

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
4th /5th Dec 2021

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

Sat	4th	6pm	Ann and Joe McMahon, Ballycar Road Joe and Patty Casey, Ralahine Peter, Johanna, Oliver and Mary McGrath, Ballycar Frances and Michael O'Leary, Ballycar Road
Sun	5th	11am	Ann and Mary O'Loughlin & deceased family members, Ballygireen
Mon	6th	10am	Special Intention
Tue	7th	10am	Living and deceased members of the Apostolic Work
Wed	8th	11am	Margaret McNamara, Rineanna Daniel and Christine King, Ennis Road Cornelius McCormack, Chaerscooba Denis Cotter, Rathfoland and family
		6pm	Sheila Power, Clenagh, 1st anniversary and her husband Mick, 7th anniversary Maureen and Noreen McMahon, Ballygireen
Thur	9th	10am	Patrick, Mary and Mary Concepta Fahy, Lemenagh
Fri	10th	10am	Daily Mass
Sat	11th	6pm	Christina Ryan, Kilnasoolagh Park. Month's Mind Pádraig Crimmins, Weavers Road. Month's Mind Breda Collins, Urlanbeg John Costin, Cuirt na hEaglaise
Sun	12th	11am	Paddy, Bridget, Mary and Carmel Flannery, Mause Paddy and Ellen Lynch, Ballycar

Wells

Sun	5th	10am	Sunday Mass
Sun	12th	10am	Tom Ryan, Bunratty East Maureen and Robert O'Donnell, Dan and Michael Meskell, Castleconnell

Carrigerry

Sun	5th	9am	Sunday Mass
Sun	12th	9am	Sunday Mass

Recent Deaths:

Your kind prayers are asked for the happy repose of the soul of

Paulina Skomra, Limerick Road

May her soul and the souls of our Faithful Departed rest in the peace of Christ.



Mass times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Wednesday 8th December:

9.00 - Carrigerry
10.00 - The Wells
11.00 - Newmarket
18.00 - Newmarket

The local Branch of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association are promoting the monthly Magazine. There are eleven copies available at a cost of €2.00 per copy. Anybody interested in supporting same, please contact the Parish Office at 368127.

Parish Pastoral Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday 7th of December at 20.00 in the Day Chapel, Newmarket on Fergus Church.

Advent Reflection

Why did John the Baptist flee to the desert? Because the barren nature of the desert strips everything back to the point where we are lay bare and our true motivations are revealed. Desert moments in our own lives cause us to ask; what is it all about? John the Baptist seems to tell us that the desert is the only place bare enough and empty enough, for our true motives and disguises to be revealed. Advent encourages us to rest in the desert places of our lives and of our relationships. Like those places mentioned in the Gospel that we wish were levelled smooth or just filled in. Those parts of our lives that long for the new birth of new life. Advent calls us to wait, to be quiet and to trust. Like John the Baptist we too need to trust. Trust our own action and our own contemplation. We too need to trust the John the Baptist figures God gifts us in life. Those people who entice us out of our comfort zones to the daunting new horizons. May we be wild and free enough to accept the message that John the Baptist shares with us today.

Weekly Collection : €2544.77 : Thank you for your continued support of the work and mission of our parish.

Family Time @ Your Library : Adult Christmas paper craft morning, Wed 8th Dec @ 10am. Booking essential!! Check out www.clarelibrary.ie for more local events. Contact Emer in Newmarket-on-Fergus Library 061 368411. newmarket@clarelibrary.ie

Newmarket on Fergus Community Centre.

Major refurbishment of the Newmarket on Fergus Community Centre commenced on 19th May this year. The work is being done by Alpa Construction under the direction of Alan Woods who won the contract in an Etenders process. The community centre at it's peak serviced over 400 people weekly

The new and improved renovations include;

- New Male & Female Toilets
- New Male & Female Showers
- New Male & Female changing rooms
- Wheelchair accessible toilets and shower facilities
- Replacing existing air blower heater with a gas fired radiant heat system allowing for a quieter atmosphere. All provided by a new corridor for easier access without having to pass through either hall. Before and After plans can be seen on the wall of the community centre.

Newmarket on Fergus Community Centre would like to thank the following for their support through their grant process. **Total project cost €450,000.** Grants committed: • Tomar Trust €147,000, • Clare Local Development Company €100,000, • Clare County Council 47,105 • Sports Capital Programme €43,490 • Shannon Municipal District of Clare Co council €2,500, **Total Grants Awarded: €340,095** **This leaves a shortfall of €100,000** which will be financed by a loan. We are appealing for donations and hope every adult in Newmarket on Fergus will dig deep to support us.

The easiest way to donate is through the following Idonate page on <https://www.idonate.ie/NOFCC> you can also give donations to any of the community centres directors, Ger Fahy, Edwin Bailey, Geraldine Hansbury, Manus O'Donnell, Tommy Sheedy, Frances Quinn, Margaret Kennelly, Fiona O'Brien Maxwell and Aisling Halpin who will provide you with a receipt.

It is hoped that the community centre will be ready to be reopened in the new year. Many thanks to everyone who has supported to date.

Samaritans Ennis and Clare Branch are currently recruiting new volunteers for the New Year. Full training will be given. For information please log on to volunteer.samaritans.org, text 085 176 3491 or email Ennis.BranchRecruitment@samaritans.org

“**Bunratty Cratloe FC** are holding a church gate collection this weekend at Clonmoney The Wells church , The club are celebrating a massive increase in juvenile membership in the parish and all donations will be gratefully received.

Carrigoran House Nursing Home and St. Patrick's Comprehensive School have joined forces in a fundraising campaign in the form of the Carrigoran Calendar. The photos in the calendar have been captured by students in the school Photography Club, Comp-Pix. Having collaborated with each other for the Companionship Project last year to help the Carrigoran residents to feel connected during lockdown it seemed like a great idea to work together again.

The Photography Club in The Comp currently has nearly 50 members ranging from 1st year to 6th year. These students were challenged to take some photos that might appeal to people buying a calendar. We think that they certainly rose to that challenge and captured some beautiful photographs.

We are very fortunate that the calendar has been kindly sponsored by local businesses to help with the cost of printing. It is a testament to these companies that they are so considerate to sponsor local projects such as this. Special thanks go to Shannon Springs Hotel, Smitz Café, Mincon, The Inn at Dromoland, O'Connors Texaco, Eirtech/IAC, Treacys Oakwood Hotel, The Tile Hub and Shannon Golf Club. Funds raised from the calendars will go to both Carrigoran House and St. Patrick's Comprehensive School. The calendars will be on sale from Monday the 6th of December at a cost of €10. They will be on sale locally and can be purchased via the school or Carrigoran House, they are sure to make the perfect stocking filler or even a thoughtful present for employees or co-workers

Pre-orders are available at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oGlxpPb3E2z6QToTLGKRgzHQ8k81z9HhYxR-PmCXDVUNVo2VTIYSDVSRo2MkIEUK5NSV1M1Q2Ti4u>

We hope you maybe in a position to support us, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Jacquie in St Patricks Comprehensive for any further information,

A new history book of the parish is out now- 'Long Ago in Newmarket on Fergus VOL II.' It's a sequel to the one which came out last March and has the same mixture of photos and stories from our past, involving farmers, nurses, soldiers and nuns. The cover is a photo of children in Ballycar NS, taken 71 years ago. Among them, Michael D. Higgins. The book is an ideal Christmas present for loved ones home and abroad. Available now in local shops.

Lotto results. €40 winners this week are Joe Pender, Cepta O'Connor, Ronan McCormack, Orla O'Mara, Olive O'Connor. Jackpot is now €10,100