

# 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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## Parish Team

Fr. Michael Collins: Tel: 700883 / 087 6389847  
Mary Power: Parish Secretary

4th Sunday of Lent

March 26th/27th 2022

## Sacristans

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

## Newmarket

Sat	26th	6pm	Bernie Devanney, 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
Mon	28th	10am	Joan Cullen, Ballycar Road. 3rd anniversary
Tue	29th	10am	Daily Mass
Wed	30th	10am	Daily Mass
Thur	31st	10am	Daily Mass
Fri	1st	10am	Mazo, Mary, George and Kelly Meehan. Paddy and Kitty Ryan. Crussa
Sat	2nd	6pm	Bridie and John Freeman, Lisduff. 1st and 2nd anniversaries respectively. Pakie Ryan, Kilnasoolagh Park and Shannon Patrick McMahon, Ballycar Road
Sun	3rd	11am	Robert Conway, Kilnasoolagh Park. 4th anniversary

## Wells

Sun	27th	10am	Sunday Mass
Sun	3rd	10am	Jim and Moira Toomey, Sixmilebridge and formerly of Hill Road John Garry, Drumline. 3rd anniversary Mary Garvey, Ralahine Month's Mind.

## Carrigerry

Sun	27th	9am	Patricia Henchy, Rineanna
Sun	3rd	9am	Sunday Mass

## Recent Deaths:

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

**Mary Hallinan, Bunratty**  
**Thomas McNulty, Kilnasoolagh Park**

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

## Special Collection for Ukraine

The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on the weekend of 26/27 March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. There will be an opportunity to contribute to this collection as you leave Mass. Please place your contribution in the assigned collection points. All contributions will be most gratefully received.

## Mass Times

Traditionally at this time of year Mass times would change with "Summer time". The Pastoral Council and Fr. Michael have spent some time considering the matter. In light of the fact that we are still in the early stages or rebuilding the praying community in the wake of Covid-19, it was believed best to leave the Mass times unchanged for now. Mass times will need to be addressed in the future but this will be conducted taking into account the needs of the Pastoral Area of Tradaree and the number of priest available to us.

### Saturday Vigil

Newmarket 18.00

### Sunday Morning

Carrigerry 09.00

The Wells 10.00

Newmarket 11.00

**Newsletter items** to Parish Office @ 061 - 368127 or email [office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie](mailto:office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie) **Deadline is 11.00am on Thursday**  
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**The Annual Matt Talbot Novena** will continue on Wednesday, 30th March at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Martin Shanahan who currently serves in the Parish of Inagh will deliver the reflection. Petitions may be left at the shrine in Tulla church during the Novena. We would love if you joined us in this pilgrimage through Lent.

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Eddie Stones will lead us in prayer for the gifts of healing and reconciliation. Priests will be available for the celebration of the sacrament of confession for Easter. Petitions may be left at the shrine in Tulla church during the Novena. We would love if you joined us in this pilgrimage through Lent.

**Parkinson's Awareness Talk:** To mark Parkinson's Awareness Week, Kilrush Library are hosting a talk on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm by Nicola Thompson, Parkinson's Nurse Specialist. Nicola has a wide experience and knowledge of the condition, which she is delighted to share with people either living with Parkinson's or their carers, family members and friends. This talk will be followed by a Q+A. There is also an open invitation for a patient to come and tell their story on the day. Tea and coffee will be served. A Healthy Ireland at Your Library event.

**SVP East Clare :** Offering a little help at the right time can give people hope for the future. Our small East Clare based team supports local families and individuals, helping them to move towards self-sufficiency and we would welcome more volunteers to assist us. For more information or for an application form please text your contact details to 086 392 1492 or email us [stcaimins.eastclare@svp.ie](mailto:stcaimins.eastclare@svp.ie)

#### **Killaloe Pilgrimage Day at Knock Shrine**

The annual Killaloe Diocese pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022. A bus will be organised by Brigdale Coaches 087 -2661333 (Contact Cian) and Noel O' Shea 087-2550155 (Contact Noel) . 14.30 Anointing of the Sick at Knock Basilica 15.00 Concelebrated Mass at Knock Basilica followed by Benediction and Rosary Procession Any questions Contact - Claire 065-6828638 Killaloe Diocesan Office

#### **Fatima Hour: Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Saturday 2nd April from 2pm-3pm**

##### **A Prayer for Ukraine**

On Friday as a parish we answered Pope Francis' call for prayers for Ukraine and Russia. On the feast of the *Annunciation of the Lord* , after Mass we prayed the *Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*. On Sunday we will hold a special collection for the People of Ukraine at all Masses.

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children,  
at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen

*Archbishop Justin Welby*

**Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire** Split the Pot winner Dee McCarthy €404.00. Envelope got in The Pub. Next Draw March 30. Thank you to all who continue to support our Split the Pot draw every week. We really appreciate the support of all involved.

**Going Strong :** The Going Strong Active Retirement Group is back! After a break of over 2 years we are delighted to be returning to weekly meet ups starting on Wed March 30th from 2pm to 4pm at the Obair Tradaree Hub, Main Street, Newmarket on Fergus(upstairs). We look forward to meeting both new and current members in a casual setting and you are all more than welcome. Something for everyone even if its just for the chats, feel free to come along. We have missed everyone so much and we are looking forward to meeting new members, just pop in! Tea/Coffee provided and Lift also available at entrance (middle door). (Obair Tradaree Hub is located across the road from the Post Office)

#### **Uplifting Chair Yoga class, for happiness & wellbeing. A Healthy Ireland at Your Library Event. In Branch event at Newmarket on Fergus Library**

Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> @11am

Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> @11am

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

**Accord :** is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes. Application forms are available by contacting [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie). Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. Please contact us for any support you may need [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

##### **A Prayer in Gratitude for our Mothers**

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of family and friends as they care for the physical, emotional and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

God Bless all Mothers this Mother's Day

## **The Prodigal Son and a God who embraces the whole of us.**

*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;*

Many times in all of our lives, these words have been true for all of us. We have a God who scoops us up when we've had enough or when we feel like we're sinking or when we are lost or when nobody else will hug us. The Gospel reveals a God who says - I have journeyed and I am journeying with you especially when you feel lost or when you are afraid of what the future might hold. God empathises with us and he knows that sometimes it can all feel a little too much. The story of the Prodigal Son is a powerful testimony to the love of God that has been shown and shared in the act of 'being held'. Such healing love is the result of the loving power of God. It is that hug or embrace that enables us to remember who we truly are; a beloved child of God. The Prodigal Son or Daughter in all of us will only be found in such a loving and accepting embrace. Giving our or chastising never bring anybody home. It is a loving embrace or hug that enables us to hear God say, 'I've got you.'

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.