

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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5th Sunday of Easter

2nd May 2021

Sacristans

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

All masses are being live streamed via Webcam. You can access it through the parish website <http://www.newmarketonfergusparish.ie/>. Weekends from the main church and weekdays from the chapel

May 2021

Sat	1st	6 pm	Bernie Devanney, Month's Mind, her husband Michael and their sons Pat & John
Sun	2nd	11am	Bridie and John Freeman, Lisduff. Month's Mind and 1st anniversary respectively
			Micheál Boyce, Carrowmeer and his grandparents Nancy and Patrick Boyce
Mon	3rd	10am	Daily Mass
Tue	4th	10am	Daily Mass
Wed	5th	10am	Daily Mass
Thur	6th	10am	Daily Mass
Fri	7th	10am	Daily Mass
Sat	8th	6 pm	Sean Liddy, Ballycalla and his parents Tom and Josephine
			Kay Meere, Knocknagun
Sun	9th	11am	Michael Grogan, Kilnasoolagh

Recent Death: Your kind prayers are asked for the happy repose of the souls of

Eddie Ryan, Carrigerry and formerly of Shannon

Tommy Codron, Drumline

May they rest in the loving embrace of the Father.



Killaloe Diocese Youth Ministry presents a Blessing for All Young People.

There will be a Blessing for all young people of the diocese, primary, secondary and college age on Sunday 9th May at 12 noon. It will be available for viewing on www.killaloediocese.ie and all diocesan social media platforms including Youtube. There are lovely scenes from Mount Saint Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, Ennis and from Star of the Sea Church, Quilty including scenes by the sea.

GAA News:

It's finally ready! And it looks absolutely brilliant! We are delighted to announce that our new Astroturf and Walkway facility are now open. Fully floodlit on a state of the art surface, this will be a fantastic resource for all our players. And the walkway is for everyone, young and old, providing a convenient way to do 800m laps, all year long. For all of this we are thankful to those who contributed in every way, financially and in 1000s of hours of voluntary labour. It really has added up to something we can all be proud of. Come along and see!

Lotto

No winner of this week's Jackpot which was €5,450. Numbers drawn were: 1, 20, 24, 28.—5 x €40 quick pick winners are: Jack Kelly / Eileen Kilmartin / Kay McCarthy / Phil McNerney / Niall Garry / Next draw is for €5,600 on Monday evening May 3rd. Tickets can be bought from the usual sellers and are also available to buy online – links are on our website, Facebook and Twitter pages. It's because of you buying/selling our Lotto Tickets on a weekly basis that we can keep our great Club going - THANK YOU

Have you Children's Helmets & Hurleys not in use!

All donations of Children's Hurleys, Helmets or any other training equipment would be greatly appreciated - they can be dropped off at the hurling field on Sunday mornings between 10am & 12noon



Our Lady of the Rosary Church - 50 years of divine worship.

This Sunday marks the 50th anniversary of the official opening of our church here in Newmarket on Fergus. On Sunday 2nd May 1971 Bishop Michael Harty blessed and dedicated the new church to the most Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary. It was built at a cost of £120,000 and was the first church in the diocese of Killaloe to be built according to the new directives following the Second Vatican Council. The church with its seven gables represent the one time seven parishes in this area; Kilmaleery, Fenloe, Kilconry, Clonloghan, Kilnasoolagh, Drumline and Bunratty. These seven ancient parishes were united in 1782.

The previous church was built in 1802, one of the first parish churches to be built after the relaxation of the Penal Laws. It was situated behind the present building and the Mission Cross erected to commemorate the Jesuit

mission of 1856 stands near the main entrance to the old church. One of the resolutions of that mission was to start collecting funds to build a new and larger church. But times were bad and conditions throughout the country depressing and the project was postponed. The money collected was ultimately used to build a wall around the church with large piers and a gateway that now provides the entry to Lemenagh cemetery.

Bishop Harty, in his address at the dedication of the new church on the 2nd May 1971, stated... "the priests and the people of this parish have been looking forward to this day for many years and I am happy and privileged to be sharing your joy in May, our Lady's month, as we dedicate one of the most outstanding new churches of our time to Our Lady of the Rosary." Referring to the gap of over a hundred years since the plan to build a new church was conceived he went on to say... "I have looked over the names of the committee that came together in 1856 and I find some of the same names among the parishioners today. This is an extraordinary example of the continuity of faith and family tradition in this parish. What your grandparents planned and dreamed about, you their grandchildren have achieved. I thank you and congratulate you on the faith, generosity and enthusiasm which have made this achievement possible."

Fifty years later, on the 2nd May 2021, we give thanks for the dedication and generosity of the many who brought the project to completion and have given us a house of worship to be a focal point for the community. In that house we raise our minds and hearts to God in prayer, praise and thanksgiving as we walk intimately and easily with God and his Blessed Mother. Since we cannot assemble as a community right now because of the pandemic, we will plan a fitting celebration at a later stage when circumstances allow. In May 1971 a century old dream was finally realised. Our dream is that the same faithfulness and loyalty which brought it to fruition will continue to flourish in our dearly beloved parish community.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest Hymn

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Refrain:

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.



Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true
as long as the bowers are radiant with flowers,
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue

Refrain

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Deadline is 11.00am on Thursday

The Office will be closed

Mon, Tue & Wed of this coming week.

Prayer for New Month

Dear God,

Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new month ahead.

Help me live the way I should as each day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend,

Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend.

The month ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things each new day filled with joy and happiness it brings.

Amen

ANSWERS TO QUIZ 3

1. Ballycar Boarding Kennels.
2. There were no coaches on the R470 or L7168 ['red' roads] which constituted the main Limerick Ennis road in 1800. The branch onto the L7168 Old Ballycar Road, Boher na gCrann, Lisduff, Limerick Road, Newmarket, Latoon and Clarecastle was possible by the building of Latoon Bridge around 1786. From 1804 with the building of Bunratty Bridge the main road served Cratloe, Bunratty Newmarket Latoon and Clarecastle but it was not used by the mail coach which was under contract to collect tolls on the Six milebridge road until 1831. In 1809 a stage coach ran Limerick- Ennis three times weekly. The Limerick-Ennis mail coach, owner William Bourne, officially started running on 5th July 1815 but the stage coach ran a daily service in 1813 and it was carrying mail. By 1824 there were two caravans as well on the road running every day except Sunday taking seven hours, two hours longer than the stage coach for the journey. This coach and two caravans would have supplied Newmarket with mail and travellers through the Sixmilebridge, Old Ballycar, Lisduff route. In 1832 mail was still carried on the Sixmilebridge road to Quin but it was no longer the main road. The arrival of the railway was the death of the post roads.
3. 1845-'7 Famine Work Scheme.
4. No 7 Killeen [Kyle Beg].
5. Shanavally/ Sean Bhaile.
6. No.3 A mass house post penal times. According to tradition, Lord Inchiquin met the priest and offered him a site in the Fair Green to build a small, stable like church which was replaced later by that of 1802.
7. A Canon Ball found in the garden of a house in Purcell's Hill.
8. Cratloe hurlers en- route to Ennistymon in 1905 played football at No 5 [Higgins' Field] against a local team who forgot to bring their hurleys. In the early 1960's Limerick CBS came by train to Ballycar and marched to Newmarket to play in Harty Cup games.
9. It was part of The L 7168 -Boher na gCrann – Lisduff- Killula- Umurka- Clonloghan Road and north eastward Muckinagh - Fenloe - Kilkishen.
10. Current Irish President Michael Higgins. GAA President Edward Bennett [1887-1888].

ANSWERS TO QUIZ 4

1. Fr Tim Tuohy.
2. Crossagh Rural Water Scheme first of its kind in the country.
3. No 4
4. No 3 The Pound
5. No 1
6. 1845-'7 Great Famine Road Scheme
7. Piers of the entrance gate to the home of the late Laurence Hannon.
8. Yes
9. Left: John "Lefty Devine" American Gaelic Park GAA broadcaster with Micheál O'Hehir 1966. Both had a Newmarket parent. "Lefty's" father lived at No 7 Ralahine. Micheál's mother was Esther Sheehan born in Carrigoran.
10. V. R [Victoria Regina, Queen Victoria].

Questions inspired by locals, Pa Meehan, Frank Meehan, Molly O'Donnell, P J Reidy, Johnny Frost and the late Kevin Burke.