

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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3rd Sunday of Lent
20th March 2022

Sacristans

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

Newmarket

Sat	19th	6pm	Weekend Mass
Sun	20th	11am	Sunday Mass
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	Bernie Devaney, 1st anniversary her husband Mike and sons Pat and John. Ballycar Rd Michael Meehan, Moohane Elsie and Ned Whitney, Ballycar Rd.
Sun	27th	11am	Ciss Harrington, Ballycar Rd

Wells

Sun	20th	10am	Sunday Mass
Sun	27th	10am	Sunday Mass

Carrigerry

Sun	20th	9am	Sunday Mass
Sun	27th	9am	Patricia Henchy, Rineanna

Recent Deaths:

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

Joanne Corbett, Bunratty House
Anthony McNamara, Ballygireen
Noel O'Halloran, Knocksaggart

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



Almsgiving

We continue our Lenten reflection with a reflection on the third pillar of any Lenten journey; Almsgiving. As much as Lent begins with an exhortation to personal conversion, transformation, and renewal, in fact, the Lenten invitation is for everybody; including the whole assembly. Again, the Ash Wednesday Scripture readings are our inspiration. Joel says, "Blow the trumpet in Zion! Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; gather the people, notify the congregation; assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast... (Joel 2:15-16). As much as Lent is a personal call, it is the journey of an entire people. There is an undeniable communal dimension to Lent.

Nothing brings out the focus on the communal element of Lent than Jesus' call to almsgiving. Jesus does not say, "If you give alms..." rather, "When you give alms do not blow the trumpet" (Mt 6:3). Lenten Almsgiving is not a suggestion. It is an exhortation. It is an essential dimension of Lent. The emphasis is understandable. Fasting and prayer can become self-serving, inward-looking, navel-gazing spiritual exercises. Rather, fasting and prayer are meant to lead us closer to God and to the community, particularly those on the fringes. Besides personal conversion, transformation and renewal, Lent is also meant to facilitate God's kingdom "on earth as it is heaven" (Mt 6:10).

Just as with fasting and prayer, almsgiving can take on many forms. Certainly, acts of charity in kind is a concrete way of being generous as the heavenly Father is generous. However, almsgiving is also a call to eliminate structures of injustice, inequality, and poverty that create the need for almsgiving in the first place. Climate justice, racial equality, immigration reform, and creating a culture of life can all be included with Jesus' call to almsgiving. In our almsgiving this year we keep in mind the Annual Trócaire Lenten Appeal and the People of Ukraine not to mention our local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Parish Liturgical Life with the lifting of Covid-19 Restrictions

In interest of the common good and in respect of the vulnerable who join us for prayer we ask that people continue to:

- Wear mask while in the church building
- Hand sanitise when entering and leaving the building
- To maintain social distancing when and where possible
- To continue to receive Holy Communion on the hand

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



This is a
Keeping God's People
Safe Church

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd of March 19.30 in Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Easter Chick Appeal: 'Well done to all the children from Clonmoney N.S., who recently supported an 'Easter Chick Appeal' in aid of the people of Ukraine. Over 300 chicks were sold, raising €404 for this worthy cause. Many thanks goes to Monsie Carr who donated the beautiful handmade Chicks.'



After a two-year break Daffodil Day is on March 25th. Volunteers will sell daffodils and Irish Cancer Society merchandise at Eurospar. If you would like to donate daffodils bring them to Eurospar on the day or contact Mary Woods, 0876166634,

to arrange collection. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, 23rd March at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Pat Malone will deliver the reflection. On the night we will welcome choir / musicians from St Joseph's Secondary School. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.

Mini-Display Day

The Apostolic Work Committee are happy to report that a mini-Display will take place on Sunday, April 03, 2022, in the small hall of the Community Centre from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. It is two years since our last display. Some Sacred Vessels are available. If you wish to donate one, please contact Brigid Coughlan, Mary Enright or Molly O'Donnell. A Raffle will also take place.

Lourdes 2022

After an absence of two years, due to the Covid pandemic our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes resumes again this year from 28th June to 3rd July, direct from Shannon Airport. Sick or assisted pilgrims will not travel this year. Cost €739 to €759 depending on the choice of hotel, Agena or La Solitude. To reserve your place please contact Joe Walsh Tours -Tel; 01-2410800, email: info@joewalshstours.ie Post: Joe Walsh Tours 69 O'Connell Street Dublin 1. The autumn pilgrimage will take place from 2nd to 7th October 2022. Enquiries to Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 087- 2349816 or tfryan.ennis@gmail.com

The Synodal Process: As the Diocese of Killaloe commences its Synodal Listening process we are often left asking "Where to from here?" This question is another way of putting the questions that is central to our Synodal Pathways: what does God want of his church? How can we be as a community of faith so as to serve the Good News and offer to all the word of life to everybody? As we imagine our future together, we stand in need of fresh inspiration and new energy. This regeneration of faith can have no other genesis than God's living word. Each Sunday we celebrate the gift of the Scriptures, a gift which goes on giving and can energise us with a new vision. May the words of Jesus be our experience too when we hear him say: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you Listen'. May the Holy Spirit guide our reflection and our discussion so as to open our hearts to see where God is calling the Church at this time.

Now Enrolling: Fully Funded Adult Furniture Upcycling classes commencing 7th April 2022 in College of Further Education & Training Clonroad Campus, Ennis. No experience necessary, all welcome. To book a place or for more information contact 065 6897654/086 0752014 or email antoINETTE.houlihan@lcetb.ie

Fáilte ar Ais Céilí at Cois na hAbhna, Ennis,

Sunday, March 20th, 3pm - 6pm with the Tulla Céilí Band. Tickets €10. Phone 065 6824276 www.coisnabhahna.ie for more info.

Thank you for your continued support of church collections. Last weekend the amount realised was €1398.

Doherty's Field and Mooghaun Gold Find

There are not many places in the parish of Newmarket which can lay claim to the conquest of silver and gold within a radius of one kilometre. A portion of Mooghaun North holds the honours and on Saturday 12th March Con Woods with a band of twenty six followers traced the early days of Hurling to this spot and the party continued to the site of the Mooghaun Gold Find. Con pointed out Doherty's Field where the early greats Mick O'Rourke, Jim and Jack Clancy, Jim Guerin, Mick and Martin Liddy, Ballycar, John O'Leary and the four brothers sons of Pat the owner of field Mick, Pat Rob and Tommy, and Mick Lynch whose grandson Jim had allowed the walk to talk place. The men played 'until their shirts were ringing and they retired to the ditch to talk until midnight' according to a recording made in 1974 by Joe Walsh of Mick O'Rourke. A second recording from John Joe "Goggles" Doyle added light to the type of hurling played in the early days. Doherty's House was visited by the group which included relatives Liam Doherty and James Warren while Michael O'Leary and Frank O'Grady planted an ash tree in the field which was observed by spectators on the road. The Mooghaun Gold Find was traced from newspapers, reader Joe Walsh. Locals Tommy Ryan and his son Eoin, Fintan McEvoy, Joan and Brendan Reynolds and Paddy and Michael McCormack listened attentively and undoubtedly marvelled at the location of the greatest find in Western Europe being on their doorstep. Thanks to May and Jim Lynch for refreshments and to Mary and David Woods for camera work as well as to the presenters. A minute's silence was observed at the start of the tour as a mark of sympathy with the family and friends of Flan Enright a life long supporter of Newmarket history and hurling.