

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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7th Sunday in Ordinary

Time: 19th /20th February

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

Sat 19th 6pm Agnes, Larry and Michael Kennedy, Ballycar Rd & Ennis respectively
Jimmy Cullinan, Newmarket on Fergus.
Sun 20th 11am Rita Keehan, Woodland Heights. Month's Mind
Johnny Sheedy, Glencragga
Mon 21st 10am Daily Mass
Tue 22nd 10am Daily Mass
Wed 23rd 10am Daily Mass
Thur 24th 10am Daily Mass
Fri 25th 10am Daily Mass
Sat 26th 6pm Martin and Danny Liddy, Kilnasoolagh Park & Glencragga respectively.
Elizabeth, Matthew and Sean Carroll and Cora Burke, Cork
Mary, Jean, John and Maria Hartigan, Carnakilla
Donie Kilmartin, Rathmore.
Jack Meere, Knocknagun.
Marian Feeley, Ballysallagh West
Kathleen Ryan, Ballinooskny. Month's Mind
Sun 27th 11am Sunday Mass

Wells

Sun 20th 10am Pat Enright and his parents Patrick and Bridget, Drumline
Sun 27th 10am Seamus Boland, Hurlers Cross

Carrigerry

Sun 20th 9am Martin and Lucy Frawley, Clenagh
Sun 27th 9am Sunday Mass



Recent Deaths:

Your kind prayers are asked for the happy repose of the soul of
Derek Cronin, son of Pat and Teresa, Old Road, Ballycar

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

The Synod in Killaloe Diocese

Over the next number of weeks we are going to include a number of notices to highlight the Synodal process as it is unfolding in the Diocese of Killaloe. Pope Francis is asking us to reflect on our experience of Church and share our views. He is asking us to share our experience and to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us at this time. The purpose of the Synod is to inspire people... 'to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.' (Synod Preparatory Document)

Prayer of St. Francis for Peace

We continue to pray for an end to tensions between Russia and Ukraine. May peace prevail.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Newsletter items to Parish Office @ 061 - 368127 or email
office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie Deadline is 11.00am on Thursday
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Something worse than Covid

Famine Road to Cabhail Chlochair

The Road from Kilmaleery Cross to Reynolds Cross, constructed in famine times was the route taken lately by Newmarket walkers. Locals were present to impart their traditions. GAA standard bearers Con Woods, Seanie McMahan, Vera Arthur, John Power and Mary B Mc Mahon led the tributes to local hurling star Michael Considine and Dalgays footballers, Michael Philips, the O'Grady brothers Brian, Pat and Michael, and Pdraig Monahan. Representing local families were Noreen McInerney, Joan Reynolds, P J and Martin Reidy, John and Mary Frawley O'Leary while Mary Grogan, Sheila McGrath, John O'Meara, John Ryan and Molly O'Donnell held the banner of The Parish Walk now in its twenty sixth year.

From Reynolds Cross, the home stretch via Kilnasoolagh Road to Ballysallagh West, offered a view of a heap of stones on McMahan land. It was here that Thomas McInerney choked on a chicken bone as he celebrated with his workmen the work they were doing on his new house. The curse of a Saint Catherine or Kathleen whom Thomas had denied a site for a convent was fulfilled. Ever afterwards the unfinished house was called "Cabhail Chlochair" or Cowlclogher. The recorder of this valuable legend dating to the Middle Ages places the maledictress in the name Cora Chaitlín. The late Canon Reuben Butler in The Story of Newmarket-on-Fergus does not agree. The outing was pleasant and the forecast of rain unlike the saint's failed.

Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire Split the Pot Results. February 16, 2022

Winner this week was Margaret Enright. Pot this week was €450.00 Envelope got in EuroSpar. Next Draw February 23, 2022

Uplifting Chair Yoga class, for happiness & wellbeing. A Healthy Ireland at Your Library Event. In Branch event at 11am. Tuesday, 8th March 2022 Newmarket on Fergus Library. Join yoga teacher Trish Cleary for a taster chair yoga class in Newmarket on Fergus Public Library. Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that can be done sitting on a chair or standing on the ground, while using the chair for support and can keep the body supple and healthy, reduce stress and improve mental health. Free event for ages 18+, places are limited and booking essential. For booking and information, contact Newmarket on Fergus Library on 061 368411

Mooghaun: The OPW has completed car park fencing in Mooghaun amenity. The next job is a new entrance. After this it is hoped to have some scrub cut back near the viewing stand to clear the view over the Fergus towards West Clare and some to East Clare. Mooghaun has become very popular for families and walkers. Covid has held up the work over the last couple of years but hopefully that will change now with things getting back to normal.

Men's Shed : The men's shed is back in business with plenty to do. We need new members to help out. Activities are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm. Please drop in for a chat & coffee and we can show you around. If you like what you see you might feel encouraged to join the shed.

This week the weekly collection was €1228.81 Thank you for your continued support of the parish. Every contribution makes such a difference to the work of the parish and by extension the spreading of the Gospel. *"It is in giving that we receive"*

Community Centre News

It's exciting times at the Community Centre which is reopening after almost 2 years of a Covid imposed shutdown

The shutdown has been put to good use because in the last 12 months a €450,000 refurbishment has been completed by local builder Alan Woods trading as Alpa Construction Building & Design.

The refurbishment consists of new ladies and gent's toilets, ladies and gent's dressing rooms with showers, ladies and gent's wheelchair accessible toilets and showers, a new access corridor, a new air conditioned boardroom and a new gas fired heating system for the main hall. €350,000 of the cost has already been financed by the following Tomar Trust €147,000, Clare Local Development Company Leader Funding €100,000, Clare Co Council Community Enhancement Fund €47,105, Sports Capital Fund €43,490, Shannon Municipal District €2,500 and €10,000 from the Community Centre's own funds generated by Bingo. Community Finance Ireland have provided a 15 year loan of €100,000 and the Board of Directors are keen to repay this as quickly as possible. Members of the public can contribute by contacting any of the Directors or through the Idonate website.

There has been a lot of voluntary work to have the centre ready for re-opening and the directors are particularly grateful to Kevin O'Connor and Mike Hogan for their help with the work.

Now that most restrictions have been lifted there is a fairly full schedule of activities every night with some exciting new activities.

Monday starts bright and early with two LCETB courses provided by Michelle Bradley, Yoga from 9.30am to 11pm and Art and drawing from 11:15 to 1.15pm

Later on Monday Dance Attack Stage Academy runs from 5pm to 7pm. The yoga, art and drawing and the Dance attack are taking a break on Monday Feb 21 for mid-term but all will be back on track on Feb 28th. We are also delighted to welcome the return of the Irish School of Historical Combat (ISHC) from 7.30 to 9.30pm every Monday.

Tuesday is the quietest day and we are looking for an Irish dancing class to resume in the 5pm to 8pm slot. We would also love to hear from anybody interested in running set dancing or social dancing after 8pm on Monday or Tuesday.

There was huge excitement in the Hall on Wednesday Feb 9th with the reopening of Bingo and the new heating system got full work out. The directors are especially grateful to the volunteers who show up on Wednesdays to ensure that this very enjoyable social evening takes place. There is always room for more volunteers so if you have some time available drop into Bingo and we will be happy to chat with you about the opportunities to volunteer.

Karate classes have also resumed every Wednesday.

Thursday is a hectic evening with Children's Hop Hop from 5.30pm to 6.30pm followed by adult Zumba from 7pm to 8pm all provided by Dance Masters with Shelley.

The Tradaree Bridge Club (which was founded by the late Canon Reuben Butler) has relocated from Carrigoran to the Community Centre from 7.30pm on Thursdays. Relocating to the village makes this excellent evening activity more accessible.

Another exciting new event is Baby and Me Music and Dance which is starting on Friday March 4th from 11:30 to 12 noon.

Friday evening sees the beavers, cubs and scouts available from 6.30pm.

The boardroom is proving to be a popular meeting venue, Clare Co Council hosted the County Development plan there on Thursday Feb 10th and the local Gun Club will have their first meeting following the shutdown on Monday Feb 21st.

Weekends have not been forgotten and three Irish Dancing Feises are already booked in for March 20th, May 14th and 15th and May 28th and 29th.