


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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3rd Sunday of Advent
13th Dec 2020

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

Sat	12th	7.30pm	Joe and Ann McMahon, Ballycar Road Patty and Joe Casey, Ralahine Peter, Johanna, Oliver and Mary McGrath, Ballycar Tommy Cusack, Clenagh and the Cusack family.
Sun	13th	11am	Sr Mary Paul Reynolds Mealey, Monastery of Saint Clare, Boston & Moohane. 1st anniversary Anna May Clancy, Ennis Road. Month's Mind
Mon	14th	10am	Special Intention
Tue	15th	10am	Daily Mass
Wed	16th	10am	Daily Mass
Thur	17th	10am	Daily Mass
Fri	18th	10am	Dedicated to Our Senior Parishioners.
Sat	19th	7.30pm	Barry Ryan, Ballinooskny Thurlough and Carmel McMahon, Killula and family members
Sun	20th	11am	Thomas, Margaret Moody and their son Tom, Glenaifreann

Wells

Sat	12th	6pm	Tom Ryan, Low Road, Bunratty
Sun	13th	10am	Sunday Mass
Sat	19th	6pm	Weekend Mass
Sun	20th	10am	Bridie Hickey, Clonmoney

Carrigerry

Sun	13th	9am	Tess Kelly, Carrigerry
Sun	20th	9am	Tom Mannix, Ballycalla

Recent Death: Pray for the happy repose of
Sheila Power, Clenagh

May she rest in the loving embrace of the Father.



Youth Takeover of Beyond Belief

On Sunday Dec 13th, there will be a youth takeover of Beyond Belief on Clare FM at 9pm. The Meitheal College leaders will host the programme. Highlights of the programme include interviews with Clare Hurling Captain, David Mc Inerney and Writer and former Clare Hurler, Tony Griffin. This takeover comes at the end of the leaders week long fundraising event via their Facebook and Instagram @meithealsmerrymission. This fundraiser is in aid of Happy Feet, Happy Minds and Clare Haven Services. All donations greatly appreciated and accepted through their gofundme page (can be found on their Facebook and Instagram). Their social medias are full of entertaining videos and activities and well worth visiting.

Trócaire donations have done very well this year, despite all and this is a great tribute to the generosity of people at such a challenging time. Our parish raised €5063.23

Many thanks to everyone for continued donations to the church and general running of houses and office. The amount donated 29th Nov / 6th Dec - €3149.51

Local branch of the St Vincent de Paul

wish to thank those who left donations into the church and the parish office. The local help line is **086 3024238**. Please leave you name & number and a member will call you back.



A Radio broadcast: Joe Duffy with Brendan Balfe in May 2020 referencing a story from and experience John Skeeahan had while cycling in the Ballygreen area (approx 21mins into the programme).

Here is the link — enjoy! <https://www.rte.ie/radio/radioplayer/html5/#/radio1/21779116>

As we look towards Christmas.

Christmas 2020 presents a huge challenge to us at parish level as we journey over the coming weeks. The government guidelines that we follow at this time place huge restrictions on us as we plan for our Saviour's birth this year. You will be aware that those restrictions mean a very limited number of people present in church for each service in order to ensure the health and safety of all. Since Christmas draws family together from all over the globe, numbers present in church invariably increases. But unfortunately, this year, Covid 19 prevents us from gathering in the manner to which we have been accustomed over the years. And so we must tread with caution!

At a meeting of our Pastoral Council last Tuesday evening the following was agreed:

- The health and wellbeing, spiritual and physical of all concerned is our guiding star.
- This is a one year phenomenon and the challenges are in some ways akin to the first Christmas!
- We need to be hopeful in the midst of it all. Better times are coming!

With that in mind, a decision was made to increase the number of Masses in our three churches over Christmas. The rota of Masses will be as follows:

Christmas Eve: 3.00pm - Carrigerry
4.00pm - The Wells
5.00pm - Newmarket
6.00pm - Carrigerry
7.30pm - The Wells
9.00pm - Newmarket

Christmas Day: 8.00am - Newmarket
9.00am - Carrigerry
10.00am - The Wells
11.00am - Newmarket



**CONFESSIONS
NEWMARKET CHURCH**
Mon: 21st Dec: 7pm - 8pm
Tues: 22nd Dec: 7pm - 8pm
Wed: 23rd Dec: 7pm - 8pm

We ask that, in so far as possible, consideration might be given by the older members of our community to avail of the opportunity of coming to one of the earlier Masses on Christmas Eve. This might help to secure a seat in church and alleviate pressure at the later Masses when more people traditionally tend to gather. While we cannot guarantee seating for all due to vastly reduced numbers, we hope that the extra Masses may go some way towards meeting the demand. It is good to bear in mind that all three of our churches have speakers installed outside the main entrances so it will be possible for the overflow to participate from the cars. Holy Communion will be brought outside by the Eucharistic Ministers. Newmarket Church has a webcam so, for many, it will be possible to be in Spiritual Communion with the community from home. The obligation to attend Mass still remains suspended for the duration of this pandemic. We hope that these arrangements will go some way towards meeting your needs and we ask for your co-operation and understanding as we plan for a safe Christmas for all.

Fairgreen Illumination : The Village Centre Residents Association in partnership with the Parish (council/office) has illuminated the Fairgreen/ church car park. It is hoped that it will give a much needed lift to peoples spirits leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The lights are a continuation of a long term strategic plan for the enhancement of the Fairgreen devised by the Tidy Towns, which commenced with the planting of 18 semi mature trees back in 2014. Christmas trees and lights were once again installed by Fergal Bannon, Jody Halpin, John Mullane, Joe Carrig and Ronan Lynch.

This year's addition of string lighting around the perimeter of the Fairgreen was funded by Clare County Council and kind sponsorship from David McCourt of Granahan. Thanks to Christy Russell, Tony Mc Mahon, Billy Woods, Ian Maxwell, Kieran McMahon and Damien Hogan for their assistance with installing the perimeter lighting. The lights illuminate every evening.

The perimeter lights also illuminate every morning from 6 to 8:30am as a small gesture of thanks to those heading to work in our front line services. Many of our neighbours serve our community, working as Gardaí, Firefighters, Teachers and County Council employees. A special mention and heartfelt thank you must go to our parishioners who work in our health services. To our GP's and staff of the HSE. To our parishioners working in community services including geriatric and mental health care, our hospitals in Ennis General, Limerick General and Regional Maternity, Limerick, thank you for keeping us all safe and well in a turbulent 2020. "Míle buíochas daoibh go leir".

Due to the extra masses over Christmas it would be greatly appreciated if all volunteers in the churches, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and Sanitizers could make themselves available. All hands on deck so to speak! Between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Carrigerry and the Wells both have 3 masses and Newmarket has 4. Followed by the usual weekend masses thereafter. Please let the parish office know which times suit you.

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