

Parish of Newmarket on Fergus - Carrigerry - The Wells

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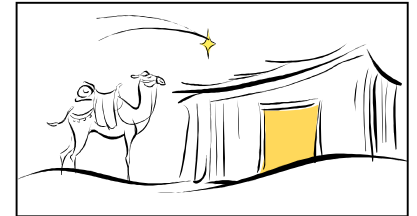

Christmas Day 2012

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

Mon 24th 9.00pm Christmas Eve Mass
Tue 25th 11.00am Christmas Day, Paddy and Marty Slattery, Ennis Road,
Wed 26th 10.00am Daily Mass
Thur 27th 10.00am Daily Mass
Fri 28th 10.00am Daily Mass
Sat 29th 7.30pm Josephine Tuohy, Lislea
Sun 30th 11.00am Stephen McCoy, Loughash. 1st anniversary



Wells

Mon 24th 9.00pm Christmas Eve Mass, Margaret Egan, Ballycar
Tue 25th 10.00am Christmas Day
Sat 29th 6.30pm Weekend Mass
Sun 30th 10.00am Sunday Mass



Carrigerry

Mon 24th 8.00pm Christmas Eve Mass
Tue 25th 9.00am Christmas Day Mass
Sun 30th 9.00am Sunday Mass

St. Stephen's Day Fundraiser

Senior, Intermediate & Junior B hurlers are playing
Newmarket Celtic A, B & Youths teams on St Stephen's day
in two matches at 11 & 12 o'clock.

All proceeds in aid of St Vincent de Paul.

Players are asked to donate €10 and all spectators to make a donation.

Refreshments in the sports bar afterwards.

This is a great local cause so we would hope to have a big turnout.

Further information and queries contact Kevin Halpin please.

NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS GAA

CLUB LOTTO RESULTS :-15-17-24-28

No Jackpot Winner

€30 Winners:-Mary Arthur/Joanne Monaghan/Pa
Toomey/ Darren & Shane Belmour/Claire O Connell/
Kevin Murray/ Brenda Cullinan/Darren Duggan/Kate
Tierney/Maria Hannon

Next Draw:- Sports Bar: Sunday 30th at 9.00 PM

Jackpot:- €150.00

FROM INSPIRATION TO PUBLICATION Do you like the idea of writing fiction, short stories or a novel? Feel there's a book in you but just haven't ever managed to write it out? Get started with an 8 week creative writing course facilitated by Colm Liddy, Penguin published author. Wednesday nights, 7 to 8:30pm from the 9th of January 2013 in Newmarket-on-fergus Community Hall. Costs €99. For more details or to book your place, contact 086-8035319 www.colmliddy.com

The diocese of Killaloe has been engaged in a process of Listening throughout the diocese over the past year. The listening has taken place at Cluster level with Pastoral Councils and other groups and the co-ordinating group has collated the results. This group would now like all interested people to have a say in the way they would like to see things happening in the future in our diocese. If you would like to offer an opinion you can do so by logging on to the diocesan website www.killaloediocese.ie and complete the online survey or by post to Ms. Marie O'Connell-Quinn/administrator, Pastoral Planning Office, 45 Garden View, Garraun na Hille, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.

There are leaflets available after masses outlining the Listening and Reflecting Process.

Please take one and have your say!

**Priests Christmas Collection
is being taken up at this time**



*Best wishes to you and yours this Christmas
from everyone in the Parish Office.
The office will reopen on Wed 2nd Jan 2013.*

Christmas - the feast of Emmanuel.

Christmas 2012 comes to us as we continue to navigate our way through austere times. Hopefully you are managing to do it without too much difficulty. Once again we are invited at the darkest time of the year to step out of the shadow and reach into the light. It is a time of reappraisal of personal, family and community values in the light of the One who came as the Christ Child of Bethlehem to bring us Good News. Every Christmas is a reliving of that event which changed human history. Each Christmas is an invitation to walk in the light of Christ and to view our neighbours in that light. It is essentially a family feast, an occasion for exchanging gifts and sharing the warmth of our homes in the company of our friends. It is important that we take time to celebrate what we have and to give thanks for those who are dear to us.

For some, this may be the happiest Christmas of your lives; the first Christmas in your new home or perhaps with your new baby or maybe just together. For others, it may be a sad Christmas filled with the memories of a loved one who died during the course of the year. For some it may be the first time in years that all the family managed to make it home. For others, it may be the very opposite experience. For some families it will surely mean the excitement of Santa Claus and for others it will mean trips to hospitals or nursing homes to visit family members. But whatever our Christmas experience, let us remember that behind it all, is the presence among us of one who came into our world as a fragile baby. Someone who came to bring a message of love and peace. Someone who came to tell us how we should live and the kind of people we should be, and above all, someone who became a member of each one of our families.

Christmas always comes to us with a hint of new beginnings. The early Christians always celebrated the birth of Christ as a new beginning, as the coming into the world of a light that darkness could not overpower. This year perhaps, the darkness seems more apparent. The economic projections do little to cheer us up. Those who have least are likely, as always, to suffer most. Christmas challenges us to believe that new beginnings are possible and to take seriously our responsibility to begin anew. Christmas is God's great intervention in our lives as we move towards new horizons. It is God telling us that we are not alone, that His Word becomes flesh in all of our lives in the person of his son Jesus born to bring hope in times of doubt and light in times of darkness.

This Christmas, may we discover the surprises of God's love, the depth of His compassion, and the warmth of His welcome. Recession may be biting, unemployment and emigration may not be showing any signs of decline, 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 the words of one traditional seasonal blessing, we wish you and yours the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Mary and Joseph, and most especially, the peace of the Christ-child for this Christmas 2012 and for the New Year.

Jan Fitzpatrick & Reuben Butler