

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 in Advent

22nd Dec 2019

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

Sat 21st 6pm Patrick and Mary Fahy, Ing
Ned and Elsie Whitney, Ballycar Road
Barry Ryan, Ballinooskny
Mon 23rd 10am Daily Mass
Tue 24th 12pm Confessions until 1pm
6pm Children's Christmas Mass
9pm Christmas Vigil Mass
Wed 25th 11am Christmas Day Mass
Thur 26th 10am Daily Mass
Fri 27th 10am Ita Nugent, Ballycar
7pm Maeve Burke, Clarecastle & late of Ballycar. Month's Mind
Sat 28th 6pm Bridie, Gus, Michael and Jacinta McNamara, Kilnasoolagh Park
Michael McNamara, Ballygireen
John McNamara, London & late of Ballygireen



Wells

Sun 22nd 11am Sr Rose O'Sullivan, Convent of Mercy, Kells & late of Co Roscommon. Month's Mind
Tues 24th 7.30pm Christmas Vigil and anniversary of Margaret Egan, Ballycar
Wed 25th 10am Christmas Day Mass
Sun 29th 11am Sunday Mass

Carrigerry

Sun 22nd 9am Patrick and Bridget McBride, Stonehall
Tue 24th 7.30pm Christmas Vigil
Wed 25th 9am Christmas Day Mass
Sun 29th 9am Sunday Mass



Recent Death: Pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Stephen O'Halloran, Kilnasoolagh Park**

May he rest in the loving embrace of the Father.

Schedule for Christmas

Christmas Eve

12noon to 1pm: Confessions

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



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



Parish Office will be closed from Mon 23rd and will re-open on Wed 2nd Jan 2020.
Items for the newsletter should ideally be emailed to office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie or can be dropped through the office letterbox.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas along with every blessing in 2020.

Christmas Eucharist at Kilnasoolagh: The Christmas Eucharist at Kilnasoolagh Church will be on Christmas Eve 24th December at 8pm. Celebrant will be Rev. Kevin O'Brien, rector of the parish. Soloist Nicole Dickerson accompanied by Fina Wurm on piano will perform Christmas carols at this service. Christmas Day Eucharist will be celebrated in St. Columba's Church, Bindon St. Ennis at 11.30am and Christingle will be celebrated in St. Fachtnan's Cathedral Kilfenora at 4pm Christmas Eve. All are welcome to these services.

“O COME LET US ADORE HIM!”

The intensity and busyness of the past few weeks is beginning to subside a little and we can now breathe a sigh of relief that the sacred day of Christ's birth is about to dawn upon us. It may well have been a struggle for some of us but we have survived. We can now slip out of the material cloak of these past few weeks and don the mantle of awe, wonder and reverence at this special moment in God's time. It is the feast of Emmanuel – God with us. We look to the God who became human in Jesus and our great wish is that He will shine forth in our humanity over the Christmas season. Let us be thankful for the festivities, for the homecoming, for our families, for the hope, peace and love that make this great feast what it is.

As we immerse ourselves in the traditional celebrations, could we open our hearts too perhaps, to encircle those in our community who are sick at home, in hospital or in a nursing home. Our love and prayers can be a source of healing and new energy for them. There are quite a number of people who are grieving the goodbye of a loved one over the past year, whose hearts are empty and lonely at this time. A phone call or a quick visit over Christmas might go a long way towards effecting healing and wholeness in their broken lives. Spare a thought too for those whose lives speak of growing old; may they be blessed with peace and serenity. They are witnesses to all of us who ponder the meaning of life and growth. And, then, there are those with young eyes whose heads are full of wonder. Perhaps some of their simplicity and delight might slip into our hearts as we celebrate the Christmas moment.

May this Christmas be truly a season of peace and goodwill for all of us. May these blessed days allow us to see the love of God shining through the windowed hearts of all of God's people. “Come let us adore him!” May we hold each other in our prayer and celebration over the coming days. A Happy and Blessed Christmas to all of you and every blessing and good wish for 2020.

Tom Fitzpatrick



Sealgaireacht an Wren / Hunting the Wren Cora Chaitlín CLG

Musicians, Singers, Dancers, Toe Tappers, Hummers are all welcome. Calling to houses in the parish on St Stephen's Day from 2pm. Contact 087 2256315



Epilepsy Ireland will hold a church gate collection before all masses in the parish next weekend 28th /29th December.

Baby Massage Classes are starting 7th January in Harmony House, Newmarket on Fergus. A relaxed and friendly class suitable for new mum's to learn infant massage and spend quality time with your baby. To join the classes contact Siobhan on 086 855 2307

Dromindoora National School 5K & 10K Walk/Run in memory of Ciara and Eimear. Sun 5th Jan. Starts and Finishes at Sam Doyle's Bar. Registration from 11.30am on the day. Entry €10.

Newmarket on Fergus GAA are holding their annual Turkey Trot on St Stephens morning at 11am. Starting from clubhouse. Registration from 10am. €20 for family, €10 individual. All Welcome. Tomas Ryan 087 1834667

Thank you for your contribution to last week's Church Collection. The Amount was €1312.50

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