

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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Feast of the Holy Family

Sun 27th Dec 2020

Sacristans

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

Newmarket : No masses in Our Lady of the Wells or Carrigerry Church for the moment. All masses are being streamed live via the webcam or you can listen in on Radio link 97.9fm from Our Lady of the Rosary Church at the following times.....Mon to Fri morning at 10am, (11am on Jan 6th) 6pm on Saturdays and 11am on Sundays.

Sat	26th	6pm	Patrick and Mary Fahy and their daughter Mary, Lemenagh Con and Bridget Flaherty, Moyvane, Co Kerry
Sun	27th	11am	Stephen O'Halloran, Kilnasoolagh Park. 1st anniversary
Mon	28th	10am	Daily Mass
Tue	29th	10am	Bridget Freeman, late of Carnakilla
Wed	30th	10am	Daily Mass
Thur	31st	10am	Lucy McGrath, Main Street. 1st anniversary
Fri	1st	10am	Daily Mass
Sat	2nd	6pm	Nancy and Jim Power, 10 Ballycar Road. 1st & 34th anniversaries. Paddy, Anna Mary & Noel Dillon, Main Street Kay and Bríd Marren, Ennis Road. John Kelly, Firgrove, Bunratty The Frawley Family, Treenahow
Sun	3rd	11am	Betty Hayes, Gate Lodge, Bunratty



Week from 4th—10th January

Mon	4th	10am	Daily Mass
Tue	5th	10am	Berna Ruddy, Ardee, Co Louth
Wed	6th	11am	Feast of the Epiphany Michael and Maureen Earls, Glencragga Mary Shannon, Glencragga Martin Earls, Kilnasoolagh Park John Joe, Mary and Carmel McInerney, The Green
Thur	7th	10am	Sheila Power, Clenagh. Month's Mind
Fri	8th	10am	Special Intention
Sat	9th	6pm	Brian Cutt, Ballycalla Mary and Joe McNamara, Ballycar Road Josephine and Martin Ward and family members Michael and Teresa Considine and their son Michael
Sun	10th	11am	Mick and Mary Casey, Stonehall



Recent Death: Pray for the happy repose of the souls of

Geraldine Fenton, sister of Mary Ryan, Lisduff

Pat Liddy, Spencilhill, late of Lislea

Pauline Taylor, Ralahine

May they rest in the loving embrace of the Father.



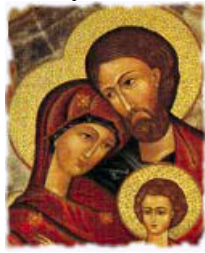
Fr Tom wishes to thank you for supporting the Priest's Christmas Collection.

Usually the sacristans winter collection is held the first weekend in January. With churches closed to the public for the next few weeks if you wish to support the sacristans you can drop your donation through the office door . Thank You

Sunday Missals for 2021 are now available. Readers can collect one from Parish Office from Jan 4th.

Church Contributions: Thank you very much for your steadfast support during this time of such uncertainty.

Feast of the Holy Family.



Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states:

"The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit." (*True Christmas Spirit*, ©1955, St. Meinrad Archabbey, Inc.)

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

In antiquity, **Epiphany** was a Greek word meaning "**the visible manifestation of a God**". For the Church it is the day on which we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus to the non-Jewish world when wise men came from the East to adore him. While there is evidence of a feast on 6th January from the second century it was a different feast in the East and West. The Eastern Church celebrated the Birth of Jesus on this day. St. Matthew talks of Magi or wise men from the East. Origen, a second century writer, is the first to speak of three, possibly because of the three gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the sixth century they are kings. In the ninth century they have names, Melchior, Caspar & Balthasar. The star still fascinates astronomers. In the contemporary eastern world astronomy was a developed science. One of the modern theories is that in 7BC there were unusual manifestations because of conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. 7BC was also the year of a Roman census.

There were many traditions in different European countries associated with the Epiphany. In Ireland it was Nollaig na mBan.

"You will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality in the mind next to honour "

-Aristotle

"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love. "

-Mother Teresa

BEREAVED BY SUICIDE AND CHRISTMAS.

Christmas can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide, especially this year with COVID. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help is only a phone call away. Phone/text us at one of our numbers below confidentiality assured. 086 0565373. 087 3698315.

www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**, and will remain open over the Christmas period.



We want to say a HUGE thank you to every single person who donated a Christmas Shoebox this year! 42,324 children were overjoyed to receive gifts from the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.

The New Year

"May Light always surround you;
Hope kindle and rebound you.
May your Hurts turn to Healing;
Your Heart embrace Feeling.
May Wounds become Wisdom;
Every Kindness a Prism.
May Laughter infect you;
Your Passion resurrect you.
May Goodness inspire
your Deepest Desires.
Through all that you Reach For,
May your arms Never Tire."

— [D. Simone](#)

Best wishes for 2021

The Parish Office is closed for the Christmas break until Mon 4th Jan. The next newsletter will be the Weekend January 10th /11th. For Mass bookings please contact Fr Tom on 087 2720187 / 061 700883. Thank You.
Best wishes to all.