakilla. 1st anniversary Kitty O' Donoghue, Urlanmore
Sun	17th	11am	Sunday Mass

Recent Deaths: Pray for the happy repose of the souls of

Frances McBride, sister of Anthony Kilmartin

Teresa McCrohan, sister of Bridget Kelly, Ballinooskny

Eileen Leahy, mother of Ann Marie Griffin, Clonmoney and sister of Ann Meehan, Drumline.

May they rest in the loving embrace of the Father.

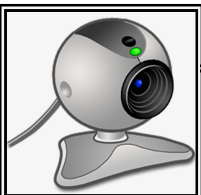


May – Diocesan Safeguarding Month

The month of May is normally the Diocesan Safeguarding Month. However in these exceptional circumstances during this month, it is not possible to mark it as we would normally do. We ask that people keep in their prayers those children and adults who are experiencing harm and or have been hurt by others. We ask that you look out for those who are struggling during this time, by giving them a smile, a wave or a few kind words.

Our sincere thanks to all who have sent in contributions to the Parish Office. We are deeply grateful to you as these contributions help keep our parish functioning and support your priest.

The Sacristans wish to thank you for your contribution to the recent collection.

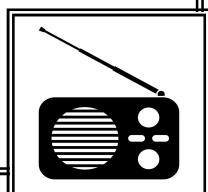


Parish Webcam

Weekend masses and daily masses can now be viewed on the webcam through the link on the parish website www.newmarketonfergusparish.ie

Or

On the Parish Radio on 97.9fm



Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

<https://www.killaloeocese.ie/killaloe-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-knock/>

Sunday May 24th is the date of the annual Killaloe diocesan pilgrimage to Knock. This year, because of the Corona Virus we are unable to attend in person, but you are warmly invited to join in spiritual communion via Knock Shrine Webcam with devotions beginning at 2.30 pm and Mass at 3.00 pm.

Pastoral Letter – May 2020

Re-opening of Churches for Personal, Private Prayer – Killaloe Diocese from May 18th, 2020 – A message for the People of the Diocese – Bishop Fintan Monahan

The decision to close church buildings in Killaloe was an act of solidarity and commitment to the national effort required to suppress the Corona Virus. Closing Churches was a demonstration of the depth of commitment (not just compliance) required to safeguard the health of all in our society, both the vulnerable and the strong. I fully recognise the huge sacrifice that closing churches has been for parishioners and priests alike.

At this point, following consultation at many different levels and much advice – it is time to consider reopening our churches in a responsible manner for private and personal prayer from the date of May 18th, 2020. In order for this to happen, each parish would need to ensure a safe environment for both parishioners and parish staff. This will require looking at the geography/layout of the church and putting in measures that will help facilitate social distancing and hygiene.

In order for churches to re-open in a responsible manner, the following need to be considered:

- Availability of hand sanitisers in appropriate locations in the church.
- Access to and flow of people within the building: If there are two entry points, could one be designated as an entrance and the other as an exit? How will social distancing be facilitated in the space? Can doors be left open to minimise the amount of touching?
- Signage: reminding people of distancing, hand hygiene, minimum touching of surfaces etc.
- Cleaning of the church: Can measures be put in place to ensure that surfaces are cleaned at least once a day? Who will do this? Can this be done by our parish staff or volunteers? Might the parish enlist the help of extra volunteers?

Masses will continue to be celebrated behind closed doors, but I look forward to a later stage in the roadmap, at the designated phase where it will be possible to recommence weekday Masses, and other liturgies with small numbers present, but we are not anywhere near this yet.

All of this will be open to ongoing review. Our first stage must be a gentle reopening of churches responding to the deep need for parishioners, some who have perhaps been in isolation for weeks, to call into their local church and offer a prayer.

At a time like this we as a diocese and Church Community redouble our efforts to look out for each other and continue to pray for each other at this challenging time.

Our thoughts, prayers, sympathies go out to anyone who has experienced illness, loss or bereavement during this difficult time, especially those affected by the Corona Virus.



Rainer Maria Rilke

Being an artist means: not numbering and counting, but ripening, like a tree which doesn't force its sap, and stands confidently in the storms of spring, not afraid that afterward summer may not come. It does come. But it comes only to those who are patient, who are there as if eternity lay before them, so unconcernedly silent and vast. I learn it every day of my life, learn it with pain I am grateful for: patience is everything!

Source: *Letters to a Young Poet*