

Parish of Newmarket on Fergus - Carrigerry - The Wells

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4th Sunday of Advent

24th December 2017

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

Sat 23	6pm	Ned Whitney, Ballycar Road. 10th anniversary Patrick and Mary Fahy, Ing
Sun 24	12pm	Confessions
	6pm	Children's Christmas Mass
	9pm	Christmas Eve: Paddy Frawley, Ballysallagh
Mon 25	11am	Christmas Day: Paddy, Peggy & Marty Slattery, Ennis Road
Tue 26	10am	Daily Mass
Wed 27	10am	Daily Mass
Thur 28	10am	Daily Mass
Fri 29	10am	Ita Nugent, Ballycar
Sat 30	6pm	Jacinta McNamara, Months memory, her parents Gus and Bridie and brother Michael Kevin and Bríd Marren, Balinacragga Mary Fahy, Lemeneigh Gabrielle Ryan, Glencragga. Month's Mind

There will be no evening masses the week after Christmas Tue Dec 26th—Fri Dec 29th. Morning masses as usual at 10am.

Wells

Sun 24	11am	Sunday Mass
	7.30pm	Christmas Eve: Margaret Egan, Ballycar
Mon 25	10am	Christmas Day
Sun 31	11am	Sunday Mass

Carrigerry

Sun 24	9am	Tom Mannix, Ballycalla
	8pm	Christmas Eve
Mon 25	9am	Christmas Day
Thur 28	7pm	Karen Brennan, Stonehall. Month's Mind
Sun 31	9am	Sunday Mass



Recent Death:

Pray for the happy repose of the souls of
Sean Clancy, Ballinacragga
Mary Maxwell, Kilnasoolagh Park
Bridget Hickey, Ennis and late of Clonmoney



May they rest in peace

Christmas Eve Mass times

6.00pm: Childrens Mass in Newmarket
7.30pm: The Wells
8.00pm: Carrigerry
9.00pm: Newmarket

Christmas Day Masses

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



Recent Church Collection

3rd December - €1278.00
10th December - €5596.19
17th December - €1754.15
Thank You

Parish Office will be



closed next week. It will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January.

We wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.

Priests' Christmas Collection will take place this weekend

2018 Sunday Missals available in the sacristies or at the parish office.

Trócaire's Christmas Appeal "In love there is no room for fear, but perfect love drives out fear..." John 4:18.

Trócaire's Christmas Appeal, 'Until Love Conquers Fear', is raising money to support people all over the developing world who face fear every day of their lives – like the fear of not being able to feed their children or the fear of having to flee their homes because of conflict. To find out more about the appeal visit www.trocaire.org

**Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-
Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome**

As the Christmas story unfolds.

Christmas 2017 is at hand. The intensity and busyness has begun to subside 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.

To those who day after day, week after week, serve our parish community as Members of the Pastoral Council, School Boards of Management, Parish Office, Parish Finance Committee, Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, Altar Servers, Basket Collectors and Distributors of Envelopes, Choirs, members of the Obair Environmental group, we say a sincere "thank you". Your dedication and devotion is greatly appreciated.

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. And may we hold each other in our prayer and celebration over the coming days.

Every good wish, *Jan* & *Reuby*

Community Market: Our last donation before Christmas has been in the amount of €300 to the Going Strong Club. Amounts donated are given according to funds raised. Donations of good quality ladies and gents clothing, shoes, bric-o-brac, books, furniture etc. welcome any time as are volunteers for the New Year. Your ongoing support to the community market which helps local projects is much appreciated by the recipients.

We will be opening on Thursday mornings 10-1, Fridays 10-4 and Saturdays 10-12 in January on a trial period.

We cannot take electrical items, bedding or bed wear, videos, cds, childrens' clothing except "new".

The Volunteers in the market take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

' SPLIT THE POT ' Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire

Our pot this week was €522

Congratulations to our winner Catherine Slattery

Next Draw : A Bumper Draw - Dec 27th

in appreciation for your support all year the pot will be split between two lucky winners.

Wishing all our supporters a Very Happy Christmas.

Turkey Trot and Monster Bingo: Cora Chaitlín GAA will hold a 4km/6km walk at 12 noon on St. Stephens day. Registration from 11 in Club house with refreshments served after. All welcome. Kids free. Monster Bingo takes place on Wednesday 27th December in the community centre with funds raised going towards the Primary Schools Coaching Programme and to the ongoing running and development of the club. €10 will gain you entry for both events (walk and bingo) per adult.

GAA Lotto: No winner of either €10,000 Jackpot on Monday 4, 12,31,34 & 16, 20, 28,35 were the numbers. The €1000 winner was Emer Kennedy and €100 each to Amy Considine, Liam Murphy, Jack Keane, Moira McMahon and Sandra McCarthy. Anna McLnerney, Betty McMahon, Paul Meehan, Jack Keane & Mike Clancy €40 winners.

Next draw takes place at BINGO on the 27th December with 2 jackpots €10,000. If jackpot is not won there will be extra lucky dip bonus prizes again so make sure to purchase your tickets. 1 x €1,000 5 x €100 and 5 x €40 on 27th December. Wishing all our supporters a Happy Christmas and best wishes for a successful 2018.

Pray & Play: Will take a break for the Christmas and resume on January 13th at the 6pm Mass in Newmarket Church

*Oh
come Oh
Come,
Emmanuel!*

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Deadline is 11.00am on Thursday**