

NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Feb 18th /19th 2023

Newmarket

Sat 18th	18.00	Agnes, Larry and Mike Kennedy, Ballycar Road & Ennis respectively
Sun 19th	11.00	Mass for the people of the parish
Mon 20th	10.00	Johnny Sheedy, Glencragga
Tue 21st	10.00	Daily Mass
Wed 22nd	10.00	Daily Mass
Thur 23rd	10.00	Daily Mass
Sat 25th	18.00	Martin and Danny Liddy, Kilnasoolagh Park & Glencragga respectively Elizabeth, Matthew and Sean Carroll and Cora Burke, Cork Mary, Jean, John and Maria Hartigan, Carnakilla Donnie Kilmartin, Rathmore Jack Meere, Knocknagun
Sun 26th	11.00	John Joe and Jean Mc Mahon, Knocknagun House

Wells

Sun 19th	10.00	Mary Garvey, Ralahine South. 1st anniversary
Sun 26th	10.00	Pat, Patrick and Bridget Enright, Drumline Seamus Boland, Hurlers Cross

Carrigerry

Sun 19th	09.00	Martin and Lucy Frawley, Clenagh
Sun 26th	09.00	Mass for the people of the parish

Recent Deaths:

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

Francis Guilfoyle, Tullyglass Crescent, Shannon, partner of Chris Meehan
Liam Sheedy who died in Australia
Declan Frost, Ashview Drive, Sixmilebridge

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



The
Season
of
Lent



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday next the 22nd of February is Ash Wednesday and it marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. This is the day when we wear ashes on our foreheads as a sign that we belong to Jesus Christ. It also represents an awareness of our sins but sins we believe that Jesus Christ gave his life for when he died on the cross. The Ashes are meant to be a sign of our repentance. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are gathered up after palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned. They are then blessed before being used in the ceremony. Ash Wednesday is a day of "fast and abstinence".

It is a day when we are encouraged to abstain from eating meat and to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals. No snacking!!! It is just our way of saying we are willing to make changes this lent so that we can become people of love and faith.

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.

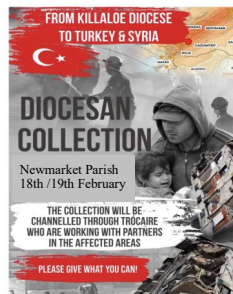


First Confession

This week the children of our parish who hope to receive their First Holy Communion later this year will present themselves for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they take this very special step in their faith journeys.

Ballycar School – Wednesday 15th – Our Lady of the Rosary Church – 19.00
Scoil Na Maighdine Mhuire – Tuesday the 21st – Our Lady of the Rosary Church – 19.00
Clonmoney School – Wednesday 22nd – The Wells Church – 19.00
Stonehall School – Thursday 23rd – Carrigerry Church – 18.30

Turkey-Syria Earthquake



We continue to keep the people of Syria and Turkey in our prayers as they deal with the most catastrophic disaster for their countries and their people. As a parish we are very conscious that not everybody has the facility to contribute online. With this in mind the Parish is willing to facilitate people who wish to contribute to this most worthy appeal. This weekend (18-19 February) we will take up a collection as people leave Mass, or in envelopes left into the parish office or in the “collection baskets” clearly marked Earthquake Appeal. All monies collected we will forward on your behalf to the Trocaire Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Praying with the Scriptures for Lent.

Praying
WITH
Scripture
During
Lent



On the Monday Evenings of Lent from 19.00-20.00 in the Day Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Newmarket on Fergus. Fr. Michael will be hosting an “Introduction to Praying with Scriptures”. Each week we will be praying with the Gospel for the next Sunday. Firstly, we will listen to the Gospel story and asking what did we hear? Then we will take time to see where what we have just heard is evident or not in our own lives or in the world around us. This will then lead us into prayer, where we ask God for whatever it is we hope for in life. No previous experience of praying with scripture is necessary or expected. The first evening of praying with the scriptures will take place next week, on **Monday 27th of February at 19.00**

Ennis flower and garden club



present Bernadette Scanlan, Limerick, at Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis on Tuesday February 1st, doors open 7.30,

demonstration starts at 8.30 sharp, €10 non members, all are welcome, demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night.

Offertory Collection



Thank you to everybody who contributed so generously to last weekend's basket collection. The amount received was €2193.69.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of the parish and

Cahercalla Community Hospital & Hospice Weekly Draw

1st Prize €650.00. Margaret Woods, Shannon.
2nd Prize €200.00. Gareth McGuinness, Ennis.

Only €1.27 weekly.
To Join; Contact Fundraising Office
065 6821966 / www.cahercalla.ie

Temperance Sunday Mass on RTÉ TV & Radio at 11am will include prayers for all who are in treatment for addiction, for their families and for those who are in recovery. The Pioneer website www.pioneers.ie carries information for parishioners who wish to take the Lenten pledge.



The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will return on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February 2023 at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Bishop Fintan Monahan will open the Novena. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.

Community Seed Exchange at Irish Seed Savers –



Saturday 25th February 12 - 4pm
Irish Seed Savers will host the Annual Community Seed Exchange on Saturday 25th February - an exciting event for individuals, gardening and community groups to come together to share and swap seeds! Bring any spare

seeds, or your own saved seeds, to share and swap with other growers. From the rare to the everyday varieties, this event helps promote biodiversity and by sharing seeds we are building a more resilient food system.

Going Strong Activities return to the Family Centre, Obair this Monday 20th February from 2pm to 4pm. The committee are looking forward to seeing you all and welcoming new members.

The Mooghaun Walk proved a great hit, attracting 20 people, combining good history with great endurance...Newmarket's Fittest family might have emerged!.

SLIDESHOW TALK: Nan Hogan was a native of Newmarket who led Cumann na mBan and played a vital role in the War of Independence. She was jailed in Kilmainham and shared a cell with Grace Gifford Plunkett. Colm Liddy will give a slideshow presentation on her amazing life in the GAA clubhouse at 8pm on Tue Feb 21st. Contact 086 8035319.



Scoil na Maighdine, will hold an open evening for parents/guardians of children who are due to begin school in September 2023. If you are interested please come along at 7pm on this **Monday 20th February**.

Application forms for enrolment will be available on the night. Please contact us if you need any more information 061 368333 or email office@smmnof.com

Clonmoney NS: Sept 2023 Enrolment application forms available from our website or you can contact the school office on 061 362672.

Stonehall NS Enrolments are currently being taken. Enrolment forms can be obtained as follows email-stonchallschool@gmail.com
Mobile - 0868579471
Land line - 061 362863.

Ballycar N.S enrolments please contact the school by email on ballycars@gmail.com

Newsletter items to Parish Office @ 061 - 368127 or email office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie

Deadline is 11.00am on Thursday. Office opening hours this week are Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri from 10am to 2.30pm

Clare Champion Notes : Please submit notices for the Clare Champion Parish notes no later than 1pm on Mondays