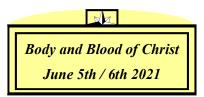
Parish of Newmarket on Fergus - Carrigerry - The Wells

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

Parishioners can now attend masses but must adhere to health guidelines and restrictions that are in place. Masses will also continue to be live streamed via Webcam.

Newmarket

Sat 5th 7.30pm Mike Donnelly, Knocknagun

Louis and Celine Quinn, Lemenagh

Pat Tobin, Ballinooskny. 1st anniversary Sun 6th 11am

John and Mary O'Brien & deceased members of the O'Brien and Earls families, Lisduff

Maura Johnson, Ballycar Road

Mon 7th 10am Daily Mass Tue 8th 10am Daily Mass Wed 9th 10am Daily Mass 10th 10am Daily Mass

11th 10am Michael Shinners, Glenaifreann and deceased family and friends Fri

Mai Browne, Moohane. 1st anniversary 12th 7.30pm Sat

Kay Gaffney, Granaghan Beg, 1st anniversary

James Greene, Loughash. Month's Mind

Bridget and Anna Grogan, Kilnasoolagh 13th 11am Sun

John, Mary & Lelia McNamara, Kilnasoolagh

Michael and Annie Keane, Ballygireen

John Enright, Drumline

Wells

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Sat 5th 6pm Pa Crowe, Muckanagh. 6th anniversary

6th 10am **Sunday Mass** Sun

Tom Costello, Fenloe Sat 12th 6pm

Sun 13th 10am **Sunday Mass**

Carrigerry

Sun 6th 9am Nellie Boyce, Carrigerry

Sun 13th 9am **Sunday Mass**

Recent Death: Your kind prayers are asked for the happy repose of the soul of **Mary O'Flanagan,** Ballycar Road. May she rest in the loving embrace of the Father.

The HSE have been in contact with the diocese regarding concerns of high infection rates in the mid-west region and expressing concerns of increased socialisation in the region in general. For now the advice from the Taoiseach's office is that First Holy Communions or Confirmations cannot take place until after July 5th. We appreciate this will come as a great disappointment and inconvenience for many – children, parents, teachers and clergy but Bishop Fintan believes that we have no option but to follow this public health advice. Apologies for any inconvenience caused but as ever, we appreciate your continued support and co-operation. Bishop Fintan has again acknowledged with thanks the great catechetical work done in schools during this most difficult and challenging time. He sends every good wish and blessing and hopes you have a restful and pleasant Summer break.

The following are the dates for Confirmation as agreed with our School Principals and Teachers.

3pm — Stonehall School. Friday 20th August 11am - Clonmoney School

Saturday 21st August 12 noon - Ballycar School 3pm — Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire **CLONMONEY N.S.** is organising a club 300 fundraiser for the construction of a new play area on the school yard. Cost of entry is $\in 10$ per month. 1st prize of $\in 500$, 2nd prize of $\in 250$ and 5 prizes of $\in 50$ each month. Draws will take place June, July, Aug, Sept and Oct. To enter go to

https://clonmoneynsclubzap.com/products

We are very thankful to Euro Spar and Halpin's garage who kindly facilitated the distribution of newsletters to parishioners in their shops for several months while our churches were closed.

First Friday Visits: With the return to public worship, it is now possible for Fr Tom to visit housebound parishioners with the sacraments. If you know of any housebound parishioners who would like to receive the sacraments, please contact the Fr Tom on 087 2720187 or the Parish Office on 061 368127.

FOR SALE: Argos contemporary sofa with fold out bed. As new. For collection, Newmarket. Call 086-853 5017

In Ireland Corpus Christi is also known as 'Diardaoin Álainn na mBínsí Breátha' ('Beautiful Day of Great Blessings' or 'Lovely Thursday of the fine benches'). It was customary to place flowers such as iris or wild rushes on benches outside people's homes.

The origins of Corpus Christi go back to 1246 when the bishop of Leige Robert de Torote celebrated this festival in his dioceses, after St Juliana of Mont Cornillon had a vision of a blemish on the moon which, which was interpreted as a missing feast which Christ wanted celebrate on earth. Later Pope Urban IV ordered that the whole church observe this feast. Corpus Christi processions date back to 1320, of which, the earliest recorded example is in the council of Sens in France. Originally very important members of society would be part of the pageant such as princes, magistrates and guild members. In the Calendar of the Ancient Records of Dublin, the Corpus Christi day pageant was confirmed into law in Dublin in 1498. During Corpus Christi it was customary to hold pageants or religious plays in Ireland in medieval times. Dublin pageants had guilds such as shoemakers, mariners and weavers playing various bible characters Adam and Eve and Cain and Able. This festival was suppressed when the Reformation came to Europe and protestant churches were established.

Currently during Corpus Christi in many communities in Ireland, altars are laid in the doorways of people's houses and businesses, in Louisburgh in Co. Mayo each house on the main street decorates their doorways with altars of religious statues, crucifixes, altar cloths, framed religious pictures, rosaries and flower arrangements. It has been tradition to keep these statues in the household to be displayed every year. These traditional customs remain a lovely way for members of the community to come together and celebrate.

A message from Bishop Fintan

I hope you are keeping very well.

Just letting you know that the office had a call during the week from a senior officer in the HSE, mid-west region regarding the high rates of infection in the region. In line with the gov.ie guidelines that there should be no Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion celebrated in May or June they were further emphasising the importance of that. They are clear that great efforts are being made in relation to the Church ceremonies but it is afterwards with the gatherings that dangers are arising. They further made the point that many of the parents of the children involved are still awaiting vaccination and it would be very much prudent to wait until that happens.

If there is any further guidance from the HSE or <u>gov.ie</u> I will pass it on, but again I would discourage any parishes from setting dates until further notice.

Many thanks for your patience and kind consideration of this important issue.

Sláinte agus beannachtaí, **¥** Fintan Monahan



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