Parish of Newmarket on Fergus - Carrigerry - The Wells Parish Office: Monday to Friday 10.00am - 1.00pm. Parish website: www.newmarketonfergusparish.ie Tel: 061 - 368127 email: office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie Sacristans Parish Team Bridget O' Halloran : Newmarket 7th Sunday of Easter Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick: Tel: 700883 / 087 2720187 Mary Barron: The Wells Canon Reuben Butler: Tel: 368433 17th May 2015 Bernadette Glynn: Carrigerry Mary Power: Parish Secretary Newmarket **Clonloghan Cemetery** Kitty O'Donoghue, Trenahow Sat 16th 7.30pm Group meeting in the Sun 17th 11.00am Sean O'Grady, Carnakilla **Cemetery this** Mary O'Flanagan, Ballycar and deceased family members Wednesday 20th May Molly and Michael Lenihan Mon 18th 10.00am at 7pm. Tue 19th 10.00am Daily Mass Paddy McNamara. 15 Avondale. Month's Mind 7.00pm Wed 20th 10.00am Daily Mass Last week's Church Thur 21st 10.00am Daily Mass Collection John Murnane, Stonehall. Month's Mind €1397.07 7.30pm Thank You Fri 22nd 10.00am Daly Mass Sat 23rd 7.30pm Declan Sheedy, 127 Kilnasoolagh Park. Month's Mind Paddy Reynolds, Mooghaun Abundance Prayer Group Sun 24th 11.00am The Coffee and McNamaras of Carrigoran and Minnesota Meet each Monday except Bank Holidays at 7.30pm in the upstairs meeting room in Wells Newmarket Church Sat 16th 6.30pm Thomas and Nora Boland, Deerpark Michael McMahon, Ballycasey Sun 17th 10.00am Sat 23rd 6.30pm Weekend Mass *Congratulations* to the girls and Sun 24th 10.00am Jimmy and Madge Melody, Clonmoney boys of the four schools in the Carrigerry Parish who Sun 17th 9.00am Sunday Mass received their Sun 24th 9.00am Sunday Mass Confirmation this weekend

Marriage Referendum

On 22nd May citizens are being asked to vote on two significant issues affecting our Irish Constitution : The lowering of the age for our President and the Definition of Marriage in our Constitution.

From the Catholic Faith perspective here are some reflections that may assist in helping your discernment of the issues being discussed and debated in the run up to the Marriage Referendum:

The Catholic Church is quite clear in its teaching and understanding that all people (*irrespective of race, sexual orientation or other factors*) are created in the image and likeness of God the creator and deserve respect and reverence in their journey to respond to God's call in the circumstances of their lives.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible.....They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfil God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition" (Catechism of the Catholic Church No 2358)

The Irish Catholic Bishops Conference has commented on the proposal in relation to the Referendum on Marriage in their statement issued in March : Marriage is Important – Reflect before you change it"

Marriage is of fundamental importance for children, mothers and fathers, and society – all of us need to reflect deeply before changing it. We ask the people of Ireland to consider very carefully the profound implications which this constitutional amendment would have on the family environment and on our understanding of parenthood.

We encourage everyone to think about these issues and to vote on May 22nd. The effects of this proposed amendment will be farreaching for this and for future generations. We say to all voters: Marriage is important – Reflect before you change it.

Further reflections on the following website: www.meaningofmarriage.ie

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The local Conference of **St Vincent de Paul** is currently recruiting new volunteers. Please call 086 3024238 or email <u>svpholyrosary@gmail.com</u> for further details. The next training course is being held on May 22nd /23rd ***

Senior Citizens Annual Pilgrimage to Knock: 28th May — All

Welcome- This years pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Thursday 28th May. The Bus will depart the Green @ 9.15am. There will be a quick stop in Arches, Claregalway. A Light Lunch at St. John's, Knock and an evening meal in O'Grady's, Gort. Adults ≤ 25 / Children ≤ 10 . Rease give your name to a Committee Member a.s.a.p or call Mike on 087 6942303

" The 36th Annual Clare 250 mile cycle takes place this weekend 16/17th of May. Two cyclists from Newmarket on Fergus will be taking part, Jason Fitzgerald. Urlanmore and Kevin O'Connor. Avondale. The cycle raises the funds that enable a person diagnosed with cancer to travel on a pilgrimage to Lourdes with a companion, with no cost incurred to them. Sadly places are limited and the demand is great . Newmarket on Fergus has been lucky over the past number of years where cancer sufferers have been able to travel on the pilgrimage with their companion. This was made possible by the generous sponsorship the local cyclists have received from the community of Newmarket on Fergus and the surrounding parishes .

Looking for money once again is difficult and there are so many worthy causes out there, but we do ask for your help in supporting the cyclists in a worthy cause that offers a small bit of comfort for what could be a life threatening illness.

We are very grateful to Newmarket on Fergus Community Centre for there offer of holding a sponsored bingo night for the" 250 cycle"

Our contact No's are:- Jason 087 273149 or Kevin 086 2402839.

The cyclists will pass through Newmarket on Saturday evening about 7.30pm (unfortunately during mass time). Thank You ***

Newmarket on Fergus Community Market is closing for the Summer.

The doors will close May 16th @ 4pm. Please be sure to support on Friday and Saturday and get the last of the bargains. All proceeds go to community projects.

NEWMARKET TIDY TOWNS special announcement

The Stop Food Waste Campaign Regional Coordinator, Mike Holden will deliver a special presentation to the community. The presentation is titled "An introduction to food waste reduction and home composting"

This event will take place at Community Centre Hall, Main St, Newmarket on Fergus at 8pm Tuesday 19th May. All are welcome to attend and please feel free to bring anyone you think might be interested.

Over 300,000 tonnes of food is wasted each year in Ireland's households, it's time we all made changes to reduce this waste

Community Centre News: In partnership with the Newmarket-on-Fergus Handball club the Board of Directors recently submitted an ambitious Sports Capital Grant application. If successful we will develop Newmarket-on-Fergus as a centre of excellence for handball with three one wall handball courts in the main sports hall as well as re-configuring the existing handball court to accommodate large audiences. Expect to see additional publicity in relation to the launch of the funding drive for this is development in the coming weeks. The Board also have plans to refurbish the street scape by restoring the original Georgian facade complete with three Georgian doors with fanlights. Drop in to Bingo any Wednesday night to get more information on these ambitious plans.

Carrigoran House Fair will take place on this Sunday 17th May commencing at 1pm. All the fun of the fair with Pet Dog Show – Bonny Baby – Bar-B-Q – Afternoon Tea – Stalls – Raffles – Fire Services – Vintage Cars – Live Music and Lots of Fun for Children.

Bingo Wednesday Night 8.30pm sharp Jackpot now stands at a Whopping € 5, 200

Keep Fit at the Community Centre

- The Community Centre now offers adult keep fit classes five nights a week. Dawn Kilmartin runs two classes: Monday from 7 to 8pm and Friday 7.30 to 8.30. There are two Bokwa classes: Monday from 7 to 8pm and Wednesday 7 to 8pm.
- Martin Duggan's Keep Fit which has been running for many years continues on Tuesday's 6.30 to 7.30 and Thursdays 6 to 7pm. The cost of these classes is very reasonable.

GAA NEWS: Lotto: Numbers Drawn; 6, 10, 20, 30. No Winner of €8300 Jackpot. €40 Winners; Breda Ryan, Mary Quinkan, Seamus Kerrigan, Ken Tucker, Una Marren. Online Winner: M Kaiser. Next Week's Draw on 17/05/15 in The Pub with a Jackpot of €8450.

Fixtures:

Sunday May 17; Clare Cup Division 2: NOF vs Parteen in NOF at 16:30. Tuesday May 19: U14 Hurling Championship: NOF vs Inagh/Kilnamona in Kilnamona at 19:00.

Result:

Clare Cup Division 5A; Wolfe Tones na Sionna 3-14 Newmarket-on-Fergus 0-08.

Membership:

Please note that this weekend is the deadline for Club Membership. Only members of C.L.G. Cora Chaitlín will be able to order tickets for intercounty games off the club. Other offers to members include a host of discounts at local businesses, access to a members area on our website and a free subscription to a club newsletter. All players must be registered in order to line out with the club. More information such as prices etc can be obtained from Siobhán on 086 845 5352.

Club Summer Camp:

Places still remain for the upcoming Club Summer Camp run by fullyqualified teachers which takes place from 14-18 of July. In order to avoid disappointment, book your place by contacting Bob on 087 221 2528.

Meals on Wheels Monthly Meeting Tuesday 19th May @ 7pm

Please come along to the Sixmilebridge 10km and Family 5km Fun Run/Walk on Friday 29th of May at 6:45pm. You can register online at <u>www.bmoh.ie</u> or before the race in SMB. Everyone is welcome and a great feed is in store after the event!

Mary Farrell LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS Pentecost Weekend Start 7.30pm Fri 22nd to Sun 24th May 2015 New Parish Centre (beside Cathedral) Station Road Ennis Inspirational Catholic Speakers Sr Mary Bridget Dunlea FMA and Patricia Mitchell Prayer Praise Talks Music Eucharist Stories of lives changed by the Holy Spirit All are welcome Contact 086 333 4153 087 2318 580 086 174 1358

SAN GIOVANNI, MEDJUGORJE & ASSISI: 19th - 28th August, 3 nights San Giovanni, 2 nights Assisi, 3 Nights Medjugorje. Bus travel from Miltown Malbay via Ennis to Dublin. For further details contact Mary O' Loughlin 065-7084000 or Fr. Pat Larkin 087-2300627

'Split the Pot'

New fund raising initiative for Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire launched. Place your €2 in an envelope with your name and phone number. Envelopes available in all local shops. Draw every Tuesday. Half the pot to the winner and half to the school.