

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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*2nd Sunday of Advent 6th
Dec 2020*

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

Sat 5th	7.30pm	Daniel and Christina King, Ennis Road Howard and Kathleen Whitsell, Drumline Joseph and Frances Hayes, Limerick Road Michael and Frances O'Leary, Ballycar Road Breda Collins, Urlanbeg
Sun 6th	11am	Ann O'Loughlin, Ballygireen Mary Crowe nee O'Loughlin, Meelick & Ballygireen Margaret Mathias, nee McNamara, Kilmihil & Ballygireen and family members
Mon 7th	10am	Daily Mass
	7.30pm	Margaret McNamara Rineanna and members of McNamara family
Tue 8th	11am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Cornelius McCormack, Caherscooba Denis Cotter, Rathfoland and family members
Wed 9th	10am	Special Intention
Thur 10th	10am	Maureen, Michael and Noreen McMahan, Ballygireen
Fri 11th	10am	John Costin, Cuirt na hEaglaise
Sat 12th	7.30pm	Joe and Ann McMahan, Ballycar Road Patty and Joe Casey, Ralahine Peter, Johanna, Oliver and Mary McGrath, Ballycar Tommy Cusack, Clenagh and the Cusack family.
Sun 13th	11am	Sr Mary Paul Reynolds Mealey, Connecticut, USA & Moohane. 1st anniversary Anna May Clancy, Ennis Road. Month's Mind

Wells

Sat 5th	6pm	Weekend Mass
Sun 6th	10am	Sunday Mass
Tue 8th	6pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 12th	6pm	Tom Ryan, Low Road, Bunratty
Sun 13th	10am	Sunday Mass

Carrigerry

Sun 6th	9am	Sunday Mass
Tue 8th	9am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 13th	9am	Tess Kelly, Carrigerry

Mass times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday 7th :

7.30pm - Newmarket

Tuesday 8th:

9.00am - Carrigerry

10.00am - Wells

11.00am - Newmarket



Once again our churches open for masses and we wish to welcome you.

We are all so familiar with what we must do to help protect each other from the virus. With that in mind we wish to remind everyone that numbers continue to be greatly restricted as they were when at level 3 previously.

Please wear face coverings, sanitise hands at the stations in the porches, observe seating arrangements. Please exercise social distancing at all times inside and outside the church. As before, during communion a Ministers of the Eucharist will come to you at your seat.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

IT'S HERE! THE NEW EDITION OF TRADRAI MAGAZINE IS NOW ON SALE and features our most legendary Hurler- Jim 'Puddin' Cullinan who was laid to rest early this year. Over 14 pages of text and photos, many never seen before, we honour his memory and give the definitive account of his genius. Along with that, there's loads more interesting articles and photos of all our teams in 2020. Pick up a copy while stocks last at Halpins Garage, Vardens Pharmacy, NOF Family Butchers, or order online at nofgaa.com. Local delivery if required by contacting Colm on 0868035319



Weekly Draw Results
Year 20 Week 26
Tuesday December 1st 2020.
1st Prize €650.00
Nuala Purcell, Ennis,
2nd Prize €200.00
Dan Neylon, Ennis,

A message from the Irish bishops: “Keep Christ at the Centre of Christmas”

With the beginning of Advent last Sunday, preparations have begun in earnest in parishes across the country for the celebration of Christmas – albeit in a very different context this year. Priests working with Parish Pastoral Councils are making decisions at a local level on how best to celebrate Christmas in a safe manner. We extend our sincere gratitude to parish teams throughout the country - including stewards and cleaners - who generously ensure that our churches are safe environments where people can confidently assemble for worship. Their task, as Christmas approaches, will not be easy, and we appeal to all the faithful to cooperate fully with them.

We strongly encourage the faithful to *keep Christ at the centre* of Christmas this year. Clearly it will be impossible for our usual large congregations to assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. We wish to remind Catholics that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. But Christmas is about more than just one day. Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany. Christmas Masses will also be widely available over webcam and we strongly encourage families to “tune in” from the “domestic churches” of their living rooms and join with those who are gathering in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child.

It is possible to experience the spiritual richness of this special season in many ways. Our homes can become “little churches” where we invite the Christ-child in. The age-old tradition of having a Christmas crib in the home and gathering there as a family to pray or to sing a carol will be especially meaningful this year. We also invite families or “household bubbles” to pay a visit to their local church at some time during the twelve days to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib and pray together for their families and for those particularly impacted by the pandemic.

The hope of Advent and the joy of Christmas inspire us to reach out to those in greatest need at this time. *Keep Christ at the centre this Christmas* by bringing the hope and joy of his birth to people who are sick, isolated, lonely or poor. A simple act of kindness can make such a difference. Charities such as the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Crosscare, Trócaire and World Missions Ireland will welcome much needed contributions as they have been unable to raise funds in the normal way during the pandemic.

We are particularly conscious of those whose livelihoods have been seriously threatened by the pandemic. We keep in mind those for whom Christmas time may bring feelings of sadness – people coping with bereavement, families that cannot be together, those in care homes who can only have limited visits from their loved ones. Christmas can be difficult for Irish emigrants and migrants living in Ireland, who are unable to travel home. We pray that the time will come very soon when sorrow will ease and loving connections can be fully restored.

Traditionally many people turn at this time of the year to ask for God’s forgiveness and for healing of spirit. Although it may not be possible for all who wish to go to Confession to safely avail of the sacrament, we encourage the faithful to confidently place their trust in God’s mercy through an Act of Perfect Contrition.

As we continue our journey through the season of Advent, waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, we are acutely aware of the yearning in our country and in our world for hope and consolation. In some ways the Covid-19 restrictions open up greater opportunities for prayer and for reflection, for family time and space to enter into the true meaning of Christmas



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086 3024238

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society will get back to you.**

**The Parish Office will be closed this Tuesday
along with Wednesday.**

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