

# 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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## Parish Team

Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick: Tel: 700883 / 087 2720187  
Mary Power: Parish Secretary

*3rd Sunday of Advent*  
*Dec 15th 2019*

## Sacristans

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

## Newmarket

Sat 14th 6pm Margaret Matthias nee McNamara, Ballygireen/Kilmihil & deceased family members  
Patrick, Bridget and Mary Flannery, Mause  
Tommy Cusack, Clenagh and family members.  
Paul Higgins, The Weaver's Inn, Main Street  
Mon 16th 10am Daily Mass  
Tue 17th 10am Sr Mary Paul Reynolds- Mealey, RIP Boston and late of Moohane  
7pm Penitential Service  
Wed 18th 10am Daily Mass  
Thur 19th 10am Daily Mass  
7pm Mary Maxwell, Kilnasoolagh Park  
Fri 20th 10am Daily Mass  
Sat 21st 6pm Patrick and Mary Fahy, Ing  
Ned and Elsie Whitney, Ballycar Road



## Wells

Sun 15th 11am Bridie Hickey, Hurlers Cross, Clonmoney  
Tom Ryan, Low Road, Bunratty. 5th anniversary  
Maureen O'Donnell, Castleconnell  
Dan Meskeel, Castleconnell.  
Sun 22nd 11am Sunday Mass

## Carrigerry

Sun 15th 9am Sunday Mass  
Wed 18th 7pm Enrollment for First Holy Communion and Confirmation for Stonehall School  
Sun 22nd 9am Sunday Mass



**Recent Deaths:** Pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Breda Keogh**, Main Street

*May she rest in the loving embrace of the Father.*

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We welcome the Friars from the Franciscan Community in Ennis who will lead our Reconciliation Service in **Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Newmarket on Tuesday evening next at 7.00pm.** With Christmas on our door step, we are invited to pause and reflect on our life journey. Most of us are aware of being less than perfect, of doing things we later regret. If we hang on to our regrets and guilt it may cripple us and make us unable to reach out in love to God, ourselves and others. The sacrament of Reconciliation is a means of renewal, putting the past behind us and starting afresh. May Christ be our light as we approach this great season of grace and hope. May he be born again in our hearts cleansed of sin and may he find warmth and welcome when he comes.

**Priests Christmas Collection will take place at all masses on 24th /25th December.**

Thank you for your contribution to last week's Church Collection. €1350.88

**Lourdes 2020:** The 64th Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 26th June to Wednesday 1st July; €725 full board with €20 discount for online booking to: [joewalshstours.ie](http://joewalshstours.ie) The gift of a Pilgrimage to Lourdes for a family member this Christmas is often the solution for family members wondering what might be a suitable gift for their parents, family member or friend.

## Mass times for Christmas

**Christmas Eve:**  
6.00pm : Children's Mass—Newmarket  
7.30pm : Carrigerry  
7.30pm : The Wells  
9.00pm : Newmarket  
**Christmas Day**  
9.00am : Carrigerry  
10.00am : Wells  
11.00am : Newmarket



### **Bereaved by Suicide and Christmas.**

The Christmas Season can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help is only a phone call away. You are welcome to phone/text us at one of our numbers below and we will take it from there. We promise complete confidentiality. 086 0565373/ 087 3698315. [www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com](http://www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com)

### **Switching on the lights**

Despite the inclement weather last weekend, many braved the elements for the lighting of the Christmas Trees. The occasion, while a "little damp", didn't dampen the community spirit. Firstly we must extend our gratitude to David McCourt who donated the trees and the lights and was present on the night to illuminate. A word of thanks must go to The Newmarket Brass Band who opened with some festive tunes. To the pupils from Scoil Maighdine Mhuire, Ballycar, Clonmoney and Stonehall National Schools who were in full voice with beautiful carol singing and to Brid Crowe and local traditional musicians'. All entertainment was greatly appreciated. Thanks to those who provided festive refreshments, Dromoland Castle, Eugene Crimmins and O'Neill's Pub. The Newmarket Scout Troop for providing much needed shelter and assistance on the night. Indigo Signs for Christmas signage, Ronan Lynch electrician and Danny O'Callaghan who gave freely of their time and services. Tony Mc Mahon whose premises are being used to power the lights. Finally thanks to all who assisted in any way on the night with stewarding and catering, plus the team of workers on the ground who erected and decorated the trees.

### **Christmas Quiz's....**

**The Honk Annual Charity Christmas Quiz** will take place on Thursday 19th December @ 9pm. €40 per Team of Four. €10 per person to join others to form a team on the night. All monies will be donated to Parkinson's Association. Spot Prizes Galore on the night. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Kilnasoolagh Church Quiz :** Kilnasoolagh church is an integral part of the architectural heritage of Newmarket-on-Fergus village. It is an ancient building and from time to time it needs expenditure on maintenance. Recently the east gable had some water ingress. Outside repairs have been completed but now we need to restore the interior of the east window reveal. We hope to complete the work summer 2020. In order to help cover this expenditure we have organised a Christmas Quiz. This is a little bit of fun which can be completed with friends over a cup of coffee in about an hour. Cost is €2 per entry - enter often, it gives you a better chance of winning and supports the cause. Or make a donation to Kilnasoolagh Church maintenance fund. We have 3 prizes as follows ... *1st. Prize. Painting 'Wayside Blooms' by artist Frances Bailey (18"x24"). / 2nd. Prize. Marquis by Waterford 10" Sheridan Bowl. / 3rd. Prize. Newbridge Home Ceramic Oval Bowl.*

**Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire Split the Pot. € 464 :** Congratulations to Bridget Coffey who Split the Pot this week and bought her ticket in O'Neill's.

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive:** Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire is collecting non perishable goods to donate to our local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul. Collection date is December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please donate to a very worthy cause.

**Christmas Choir practice** for members of Our Lady of the Rosary Church choir will take place on this Wed 18th in the day chapel at the earlier time of **6.30pm**. Please make every effort to attend.

Sum of money found in the Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Can be claimed from the Parish Office.

### **Cora Caitlín Men's Shed News**

To round off 2019 the Men's Shed will have an open day at their premises in Carrigoran on this Sunday. This will be an ideal opportunity for the men in our community, especially those who are retired or approaching retirement to gain some insight into the weekly activities. If there is anyone in the community who would like to see what we do come along on the day between 12noon and 2pm.

A Christmas Carol Service will be held at 8pm on Saturday 21st December in Ballyea Church. All are welcome.

Please note that submissions of notices for the Clare Champion parish notes over the Christmas period is as follows.

**Dec 27th edition deadline is Thur 19th. And for Jan 2nd edition the deadline is Dec 27th.**

The parish office will be closed on Dec 24th—27th. 30th Dec- 2nd Jan

*Enjoy a magical train ride through the streets of Ennis* onboard the Christmas Express Train from **20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. Pick-up is outside the Market Building. All proceeds in aid of Local Charities. Follow ChristmasInEnnis on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram or visit [www.clarecoco.ie](http://www.clarecoco.ie) for more details



The local Conference of SVP wish to thank everyone who supported the Church Gate Collection in Newmarket-on-Fergus and Sixmilebridge last week-end. The total to date is €3,111, which includes €100 lodged directly to the bank and €50 Dunnes Voucher. We are very grateful for such Generosity.

If you would like to donate directly to the bank here are the details.....

Bank Details: IBAN IE75 AIBK 9354 8431 4550 68 BIC AIBKIE2D

**Local Helpline—086 3024238** Please leave your name and number and a member will call you back

**Newsletter items** to Parish Office @ 061 - 368127 or email [office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie](mailto:office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie) **Deadline is 11.00am on Thursday**