

Parish of Newmarket on Fergus - Carrigerry - The Wells

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4th Sunday in Advent

21st Dec 2014

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

Sat 20th	7.30pm	Barry Ryan, Ballinooskny
Sun 21st	11.00am	Sunday Mass
Mon 22nd	10.00am	Daily Mass
Tue 23rd	10.00am	Daily Mass
Wed 24th	7.00pm	Childrens Mass
	9.00pm	Donal and Kevin McCormack, Glencragga
		Paddy Frawley, Ballysallagh
		Jack McMahon, Glencragga
Thur 25th	11.00am	Paddy, Peggy and Marty Slattery, Ennis Road
Fri 26th	10.00am	Daily Mass
Sat 27th	7.30pm	Mary (1st anniversary) and Patrick Fahy, Ing
Sun 28th	11.00am	Michael Arthur, Avondale. Months Mind



Wells

Sat 20th	6.30pm	Jerry Brennan, Hurlers Cross. 1st anniversary
Sun 21st	10.00am	Sunday Mass
Thur 24th	9.00pm	Margaret Egan, Ballycar. Christmas Vigil.
Fri 25th	10.00am	Christmas Day
Sat 27th	6.30pm	Betty Hayes, Gate Lodge, Bunratty
Sun 28th	10.00am	Sunday Mass

Carrigerry

Sun 21st	9.00am	Patrick and Bridget McBride, Stonehall
Thur 24th	8.00pm	Christmas Vigil
Fri 25th	9.00am	Christmas Day
Sun 28th	9.00am	Sunday Mass

Christmas Eve Mass times

7pm: Childrens Mass in Newmarket
8pm: Carrigerry
9pm: Newmarket & The Wells

Christmas Day Masses

9.00am: Carrigerry / 10.00am: The Wells / 11.00am: Newmarket

Confessions For Christmas

Christmas Eve: 12noon to 1.00pm in Newmarket church in the confessional Box

Recent Deaths

Pray for the happy repose of the souls of

Tom Ryan, Bunratty
William Foley, Deerpark

May they rest in peace

Parish Office will close on Tue 23rd Dec and will reopen on Mon 29th - Wed 31st Dec.

Urgent matters directly to Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 087 2720187


'Trad session
in the Honk Bar on Sunday December 28th at 4p.m. Please come along and enjoy music and song provided by many local talented musicians.
All welcome.'

Scoil na Maghdine Mhuire News

Many thanks to everyone who came along to Christmas Plays at Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire and supported our collection for St. Vincent de Paul. We raised €515 for this very worthy charity.

The Board of Management at the school would like to wish everyone in our school community and the wider Newmarket community a very happy Christmas. School reopens on Monday January 5th

A sincere thank you from the Apostolic Work Group to all those who supported their recent cake sale and raffle. €1020 was raised with all proceeds going to the missions

The 'Honk' Annual Christmas Quiz

All proceeds in aid of Pieta House
Monday 22nd December @ 9pm.
Teams of 4: €40 per Team
Raffle on the night

Priests Christmas Collection will take place at all masses on 24th/25th Dec.
Thank you for continued support

Kilnasoolagh Church Christmas Services

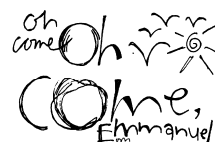
Christmas Eve at 8pm - Christmas Eucharist with carols and brass accompaniment.

Christmas Day - St. Columba's Church Ennis at 11.00am - Christmas Eucharist.

Sunday 28th - Kilnasoolagh Parish Church 11.30am, a service of carols and readings.

'Back to Basics' selling like Hot Cakes!

After a great launch by Anna May McHugh in Dromoland Castle last weekend, all 500 copies of 'Back to Basics', traditional baking book by Marie Donnellan have sold out! A full re-print was delivered this week and is on sale now at a cost of only €10 on RapeCrisis.ie at Eurospar, Café Fergus, the Ennis Bookshop and McLoughneys Shannon. A full €7 from the book goes directly to Rape Crisis. It really is the perfect stocking filler! Thank you for your continued support.



Last week's Church Collection
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Thank You

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas



As we approach Christmas - the feast of Emmanuel.

Christmas 2014 is almost upon us and what a joy it brings; the joy of being together, grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren, all sharing, giving, and receiving. And yet, haven't we made Christmas a very complicated and burdensome time! We have so many things to do: the cards, the gifts, the decorations, not to mention the food and drink. Our commercial world has us preparing for Christmas earlier each year and since there aren't enough shopping days even then, we have to add all the intervening Sundays. But then, isn't it nice to remind ourselves that it becomes a burden of love in our community. The young people entertain us with their nativity plays, and food and gifts are provided for the needy.

The true spirit of Christmas must always remain with us because it speaks to us of love and peace, forgiveness and reconciliation, sharing richness and bearing burdens. The human heart needs Christmas. Indeed, the human mind would probably have created it had he not come. But isn't it great! He has come! He, the Son of God, in the person of an infant Child, came to a cold, dark stable to satisfy the needs of the human heart and to draw us all to the brightness and warmth of his Father's home. And so we celebrate, we give thanks, we share. We thank Jesus, for lighting up our Christmases, for giving warmth to our homes, for bringing us together as a family to celebrate. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, always!

May every home in our parish experience the joy of Christ's coming among us and may that joy be shared with all the members of our families, especially with those who come home for Christmas. May the light of Christ shine in your hearts and home and may the warmth of His love heal any wounds or hurts. May those of your dear ones who cannot make it home for Christmas hear from us a word of love and an assurance of prayer. We will keep those who are grieving the loss of a loved one this Christmas very much in our thoughts and prayers. Be assured that the merciful love of the Infant of Bethlehem envelopes your dear one in an embrace of peace. We remember too all of you who are sick and in the hospital. May you experience the love of Jesus as your dear ones visit you over the Christmas period.

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, Eucharist Ministers, Altar Servers, Choirs, Basket collectors and Distributors of Envelopes, flower arrangers, members of the Obair Environmental group and FÁS, we say a sincere "thank you". Your dedication and devotion are greatly appreciated.

And so as we enter the Christmas period may we discover the surprises that God's love has in store for us and the warmth of his welcome. May those blessed days allow us to see the love of God shining through the windowed hearts of all of God's people. Recession may still be biting but 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 a few weeks from now the decorations will come down and we will pull the plug on the Christmas lights. The toys will be forgotten - but the light and love of Jesus Christ will continue to brighten our pathway as we enter a New Year, confident that He will make all things new and fulfil our desires.

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to all of you and every blessing and good wish for 2015.

Jan Fitzpatrick. & Reuben Butler

Newmarket Celtic Draw

Congratulations to the following:

€500.00 Martin Ryan
€100.00 Phine Cronan
€100.00 Fergal Bannon
€100.00 R McCormack
€100.00 James Cusack
€100.00 Liza Kilmartin
€100.00 Tony McNamara
€100.00 Irene Devitt

Weekend away :

Ann McNamara

Newmarket Celtic will be holding there annual church gate collection this weekend

Newmarket on Fergus Community Centre

would like to Thank everyone for their support and donations throughout the past year. Your help has been greatly appreciated.

The board of Directors wish you all a very Happy Christmas, Health and Happiness in 2015.

Bingo News

There will be **No** Bingo on **Wednesday 24th** of Dec.

There will be Bingo in aid of Clare Minors on the Saturday 27th of December.

We will also be running Bingo on Wednesday New Years Eve the 31st of Dec with a few Surprises and Treats. Complimentary Beverages and Treats available for all.

Newmarket on Fergus Senior Citizens had their annual Christmas party at The Inn at Dromoland on Sunday Dec 7th. Over 150 local seniors attended the function which was a great success.

The committee would like to thank all those who helped make the day such a success especially our sponsors, we appreciate their generosity greatly.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who have helped us out during 2014 at our many events and we look forward to another good year to come in 2015. Happy Christmas to you all.

GAA Lotto: Jackpot €5,150: No winner : €30 winners : Jim Cullinan, Joe Toomey, Harry Meehan, Robbie Higgins, Marcella Murphy, Reuben & Luca Guinane, Orla Ryan, Seán O'Connor, Carmel Rowe, Gerard Arthur.
Next draw: O'Neill's Bar : Jackpot: €5,300 : Date: 21/12/2014

Goal Mile

Clare hurler Shane O'Donnell will get this year's GOAL Mile underway on Christmas Day in the Fair Green, Ennis (St. Joseph's Hospital side). Official start time is 11am but the Mile can be done anytime between 11am and 1pm. Walk one mile and make a donation to the work of GOAL with the poorest of the poor worldwide. It's a fun event for all the family.