

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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8th Sun in Ord Time
Feb 26th & 27th 2022

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

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 formerly of Glenaifreann Jack Meere, Knocknagun. Marian Feeley, Ballysallagh West Kathleen Ryan, Ballinooskny. Month's Mind
Sun 27th	11am	Martin, Bridget and Bernadette Earls, Knocksaggart
Mon 28th	10am	Thomas and Margaret Carew, Ennis Road
Tue 1st	10am	Daily Mass
Wed 2nd	10am	Ash Wednesday
Thur 3rd	10am	Daily Mass
Fri 4th	10am	Daily Mass
Sat 5th	6pm	Mossy and Frances McCarthy, Kilnasoolagh Park Joe and Maureen O'Rourke, Ballycar Road Tommy Clancy, Mooghaun Dave Clancy, Carrowmeer Jimmy and Anna Cusack, Ennis Road Gerry Donlon, Knocksaggart
Sun 6th	11am	Mike Gaffney, Granahan Beg Patrick Cassidy, Shannon, formerly of Glenaifreann



Wells

Sun 27th	10am	Seamus Boland, Hurlers Cross
Sun 6th	10am	Eamonn Wade, Bunratty Lower, Month's Mind

Carrigerry

Sun 27th	9am	Sunday Mass
Sun 6th	9am	Bernie Duggan, Clenagh. 1st anniversary

Hearing the Call of Lent

The call of Lent is to conversion, transformation, and renewal. The Ash Wednesday scripture readings set the tone for Lent. The very first verse of the very first reading proclaims: "Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God" (Joel 2:12).

Lent is unambiguous, is it not? The call and purpose of Lent is as clear as the sun on a cloudless day. Lent is an invitation to return to God with all our hearts—not merely ashes and meatless Fridays.

In more specifically Christian language, Lent is a time to enter the desert with Jesus. But why? We enter the desert with Jesus for the same reasons that Jesus entered the desert – to embrace our humanity and our divinity; to come to terms with the temptations that hinder us but also to recognize God's grace in the midst of it all; to convince ourselves that "man does not live on bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4); to set ourselves firmly on the path to the new life that Easter promises; to be on the way to eternal life with God.

Jesus himself offers us the way to accomplish this goal. Once again, the scripture readings for Ash Wednesday are helpful. The gospel reading offers fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as practical ways in which to answer the Lenten call to conversation, transformation, and renewal.

Ash Wednesday – 2nd of March

Ashes will be distributed at the 10.00 Mass on Ash Wednesday morning. For those of you who wish to receive the Ashes later in the day, envelopes containing the blessed ashes will be available in Our Lady of the Rosary Church throughout the day. Please feel free to drop in and collect an envelope of ashes for those in your household. Each envelope will have the words to be said while making the sign of the Cross on the foreheads of those who wish to receive the ashes. May God bless us all on our Lenten Journey.

Prayer as we begin or Lenten Journey

Loving Jesus,
as I place on my forehead the sign of your saving cross You say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel. Walking into Lent my heart is set on you.

May my **fasting** fill me with hunger for you,
may my **prayer** draw me deeper into your presence, may my **acts of charity** bring your love to my home and community.

Lord of life,
grant that by turning back to you in these 40 days
I will re-awaken the joy of my Easter faith;
for you raise me up from fear and despair
and call me to hope and trust in God who is with me always.
With you, I will rise again. Amen.

The Synod process in the Diocese of Killaloe- How can I participate?

Parishes and Pastoral Areas all over the diocese will be holding many forms of Synodal conversations during the month of March. Details of your local parish or pastoral area conversations will be available on Parish Newsletters and Social Media platforms. You are invited to take part in these conversations, to share your views and to listen to others. You can also take the opportunity to participate online in the Synodal Process by completing the online survey on the Killaloe Diocese Website at:

<https://www.killaloediocese.ie/synod-keyqs/>

Pope Francis appeals that Ash Wednesday be a day of prayer and fasting for peace.

“My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine,” the Holy Father said. “Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up.

“Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

“And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God’s weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make the 2nd of March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.”

Franciscus

Meeting of the Parish Pastoral

Council : A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 1st March at 19.30. The meeting will be held in the meeting room above the sacristy.

This week the weekly collection was €1812.86 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”*

PARISH WALK : Sat 12th March.
Early Years of Hurling—Mooghaun North & the Gold Find. Assembly @ Fair Green 10.45am. Open to all. Fresh ideas for walks welcome.

An open night for parents of children wishing to enrol children in Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire for the 2022 / 2023 school year will take place on **March 14th & 15th 2022 @ 7 p.m.**

If you would like to attend please contact the school on 061 368333 or by emailing office@scoilnamaighdinemhuire.ie

Split the Pot Results. Winner this week was Mary Maxwell. Pot this week was €405.00. Envelope got in The Hair and Beauty Gallery. Next Draw March 2nd.

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will return on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Bishop Fintan Monahan will open the Novena. We are very happy for the return of this long-standing Lenten tradition in Tulla and invite you to join us for some or all of the celebrations. Bishop Fintan will bless and distribute the ashes on Ash Wednesday.

SVP Volunteers Needed. : Are you Kind, Compassionate, Discrete, Respectful, non-judgemental. If you poses these characteristics please get in touch. The number of the local branch of St Vincent de Paul is 086 3024238. The phone is not always manned so if unanswered please leave your name and number and a member will call you back. Thank You