

NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

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Newmarket

Sat	4th	18.00	Jimmy and Anna Cusack, Ennis Road Joe and Maureen O Rourke, Ballycar Road Dave Clancy, Carrowmeer Tommy Clancy, Mooghaun
Sun	5th	11.00	Josephine and Sean McNamara, Ballycar Road Paul and Tom O'Brien, Ballycar
Mon	6th	10.00	Daily Mass
Tue	7th	10.00	Daily Mass
Wed	8th	10.00	Daily Mass
Thur	9th	10.00	Daily Mass
Sat	11th	18.00	Noel O'Halloran, Knocksaggart, 1st anniversary Gerry Donlon, Knocksaggart Patrick Freeman, Carnakilla
Sun	12th	11.00	Ger Kenneally, Glenaifreann 1st anniversary Kitty McMahan, Ballincragga Andy, Gretta, John, Michael, Donie and Phronsias McMahan, Ballincragga

Wells

Sun	5th	10.00	Ann Brennan, Hurler's Cross, Clonmoney Peter, Alice and Seamus Toomey, Woodpark and deceased family members
Sun	12th	10.00	Dr Jacquelyn Emery, Hill Road. Month's Mind Joanne Corbett, Bunratty 1st anniversary

Carrigerry

Sun	5th	09.00	Bernie Duggan, Clenagh Josie, Tom and Sean Liddy, Ballycalla
Sun	12th	09.00	John and Winnie Kelly, Carrigerry

Recent Deaths:

Your kind prayers are asked for the happy repose of the souls of
Fr Fintan Daly, brother of Chris Daly, Woodland Heights
Marina Kelly, Limerick Road

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



Excerpt from Pope Francis message for Lent 2023.

We continue to read then Lenten Message from Pope Francis. Here he continues to use the Transfiguration as the focus of his reflections for Lent. Pope Francis reminds us that during the hard climbs in life we need to keep our eyes on the path and to trust that the reward will be in the view at the end of the climb at the top of the summit.
In his "retreat" on Mount Tabor, Jesus takes with him three disciples, chosen to be witnesses of a unique event. He wants that experience of grace to be shared, not solitary, just as our whole life of faith is an experience that is shared. For it is in togetherness that we follow Jesus.....And so we come to its culmination. The Gospel relates that Jesus "was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light" (Mt 17:2). This is the "summit", the goal of the journey. At the end of their ascent, as they stand on the mountain heights with Jesus, the three disciples are given the grace of seeing him in his glory, resplendent in supernatural light. That light did not come from without, but radiated from the Lord himself. The divine beauty of this vision was incomparably greater than all the efforts the disciples had made in the ascent of Tabor. During any strenuous mountain trek, we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on the path; yet the panorama that opens up at the end amazes us and rewards us by its grandeur. So too, the synodal process may often seem arduous, and at times we may become discouraged. Yet what awaits us at the end is undoubtedly something wondrous and amazing, which will help us to understand better God's will and our mission in the service of his kingdom.

Praying with the Scriptures for 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. If you haven't made previous sessions you are still welcome to come along this week.



The Brass Band St Patrick's Day Parade.



Since the Brass Band had an influx of experienced players in May 2022 they have been going from strength to strength. They had three performances before Christmas, the switching on of the Christmas lights, a Carol service in Carrigerry Church and the opening of the Dancers and Prancers in the GAA Marquee on Dec 10th. Their 1st performance of 2023 was in the Terrace Bar as part of the open mic - part of the Shannon Wings Music festival on Tuesday Feb 21st. The band got a great reception from the audience. Their next performance is at Kilnasoolagh Church at 11.30am on Sunday March 5th playing hymns to accompany the congregation during the Sunday service. For their next performance the band will perform a short Parade from O'Neill's Pub to the Tradaree Building at 4pm on St Patrick's day. For a band which has been together for less than a year this is their most ambitious performance to date. Weather permitting Band will perform a short recital of their most popular tunes at the Tradaree Building.

Weekly Collection

The Parish Collection amounted to **€1983.70**. A sincere thank you to all who contribute so generously to the ongoing running and upkeep of our parish.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Note the new date - **Tuesday 21st March**

Bishop Fintan is inviting you to a conversation about the future of our Church

Last month Bishop Fintan gathered the Priests, Ministers of Pastoral Care and representatives of the Parish Pastoral Councils from the parishes in Co Clare to a meeting at the Inn at Dromoland. At this meeting Bishop Fintan began a discussion about possible future structures in the Diocese of Killaloe. Videos of the inputs given on that evening can be viewed on the Killaloe Diocesan Webpage:

<https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/conversations-about-the-future-killaloe-diocese/>

In an effort to continue this conversation at grass roots level, Bishop Fintan is now engaging with individual Pastoral Areas across the Diocese in order to hear the views and insights from as many people as possible. He is extending an open invitation to everybody who is interested to engage the question of how we structure ourselves as a Diocese if we are going to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ into the future. With this in mind there will be a meeting on **Tuesday 21st of March from 7.30- 9.30pm**. As parishioners of the Tradaree Pastoral Area (Parishes of Newmarket on Fergus, Shannon & Sixmilebridge) you are invited to come along to engage in more in-depth discussions at local level. The Bishop hopes to glean as much insight as possible before discerning where the Spirit of God is calling us as a Church, and as a Diocese at this time. Please keep this date in your diary and we will have more information in the coming weeks.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake



A sincere thank you to all who contributed so generously to our collection for the victims of the Turkey- Syria Earthquake. This week we collected an additional €2250.00 which bring the total collected in Newmarket on Fergus Parish to **€8625.31**. A sincere thank you to all who gave so generously to this appeal. We would hope to close this collection so as forward the monies to those most in need of our assistance. We continue to keep the people of Syria and Turkey in our prayers as they deal with this most catastrophic disaster for their people.

Event: Film screening of 'An Cailin Ciuin' at Newmarket-on-Fergus Library

Time & Date: Tuesday, 14th March at 2:30pm

Details: Free event. All Welcome. Contact Newmarket Library on 061 368411 or email newmarket@clarelibrary.ie for more information

GAA Club Lotto now has a Jackpot of €20,000! You can play by getting a ticket from local shops, from our many sellers or online at nofgaa.com. Last week we had five winners of €40 prizes- Joe McCormack, Mary Considine, Cheryl Kilmartin, Mary O'Donnell and Ellen Tuffy.



Music for Worship in Kilnasoolagh Parish Church: Newmarket-on-Fergus Brass Band will play 'Music for Worship' in Kilnasoolagh Parish Church on this Sunday 5th of March at 11.30am. In some locations brass band music accompaniment for hymns is common place. We are privileged to share our service with local musicians who play with the brass band. Parish secretary Edwin Bailey said "This is part of our morning worship service and not a concert, but I am sure the band will play a few entertaining pieces after the service". Everyone is welcome.

Parish Walk:

to Knocksaggart Mass Rock. 11am – 1pm on Saturday March 11th. Car Pool from Church Car Park @ 11am. Assemble at the picnic area on the Limerick Road. Walk about 1mile. Strong Footwear desirable.

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on **Wednesday 8th of March at 7:00PM** in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Ignatius Mc Cormack, Principal of St Flannan's College will deliver the reflection. The Novena is offered each year as a spiritual support to all people that suffer addictions of any kind as well as those who share life with people who have addictions. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.