

Parish of Newmarket on Fergus - Carrigerry - The Wells

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Closed the week after Christmas
 26th -30th Dec



Newmarket

Sat	24th	6.00pm	Childrens Christmas Mass
		9.00pm	Patrick & Donal McCormack, Glencragga Paddy Frawley, Ballysallagh
Sun	25th	11.00am	Paddy, Peggy and Marty Slattery, Ennis Road
Mon	26th	10.00am	Frances McMahan, Newmarket House.
Tue	27th	10.00am	Daily Mass
Wed	28th	10.00am	Ita Nugent, Ballycar. 1st anniversary
Thur	29th	10.00am	Celia and Ned Byrnes
Fri	30th	10.00am	Evelyn Bowman
Sat	31st	7.30pm	Gus, Bridie and Michael McNamara, Kilnasoolagh Pk William and Ann Fitzgerald, Kilnasoolagh Pk
Sun	1st	11.00am	Mary Hayes, Old Road, Ballycar. 1st anniversary

Wells

Sat	24th	7.30pm	Margaret Egan, Ballycar
Sun	25th	10.00am	Christmas Day
Sat	31st	6.30pm	Betty Hayes, Gate Lodge, Bunratty
Sun	1st	10.00am	Sunday Mass

Carrigerry

Sat	24th	8.00pm	Christmas Vigil
Sun	25th	9.00am	Christmas Day
Sun	1st	9.00am	Sunday Mass



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

Anni Bremehr, mother of Sabine Burke, Goodwood
Catherine Killeen, mother of Timmy, Goodwood
Christina Barret, mother of Noel, Ballycar
Máire Ní Mongáin, sister of Canon Reuben (funeral arrangements later)

May they rest in peace.

There will be no evening masses the week after Christmas Mon Dec 26th—Fri Dec 30th. Morning masses as usual at 10am.

Pray & Play
 Will take a break for the Christmas and resume on January 8th at the 11am Mass in Newmarket Church.

Last week's Church Collection €2722.31
 Thank You

Sacristans Collection will be taken up next weekend.

Cahercalla Hospice Yellow Ribbon Remembrance Tree Project

in association
 with

Lions Club of Ennis together with Ennis Rotary Club

Ecumenical Closing Ceremony at

The Oratory Cahercalla Hospital

January 6th 2017 at 6pm.

Led by Bishop Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe

Yellow Ribbons from the Tree will be brought in procession during the Ceremony and all those remembered will be prayed for.

Everyone Welcome to join us celebrate this very successful partnership.

As the Christmas story unfolds.



The intensity and busyness has begun to subside and we can now breathe a sigh of relief that the sacred day of Christ's birth has dawned upon us. It may well have been a struggle for some of us but we have survived. We can now slip out of the material cloak of these past few weeks and don the mantle of awe, wonder and reverence at this special moment in God's time. It is the feast of Emmanuel – God with us. We look to the God who became human in Jesus and our great wish is that He will shine forth in our humanity over the Christmas season. Let us be thankful for the festivities, for the homecoming, for our families, for the hope, peace and love that make this great feast what it is.

As we immerse ourselves in the traditional celebrations, could we open our hearts too perhaps, to encircle those in our community who are sick at home, in hospital or in a nursing home. Our love and prayers can be a source of healing and new energy for them. There are quite a number of people who are grieving the goodbye of a loved one over the past year, whose hearts are empty and lonely at this time. A phone call or a quick visit over Christmas might go a long way towards effecting healing and wholeness in their broken lives. Spare a thought too for those whose lives speak of growing old; may they be blessed with peace and serenity. They are witnesses to all of us who ponder the meaning of life and growth. And, then, there are those with young eyes whose heads are full of wonder. Perhaps some of their simplicity and delight might slip into our hearts as we celebrate the Christmas moment.

May this Christmas be truly a season of peace and goodwill for all of us. May these blessed days allow us to see the love of God shining through the windowed hearts of all of God's people. And may we hold each other in our prayer and celebration over the coming days.

Every good wish,

Jan Fitzpatrick.

Reuben Butler

Lotto: There was no winner of either Lotto Jackpot last weekend. €40 Winners; Sean McNamara, Mike Ryan, Deirdre Lyne, Thomas Malone, Evan Gaffney, Seamus Kerrigan, Viven Grogan, Margaret Egan, Lorraine Moroney & Jenny Nolan. Next draw takes place on December 27th at The Sports Bar where €10000 & €4850 will be the Jackpots. Play now for your chance to scoop the Christmas treat!

Turkey Trot To Put Club Back On Solid Footing: 2017 may not begin until January 1st but our new year commences on St Stephen's Day. In a year in which we lost Ali, Bowie, Prince, Ducksie Walsh and many more greats, we as a club almost lost something very special to us, our senior status. 2016 was also the year of the underdog; Trump, Brexit, Leicester City, Chicago Cubs, the O'Donovans and closer to home, Ballyea.

CLG Cora Chaitlín is now the underdog. On St Stephen's Day we're hitting the roads on a Turkey Trot that may not seem like a major event to many but to us it will signal the start of a new era. Registration is at 10am on Monday with the trot starting at 11am sharp. Hot drinks will be served afterwards. Make sure you're right beside us be it walking or trotting for 4/6km as we stand side by side and ready to start afresh.

To paraphrase one of the underdogs of 2016 'It's time to make our club great again'.

Christmas Reading:

For those hoping to relax and unwind over the festive period, we've got some recommended reading. Limited copies of Tradraí 2015 are still available, to get yours contact us on 0851170417/nofgaa@outlook.com. The Clare GAA Yearbook which looks back on 2016 is available in shops all over the County.

Seasons Greetings:

CLG Cora Chaitlín would like to wish all our members, supporters, friends & family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Francis O'Donoghue and his aunt Helen Bevan wish to thank the wonderful people who helped provide parking at Kilconry Cemetery for the funeral of his mother Breda O'Donoghue on Monday 19th December last — to the Mahonys, Henchy brothers, Jim McNamara and the Donlon Family. A very happy Christmas and healthy New Year to all of you.

Phone Found on Monday evening last on the footpath to Carrigoran. Has been handed in to the Local Garda Station

Clonmoney N.S. are holding a fundraising Christmas Party night on December 28th at 8pm upstairs in Durty Nellies. Music by Cathal Jones & Pat Hayes. All Friends Past and Present of Clonmoney N.S. are all very welcome. Tickets are €10ea and are available to purchase from Yvonne in the school office, Durty Nellies & Crowes shop at the Ministers Cross. Spot Prizes & Raffle on the night also. A great night guaranteed!

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 4th of January from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Ballybane Enterprise Centre, Galway (main reception/café area). This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

'SPLIT THE POT' Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire
Our pot this week was €594
Congratulations to our winner—Ger O'Donnell
Winning ticket sold in Vardens
Next Draw : Tuesday 27th December