

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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The Ascension

24th May 2020

Sacristans

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

Masses for the coming week will be streamed live from Newmarket Church on the Webcam

Sat	23rd	6pm	Paddy Reynolds, Moohane
Sun	24th	11am	Jackie and Mary Greene, Glenaifreann Jim White, Tulla, who died recently
Mon	25th	10am	Special Intention
Tue	26th	10am	John Arthur, Glenaifreann Michael and Ann Arthur, Glenaifreann
Wed	27th	10am	Dermot Halpin, Limerick Road
Thur	28th	10am	Daily Mass
Fri	29th	10am	Winnie and Simon Moloney, Kilnasoolagh Park
Sat	30th	6pm	John Freeman, Lisduff. Month's Mind
Sun	31st	11am	Marian Foley, Rathfoland. 1st anniversary Maura O'Halloran, Kilnasoolagh Park. 2nd anniversary.

Recent Deaths:

Tom O'Brien, Shannon and formerly of Ballycar

Jim White, father of Joan Greene, Ing

Martin Earls, Glenaifreann

Robert Coleman, brother of Dolly McAuley

May they rest in the loving embrace of the Father.

The virtual pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will be on this Sunday May 24th at 3pm. There will be a 5 minute video message from the diocese from 2.55-3.00pm and the prayers throughout the Mass will be focused on the diocese.

<https://www.killaloediocese.ie/virtual-pilgrimage-to-our-ladys-shrine-knock-sunday-may-24th/>



Pentecost Novena

You can find daily reflections on our website for the Pentecost Novena from Fri 22nd—Sun 30th May. The Novena was prepared by Fr. Sean Goan, Scripture Schola, courtesy of Sr. Maria McNamara

Trocaire

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at www.trocaire.org
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. Check with your local parish on how to safely return your donation (**If it is possible and safe for people to return donations to your parish, please include those details here**)

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

Some parishes have opened churches to allow individual to visit for private prayer but not for liturgies, which would come at stage 4 of the Government plan on July 20th. The IEC and the diocese are working on a plan in relation to the July restarting.

Our Lady of the Rosary Church is now open for private prayer. Please use the Ballycar Road side entrance.

**Times: Mon to Sat. 11am - 4pm
Sundays. 12noon - 4pm**

- Please use hand sanitizers in porch.
- Please leave internal door open to minimise the amount of touching.
- Please observe seating plan.
- Please respect all areas that are closed off.
- Please practice minimum touching of surfaces.
- Protect each other stay apart 2m.

Thank you for
contributions last week
The Amount was €1109.46

Road Map for a Fresh Start

You are probably aware that under the Government Road Map for re opening the country, it is indicated that churches and places of religious worship will be allowed to open on July 20th under Phase 4 of the Roadmap. However, it will be subject to social spacing and all other recommendations in relation to sanitising and personal contact.

Need to Plan in advance

We need to begin to plan now how all this might be arranged, especially as our churches will have limited capacity when 2 meter social spacing is taken into account.

Church Preparation at National Level

A framework document is being prepared at national level by the IEC and is to be discussed at the standing committee of the IEC next week and to be finalised at the June meeting of bishops which will be a virtual meeting this year. This is just a framework document at national level and the details for local level are to be organised in each diocese

I realise that the planning and implementation of what lies ahead will be challenging and difficult and will not be easy. However, with the help, support and expertise of each other, along with the man above (!) I believe it will make it easier.

In the mean time keep well and God bless,

Sláinte agus beannachtaí,
Bishop Fintan



Carrigoran Nursing Home has yet again come up with a novel way of keeping residents in touch with their loved ones during Covid-19. They have launched a weekly online talent competition with the residents themselves judging the winning entries.

Carrigoran Nursing home as you know is an award-winning nursing home and is never short of ideas to improve the quality of life care. Before the pandemic there were pedometer challenges with residents competing to record the highest number of steps taken daily. Music, laughter and exercise are key to patient centred living. And the fun continues during lockdown.

But with restrictions in place during the current pandemic, activities have been pared back. Now though there's a new initiative taking place with the launch of a weekly talent competition. And the residents have once again stepped up to the mark by forming a judging panel.

Jack Sheehy is 75 years of age and said the quality of entries was top class. He thanked everyone for their efforts and said the residents were thoroughly enjoying watching the online videos.

It is the brainchild of Veronica, who co-ordinates activities at Carrigoran House. She set up Carrigoran's Call for Talent, inviting people to upload a one minute video showcasing their singing, dancing, musical talents. A €5 entry fee goes towards dementia services in the home and winners receive vouchers of up to €100.

Michael O'Toole was diagnosed with advanced dementia at 64 years of age and is a resident of Carrigoran House. The former band member had a breakthrough moment when his wife posted a video of him singing a number of years back. He pointed at the screen and said 'that's me' before singing along and tapping out the beat on his knee. His wife Jackie said the power of music in connecting with dementia patients was unparalleled.

This week's talent show was a win/win for competitors and residents alike. The response to the Carrigoran Call for Talent has been very positive and for now the show goes on.

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