


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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4th Sunday of Advent
20th December 2020

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

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
Mon	21st	10am	Daily Mass
Tue	22nd	10am	Ned and Elsie Whitney, Ballycar Road
Wed	23rd	10am	Daily Mass
Thur	24th	5pm	Christmas Eve: Paddy, Peggy, Mairead & Marty Slattery, Ennis Road
		9pm	Christmas Eve: Paddy Frawley, Ballysallagh
Fri	25th	8am	Christmas Day: For the People of the Parish
		11am	Christmas Day: Canon Reuben Butler
Sat	26th	7.30pm	Weekend Mass
Sun	27th	11am	Stephen O'Halloran, Kilnasoolagh Park. 1st anniversary

CONFESSIONS

NEWMARKET CHURCH

Mon: 21st Dec: 7pm - 8pm

Tues: 22nd Dec: 7pm - 8pm

Wed: 23rd Dec: 7pm - 8pm

Wells

Sat	19th	6pm	Weekend Mass
Sun	20th	10am	Bridie Hickey, Clonmoney
Thur	24th	4pm	Christmas Eve
		7.30pm	Christmas Eve: Margaret Egan, Ballycar
Fri	25th	10am	Christmas Day: Canon Reuben Butler
Sat	26th	6pm	Weekend Mass
Sun	27th	10am	Sunday Mass

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

Carrigerry

Sun	20th	9am	Tom Mannix, Ballycalla
Thur	24th	3pm	Christmas Eve
		6pm	Christmas Eve
Fri	25th	9am	Christmas Day: Canon Reuben Butler
Sun	27th	9am	Sunday Mass

There will be a notice displayed outside each church door when the recommended capacity has been reached. 200 in Newmarket(50 in each isle), 50 in Wells & 50 in Carrigerry. We ask for patience and cooperation in this regards.

Recent Death: Pray for the happy repose of the soul of

May Crowe, mother of Mary Meade, Deerpark

May she rest in the loving embrace of the Father.

Prayer Around the Crib : On Christmas Eve, at 5 p.m., *Prayer Around the Crib* will be live streamed from the Church of Our Lady in Roslevan, Ennis. Families are invited to gather around their crib at home and join Bishop Fintan and Team for a short, child friendly, interactive telling of the Christmas Story and the Blessing of the Crib. *You will be able to link in through the Doora Barefield Website which is www.doorabarefieldparish.ie*

This Sunday, December 20th at 7 p.m. : Christmas Miscellany, Reflections and Carols in Preparation for Christmas. This event, from St Columba's Church of Ireland Church in Bindon Street, Ennis and other churches from around the Diocese, will go out on the Diocesan Website www.killaloe-diocese.ie and on all social media platforms –You Tube etc. this Sunday evening at 7pm. Jointly sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Killaloe and the Church of Ireland Dioceses of Limerick, Killaloe and Clonfert, this promises to be a lovely evening of music, reflection and prayer.

As we ease into the Christmas season.

Christmas 2020 comes to us as we navigate our way through the Covid 19 pandemic. Hopefully you are managing to do it without much difficulty. As people of faith, we have prayed for all who have been directly impacted and those who, through the past nine months, have taken their place in the front line of protection and provision of healing in this time of upheaval. While we may not feel much joy as this virus continues to bring sickness and death, when fear and darkness threatens to overcome the light – we, as followers of Jesus Christ, must bear joy to this aching world. Once again we are invited at the darkest time of the year to step out of the shadows and reach into the light. It is a time of reappraisal of personal, family and community values in the light of the One who came as the Christ Child of Bethlehem to bring us Good News.

Every Christmas is a reliving of that event which changed human history. Each Christmas is an invitation to walk in the light of Christ and to view our neighbours in that light. It is essentially a family feast, an occasion for exchanging gifts and sharing the warmth of our homes in the company of our dear ones. It is important that we take time to celebrate what we have and to give thanks for those near and dear to us. It is also essential that we do so in a sensible and restrained manner this year.

For some, this may be the happiest Christmas of your lives; the first Christmas in your new home or perhaps with your new baby or maybe just together. For others, it may be a sad Christmas filled with the memories of a loved one who died during the course of the year. For some it may be that family members managed to make it home. For others, it may be the very opposite experience. For some families it will surely mean the excitement of Santa Claus and for others it will mean trips to visit neighbours who are living alone. But whatever our Christmas experience, let us remember that behind it all, is the presence among us of one who came into our world as a fragile baby. Someone who came to bring a message of love and peace. Someone who came to tell us how we should live and the kind of people we should be, and above all, someone who became a member of each one of our families.

To those who day after day, week after week, serve our parish community as members of the Pastoral Council, School Boards of Management, Parish Finance Committee, Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Basket collectors, Music Makers, those who Sanitise churches and Distributors of Envelopes, we say a sincere “thank you”. Your dedication and devotion are greatly appreciated!

This Christmas, may we discover the surprises of God’s love, the depth of His compassion, and the warmth of His welcome. The message of Christmas is one of hope and a better way. The One who lay in the crib also knows the pain of the cross. He is Emmanuel, God with us. He welcomes us. May we welcome Him!

In the words of one traditional seasonal blessing, we wish you and yours the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Mary and Joseph, and most especially, the peace of the Christ-child for this Christmas 2020 and for the New Year.

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BEREAVED BY SUICIDE AND CHRISTMAS.

Christmas can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide, especially this year with COVID. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help is only a phone call away. Phone/text us at one of our numbers below confidentiality assured. 086 0565373. 087 3698315. www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**, and will remain open over the Christmas period.

PRIESTS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION will be held over the Christmas. Thank you very much for your support to all the collections throughout the year.

Office will close for Christmas on Thur 24th Dec and will reopen on Mon 4th Jan. During the holiday period any items for Newsletter should be emailed if at all possible. For Mass bookings please contact Fr Tom on 087 2720187 / 061 700883. Best wishes to all.

IT'S HERE! THE NEW EDITION OF TRADRAI

MAGAZINE IS NOW ON SALE and features our most legendary Hurler- Jim 'Puddin' Cullinan who was laid to rest early this year. Over 14 pages of text and photos, many never seen before, we honour his memory and give the definitive account of his genius. Along with that, there's loads more interesting articles and photos of all our teams in 2020. Pick up a copy while stocks last at Halpins Garage, Vardens Pharmacy, NOF Family Butchers, or order online at nofgaa.com. Local delivery if required by contacting Colm on 0868035319

MEN'S SHED: Still not back to weekly activities in the shed but plans are afoot for the future. We have replenished our stock and will have garden seating for the summer all going well. We still have trellis for spring and are planning grow boxes among other items. Orders can be made to any size required. We will need new members to help. Our shop windows are going very well and we are very grateful to the people who purchased items. The current members of the Mens Shed wish to extend sincere good wishes to everyone for a happy and holy Christmas along with a prosperous new year.

CLARE CHAMPION PARISH NOTES: This week, The Clare Champion will be published a day earlier than normal - it will be on the shelves on Wednesday, December 23rd. If you wish to have a notice included be sure to have it emailed to office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie or dropped through parish office letter box at the very latest 11am on this Monday 21st Dec.