

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 Lent

22nd March 2020

Sacristans

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

Fr Tom will have private masses during this time and will pray for the following people this week whose anniversaries or month's memories are occurring. You can listen in on your regular radio on 97.9fm. The transmission might not reach every area of the parish but most should be able to receive it.

Sat 21st	6pm Radio broadcast	Donie Kilmartin, Rathmore, Month's Memory John Sheedy, Glencragga, Month's Memory
Sun 22nd	11am Radio broadcast	Patricia Henchy, Rineanna Phil Callaghan, Sixmilebridge, 1st anniversary
Mon 23rd to Fri 27th Radio broadcasts (97.9fm) at 10am each morning		
Tue 24th	10am broadcast	Jack Meere, Knocknagun, Month's Memory
Sat 28th	6pm broadcast	Ciss Harrington, Ballycar Rd Joan Cullen, Ballycar Rd. 1st anniversary
Sun 29th	11am broadcast	Sunday Mass

Holy Mary

Holy Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus,
Hear my prayer for my own dear mother.
Take her hand as I hold her in my heart and mind.

Let the strength you have known as a mother
Fill her body. Let the devotion you feel for our Lord
Fill her heart. Let the grace that surrounds you
Fill her spirit. Holy Mary, may your divine presence
In my mother's life, today and every day, bring her joy
And peace forever. Amen.

Recent Death:

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of
Martha Casey, mother of Veronica McMahon,
Woodland Heights.

May she rest in the loving embrace of the Father.



Weekday Mass

**Will be broadcast on Our Parish
Radio 97.9fm @ 10am**

History of Mothering Sunday

Like many traditions and festivities, Mothering Sunday began with a religious purpose. Held on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday, it was originally a day to honour and give thanks to the Virgin Mary, also known as Mother Mary. Such celebrations required people to visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral in a family's area. The spread of Christianity throughout Europe in the 16th century increased the celebrations and firmly put Mothering Sunday on the calendar. It was believed to be essential for people to return to their home 'mother' church to make it a true family honoured occasion. The gatherings reunited families and gave children who worked as domestic servants, or as apprentices away from home (from as early as ten years old), the opportunity to have the day off to join their family and see their mother.

As we retreat to our homes.

It has been a very strange last week in many ways for all of us. As we continue to play our part in observing the measures outlined by the HSE, we have found ourselves retreating to our homes and looking at life a little differently! Let us continue to pray for each other and especially for those who have succumbed to Covid - 19 virus. Could we pray also for those at the frontlines, especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers – that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all. In times of crisis we often wonder if the Lord has abandoned us. Well he hasn't abandoned us. He is with us in our search for a vaccine. He is with us as we endeavour to take care of ourselves and look out for each other, especially the elderly in our parish community.

As I continue to celebrate Mass in private each day over the coming weeks, I will continue to remember the needs of all our parishioners. The church in Newmarket will remain open and I encourage you to drop in to make your own private prayer in the presence of our divine Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. I would ask you to bring the current situation into the heart of your prayer. With faith in our hearts and with the Lord on our side we will prevail.

Fr. Tom

I came across the following thought provoking reflection during the week:

When this is over,
may we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbours
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.
When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way - better
for each other
because of the worst.

-Laura Kelly Fanucci

Obair : Meals on Wheels

Deliveries continue as usual. The service now extends to Shannon & Ennis bringing to six the number of parishes in their distribution area. This is a great service which brings meals right to your door. If you, a member of your family or there's a neighbour you feel would benefit from this service please contact either of the following numbers **086 7851620** or 061 368030.

Anam Cara

all Anam Cara Group meetings will be postponed till after Easter Monday. We will keep in contact with the Health Authorities and if we can, and it is safe to do so, all Anam Cara Parents evenings after 13th April will go ahead. We will send out the normal email reminders about them to let you know. Our central office will remain open Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, as will our information lines on 01 4045378 or 085 2888 888. So don't hesitate to give our contact details to any parent who may need it. We can also be contacted on info@anamcara.ie and we have a number or video resources available on our website www.anamcara.ie

Radio Maria Ireland a Catholic radio station can be found on saorview 210 on your tv and also app can be downloaded and also on Facebook. This is just a wonderful station. Spread the word, people need reassurance at this time. Mass celebrated every day at 10am. Fr Eamonn and all the staff brilliant, doing great work. Anyone can visit the station as well for Adoration

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People : ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Weekly Draw Results: Year 19 Week 41 / Tues 17th Mar
1st Prize €650.00: Ann Pilkington, Gort Road, Ennis,
2nd Prize €200.00 : Deirdre Shalvey, Ballynacally,
Only €1.27 weekly. To Join; Contact Fundraising
Office 065 6821966 . www.cahercalla.ie

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed to the public until further notice. Please email or phone any queries or requests. Please submit items for the newsletter by 11am each Thursday.

There will be copies of the Newsletter left in the Ballycar Road Porch of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. The church will open daily for private prayer. Hand Sanitization provided in the porch.

Baptisms will go ahead while observing guidelines and keeping groups to a minimum.