

NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

PARÓISTE CORA CHAITLÍN

Parish Office will be closed Mon—Thur this coming week and will reopen on Friday 30th : Tel: 061 - 368127
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Christmas Day 2022

Newmarket

Sat 24th	21.00	Christmas Vigil : Patrick and Donal McCormack, Glencragga
Sun 25th	11.00	Christmas Day : Paddy Frawley, Ballysallagh and deceased family members.
Mon 26th	10.00	Daily Mass
Tue 27th	10.00	Daily Mass
Wed 28th	10.00	Daily Mass
Thur 29th	10.00	Bridget Freeman, Carnakilla
Sat 31st	18.00	Frank McCoy, Kilnasoolagh Park, 1st anniversary Nancy and Jim Power, Ballycar Road Brid and Kay Marren, Ballinacragga
Sun 1st Jan	11.00	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wells

Sat 24th	19.00	Margaret Egan, Ballycar
Sun 25th	10.00	Christmas Day Mass for the people of the parish
Sun 1st Jan	10.00	Betty Hayes, Gate Lodge, Bunratty

Carrigerry

Sat 24th	17.00	Christmas Eve Mass
Sun 25th	09.00	Christmas Day Mass
Sun 1st Jan	09.00	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Recent Deaths:



Your kind prayers are asked for the happy repose of the soul of
Des Conroy, brother of Richard, Ennis Road who died in the UK.
Sr Maura Hogan, Ursuline Sisters, Waterford, late of Ralahine and sister of Liam
Maureen Quinn, Mooghaun

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

One of the major themes of the Christmas Story is that of there being no room at the Inn. We see Mary, Joseph and their newly born child beginning family life, homeless. Later in the Christmas story we see them as exiles and refugees heading for safety of Egypt. Eventually they return to Nazareth to begin family life in their own home. While this is a story of some 2000 years ago, it still rings true today. In fact, it could be the headlines of any modern-day news account. It is encouraging, that we as a parish can gather this Christmas knowing that we have welcomed families from Ukraine, who just like the Holy Family are homeless, exiled and seeking safety. May we continue to do what we can to support and include them in our community. In these challenging financial times, we have seen wonderful work done by our local SVP group as they helped and supported those among us who struggle financially. None of which could have happened without people from this faith community contributing so generously. Like Mary our yes when we are asked to give can make so much possible. Gradually we are seeing a reopening of parish activities. Here again we have witnessed nothing but willing volunteers. People willing to give of their time and their talents so that our liturgies and different parish activities are enriched. There are a myriad of prayer groups in the parish. In many ways these are the engine room of the parish as without them we would be labouring in vain. We give thanks for all the public and private prayer that is happening in our midst. Despite these challenging economic times, your generosity toward the different parish collections continues to make so much possible both within and beyond our parish community and for that we say thank you. Hopefully the year ahead will allow us to build on what we have achieved this year so that as a parish community we can continually grow in our capacity to move from being a church of maintenance to one of mission. May God bless you and your families this Christmas and, in the year, ahead.

Fr Michael



Tax Rebate

Great News from the Tax Man : You will have noticed how we have been encouraging parishioners to avail of the Parish Envelope System or to pay on line when contributing to Parish Collections.

The Parish can avail of a tax rebate on any charitable donation of €250 or more in a given year. This year the tax rebate received by the Parish amounted to **€25,766.39**. A considerable amount of money with no extra cost to those who contributed. Yet again, it shows the additional value of donating through the Parish Envelope System and registering for this rebate scheme. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to register for a Box of Envelopes or to see how you can make your charitable donations to the parish go further with no extra cost to yourself. A huge thank you to all who contribute so generously to the parish week in, week out.

Collection : Last weekend the offertory collection amounted to €1550.13. We thank you for your continued generous support of the Parish. This weekend we will be taking up the Christmas Priest Collection at all Masses. We take this opportunity to thank you for your financial, spiritual and personal support of the clergy.

Basket Collections : As Covid restrictions continue to be eased, and in line with what is happening across the Diocese we will recommence the Basket Collection at all Masses as of this weekend. We thank all who have been using the collection point at the church doors. From this weekend we ask that you hold your donation for the Basket Collection which will take place after the Prayer of the Faithful during the Offertory at Mass.



The Matt Talbot Prayer Society – Praying for those suffering from Addiction:

This Prayer Society has been created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, to pray for those recovering from addiction, and to pray for all those affected by addiction, especially family members. As we know addiction takes many forms from alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, to other less acknowledged addictions.



To join the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we are praying that they will be freed from. Those enrolled

will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Mass will be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in Ennis Cathedral at 7.30 pm. You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712.

The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in Ennis Cathedral on Monday, 2nd January at 7.30 pm. This monthly Mass is an opportunity to pray for all suffering from addiction through the intercession of Venerable Matt Talbot.

Update on re-opening of Clarecastle Day Care Centre

Following the recent damage due to burst pipes at the centre we will re-open for clients on Thursday January 5th 2023.

Ballycar N.S will be accepting enrolments for the school year 2023/2024 in the mainstream classes from the 10th January 2023. Please contact the school by email on ballycarns@gmail.com to request an enrolment form.

Cahercalla Community Hospital & Hospice Weekly Draw

1st Prize €650.00. Andrea Newport, Limerick.
2nd Prize €200.00. Connie Baylon, Newmarket on Fergus

Only €1.27 weekly.

To Join; Contact Fundraising Office 065 6821966
www.cahercalla.ie


Parish Office Christmas Opening Hours.



The Parish Office will close on Friday the 23rd of December and re-open on Friday the 30th of December. All in the Parish Office wish you a very Happy Christmas.

St. Stephen's Day Céilí at Cois na hAbhna with The Star of Munster Céilí Band 3pm - 6pm. Admission €10

Are you or someone you know living with a long term health condition? If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a Free ONLINE, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. The Living Well Programme supports people to develop the skills and confidence to live with their health condition. There are spaces available on our January Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell



Anam Cara
Supporting Parents After Bereavement

Anam Cara Galway, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 4th January at 7:15pm in the Clayton Hotel, Briarhill, Galway. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer a free online service, for more info call us on 01 4045378

