

## 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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### Parish Team

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*4th Sunday in Advent.*

*23rd Dec 2018*

### Sacristans

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

### Newmarket

Sat 22 6pm Barry Ryan, Ballinooskny  
Patrick and Mary Fahy, Ing  
Mon 24 6pm Children's Christmas Mass  
9pm Christmas Eve : Paddy Frawley, Ballysallagh  
Tue 25 11am Christmas Day  
Wed 26 10am Daily Mass  
Thur 27 10am Ita Nugent, Ballycar  
Fri 28 10am Daily Mass  
Sat 29 6pm Bridie, Gus and Michael McNamara, Kilnasoolagh Park  
Jacinta McNamara, Kilnasoolagh Park. 1st anniversary  
Michael McNamara, Ballygireen. 1st anniversary  
Brid and Kevin Marren, Ballinacragga



### Wells

Sun 23 11am Sunday Mass  
Mon 24 7.30pm Christmas Eve: Margaret Egan, Ballycar  
Tue 25 10am Christmas Day: Edward, Anne and Carmel Deegan, Cratloe & Noel Ballinger, Ennis  
Sun 30 11am Betty Hayes, The Gate Lodge, Bunnratty

### Carrigerry

Sun 23 9am Tom Mannix, Ballycalla  
Mon 24 7.30pm Christmas Eve  
Tue 25 9am Christmas Day  
Sun 30 9am Sunday Mass

### Mass times for Christmas

Christmas Eve:

6.00pm : Children's Mass—Newmarket

7.30pm : Carrigerry

7.30pm : The Wells

9.00pm : Newmarket

Christmas Day

9.00am : Carrigerry

10.00am : Wells

11.00am : Newmarket



### Confessions at Christmas

Christmas Eve: 12noon to 1.00pm in  
Newmarket church in the confessional Box

Parish Office will be closed next week. It will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January.

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

**Priests Christmas Collection  
will take place at all masses on  
24th /25th December.**

**Holy Rosary Conference of  
St. Vincent de Paul** wish to  
thank everyone who donated  
to their Appeal for  
donations last week-end.

**Local Helpline  
086 3024238**

*Please leave your name and  
number and a member will call  
you back*

Last week's Church  
Collection €2001.92  
Thank You

### Christmas Eucharist at Kilnasoolagh

The Christmas Eucharist at Kilnasoolagh Church 24th December at 8pm. Celebrant will be The Very Rev. Maurice Sirr, former Dean of St. Mary's Cathedral Limerick. Christmas Day at 11.30am Christmas Eucharist will be celebrated in St. Columba's Church, Bindon St. Ennis.

**Anam Cara Galway**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 2nd of January at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Old Monivea Road, Ballybrit, Galway. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

**PLAY & PRAY** : It will resume on January 12th. All 3-8 years old are welcome.

**As we approach Christmas - the feast of Emmanuel.**

Christmas 2018 is almost upon us and what a joy it brings; the joy of being together, grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren, all sharing, giving, and receiving. It is important that we take time out to celebrate what we have and to give thanks for those who are dear to us. We live in the sure and certain hope that when we gaze on the light of Christ, the Son of God, the star of Bethlehem, all our dreams will come true.

The true spirit of Christmas must always remain with us because it speaks to us of love and peace, forgiveness and reconciliation, sharing richness and bearing burdens. The human heart needs Christmas. Indeed, the human mind would probably have created it had he not come. But isn't it great! He has come! He, the Son of God, in the person of an infant Child, came to a cold, dark stable to satisfy the needs of the human heart and to draw us all to the brightness and warmth of his Father's home. And so we celebrate, we give thanks, we share. We thank Jesus, for lighting up our Christmases, for giving warmth to our homes, for bringing us together as a family to celebrate. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, always!

May every home in our parish experience the joy of Christ's coming among us and may that joy be shared with all the members of our families, especially with those who come home for Christmas. May the light of Christ shine in your hearts and home and may the warmth of His love heal any wounds or hurts. May those of your dear ones who cannot make it home for Christmas hear from us a word of love and an assurance of prayer. We will keep those who are grieving the loss of a loved one this Christmas very much in our thoughts and prayers. Be assured that the merciful love of the Infant of Bethlehem envelops your dear one in an embrace of peace. We remember too all of you who are sick and in the hospital. May you experience the love of Jesus as your dear ones visit you over the Christmas period.

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

And so as we enter the Christmas period may we discover the surprises that God's love has in store for us and the warmth of his welcome. May those blessed days allow us to see the love of God shining through the windowed hearts of all of God's people. The effects of austerity will still be real for many 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 a few weeks from now the decorations will come down and we will pull the plug on the Christmas lights. The toys will be forgotten - but the light and love of Jesus Christ will continue to brighten our pathway as we enter a New Year, confident that He will make all things new and fulfil our desires. A Happy and Blessed Christmas to all of you and every blessing and good wish for 2019.

Jan & Reuben

**TIDY TOWNS:** Help make Christmas Green by taking steps to prevent the generation of waste and recycling your glass bottles and jars; aluminum drink cans; food cans, plastic bottles at your local **Brig Bank** located between the Library and the Obair Centre. Remember your nearest **Recycling centre** is the Shannon Recycling centre located at Smithstown.

**GAA NEWS:** Come along to our Turkey Trot on Stephen's Day, the most sociable way to get some exercise at Christmas. You can walk or run 4k or 6k. Registration at the clubhouse from 10am and away we go at 11am. Family €20, Adult €10, U18 €5. Refreshments served afterwards

Congratulations to our TEN €40 Lotto winners. Pat Corry, Martin McDonagh, Colman Liddy, John Ryan, Mary Corbett, John McInerney, Brian Tuohy, Lorraine Keane, Kathleen Reynolds, Andrea Whelan.

Join Family & Friends on New Year's Eve for a wonderful night at the fabulous Inn at Dromoland. These tickets would make an ideal Christmas present for both young & old. They are €40 and available from Cepta O Connor - 086 8253097, Freddy McInerney - 086 2245157, team managers or any Exec member

*And a very Happy Christmas to everyone in this wonderful community from all at Cora Chaitlin CLG.*

'Clonmoney National School Christmas Social takes place on Thursday, December 27th @ 9pm at Durty Nellies. Music by Cathal Jones. Raffle on the night with super spot prizes. All are welcome - Admission €10'

2019 Sunday Missals are available in the sacristies

**Clare Vintage Engine Tractor Club - VINTAGE TRACTOR RUN** in Kilmaley. Thursday the 27th December 2018 @ 12:00 Noon Sharp departing from the Kilmaley Inn. All Tractors must be pre 1980. For any queries please contact (087) 2714716

**Bingo in Aid of Brass Music in Newmarket-on-Fergus :**

The proceeds of Bingo on St Stephen's night in the Community Centre Newmarket-on-Fergus 2018 will go to supporting the tradition of brass music in Newmarket-on-Fergus which dates back to the 1840's. In 2018 € 1,500 (which was raised from a performance of a play by Fr. Brendan Quinlivan and Joe Varden) was spent refurbishing the instruments. We need to replenish these funds so that we can continue to support future tuition and instrument purchase. Currently almost 40 children in Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire get tuition once a week on brass and reed instruments. At Bingo a double book costs €12, a single book costs €10, a book of four panels cost €4.00 (suitable for a child). Jackpot sheet are €3.00 each or two for €5.00. The Jackpot is currently € 10,000. There will also be a raffle on the night for a 32inch smart TV (with integrated Saorview and Satellite tuner) as well as other prizes. **All in all it's a great technology free family friendly night out.** Tickets are available from Pat Carmody and Gerard Fahy 086 3850372. Have you considered taking up an new hobby in 2019.... would you like to try to play a brass instrument. If so please contact Gerard Fahy 086 3850372. We are also interested on hearing from anyone interested in teaching adults to play brass and reed instruments

**Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire Split the Pot. € 628**

Congratulations to the 5 Amigos who Split the Pot this week

**The Apostolic Work** will hold their Annual Church Gate Collection next week-end, December 22nd/23rd at all Masses.

**Epilepsy Ireland** will hold a church gate collection in Newmarket and the Wells on Weekend 29th /30th December .