

# NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

## PARÓISTE CORA CHAITLÍN

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### Newmarket

Sat	2nd	18.00	Tony Barry, Radharc an Óir 1st anniversary and his father Michael Joe Crimmins, Main Street Howard and Kathleen Whitsell, Drumline Michael and Frances O'Leary, Ballycar Road
Sun	3rd	11.00	Daniel and Christina King, Ennis Road
Mon	4th	10.00	Daily Mass
Tue	5th	10.00	Daily Mass
Wed	6th	10.00	Daily Mass
Thur	7th	10.00	Daily Mass
Fri	8th	10.00	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Special Intention Cornelius McCormack, Caherscooba Denis Cottor, Rathfoland & deceased family members
Sat	9th	18.00	Margaret McNamara, Rineanna Paddy and Ellen Lynch, Ballycar Pat McCoy, Kilnasoolagh Park Miko and Maureen McMahan, Ballygireen Breda and John Collins, Urlan Mick and Sheila Power, Clenagh Anne O'Loughlin, Ballygireen Joseph Collins, Ballinooskny
Sun	10th	11.00	Sunday Mass

### Wells

Sun	3rd	10.00	Sunday Mass
Thur	7th	19.00	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Sun	10th	10.00	Tom Ryan, Bunratty East Robert and Maureen O'Donnell, Castleconnell Michael and Dan Meskell, Castleconnell

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Sun	3rd	09.00	Sunday Mass
Sun	10th	09.00	Pat and Bridget McBride, Stonehall



A sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously to last weekend church collection. The amount donated €2011.26

### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—8th of December**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on December 8. Many people believe that the feast celebrates Jesus' conception, but in fact it celebrates Mary's Immaculate Conception; the fact that Mary was, from the very first moment of her existence (her conception), without sin, and chosen to be the Mother of Jesus. Mass times will be as follows

**7th of December : The Wells Church at 19.00**

**8th of December : Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Newmarket on Fergus 10.00**

### **The Advent Wreath**



The lighting of a different candle on each Sunday in Advent invites us to pause and reflect. Each candle has its own symbolism, while the intertwined evergreen leaves of the Advent wreath remind us of the promise of eternal life that Christ brings. In most Christian traditions the first candle, lit on Advent Sunday itself, represents hope – a sign of our hopeful expectation as we await the coming of the Messiah. The next three candles mark the themes of peace, joy and love. The large white candle is the 'Christ candle', lit as we mark the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. On this the first Sunday of Advent we pray. *God of eternal hope plant in our hearts the spark of your love. May we begin to hope in a God who is forever present with us. May a growing sense of your presence emerge for us this Advent and may a 'God with us' be the source of our hope this Advent.*

**Mercy on The Mall** will take place in Skycourt Shopping Centre this Friday 7th December. Bishop Fintan and 16 Priests will be available from 1pm to 5pm in Skycourt to hear Confessions, chat, and pray with people.

## Pope Francis' Prayer for the Immaculate Conception



O Mary, our Immaculate Mother,  
On your feast day I come to you,  
And I come not alone:  
I bring with me all those with whom your Son entrusted to me,  
In this city of Rome and in the entire world,  
That you may bless them and preserve them from harm.

I bring to you, Mother, children,  
Especially those who are alone, abandoned,  
And for this reason are tricked and exploited.  
I bring to you, Mother, families,  
Who carry forward life and society  
With their daily and hidden efforts;  
In a special way the families who struggle the most  
For their many internal and external problems.  
I bring to you, Mother, all workers, both men and women,  
And I entrust to you especially those who, out of need,  
Are forced to work in an unworthy profession  
And those who have lost work or are unable to find it.

We are in need of your immaculate gaze,  
To rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things  
With respect and awareness,  
Without egotistical or hypocritical interests.  
We are in need of your immaculate heart,  
To love freely,  
Without secondary aims but seeking the good of the other,  
With simplicity and sincerity, renouncing masks and tricks.  
We are in need of your immaculate hands,  
To caress with tenderness,  
To touch the flesh of Jesus  
In our poor, sick, or despised brethren,  
To raise up those who have fallen and support those who waver.  
We are in need of your immaculate feet,  
To go toward those who know not how to make the first step,  
To walk on the paths of those who are lost,  
To find those who feel alone.

We thank you, O Mother, because in showing yourself to us  
You free us of all stain of sin;  
You remind us that what comes first is the grace of God,  
The love of Jesus Christ who gave his life for us,  
The strength of the Holy Spirit which renews all things.  
Let us not give in to discouragement,  
But, trusting in your constant help,  
Let us engage ourselves fully in renewal of self,  
Of this city and of the entire world.  
Pray for us, Holy Mother of God!



**Newmarket-On-Fergus Senior Citizens  
Annual Christmas Party.**  
This Sunday Dec 3rd @ 2pm in the Inn at  
Dromoland.

**Hand Knitted Garments.** : There will be a sale of hand knitted garments in the Skycourt Mall on Tuesday 5th December from 10am. This is joint venture between the Newmarket on Fergus and Shannon branches of the Apostolic Work groups. All proceeds in aid of the Missions.



**Brass Band Performances** : The Brass Band has a busy schedule in the coming weeks. Their next performance is on Saturday December 2nd in the Green at the switching on of the lights following 6pm mass. They will be performing Christmas music in Carrigoran on Tuesday evening December 5th at 6.30pm and their end of year concert is in the

Community Centre on Tuesday December 12th at 7.30pm. Entry is free and there will be a raffle on the night. All three events will be very enjoyable for all the family. Brass music tuition continues every Tuesday night at the Community Centre from 6.30pm followed by ensemble playing at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



**2024 Sunday Missals** are available in the sacristy. Mass readers can collect a copy from their local church.

## Clonmoney N.S. & Bunratty Cratloe FC Upcoming

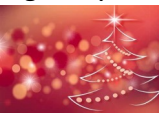
**Astroturf Fundraiser:** Tickets available on <https://bunrattycratloe.com/products> or contact Yvonne in Clonmoney N.S. office on 061-362672. Any tickets purchased by Christmas will be entered into our weekly bonus Christmas draw as well as our cash prize draw of 5k/4k/3k/2k/1k.

## St. Vincent de Paul



**Christmas Appeal:** We are not collecting foodstuffs this year but if you would like to donate to our Christmas Appeal we would very much welcome local vouchers for food, fuel, meat etc or cash donations which can be left in the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

## Light Up Carrigoran House



Monday December 4th @ 5.30pm  
All Welcome

Further details on  
Carrigoran House Facebook page  
[Facebook](#)



**CARRIGORAN HOUSE**  
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**Senior Activities & Care @ The Health & Wellness Centre in the grounds of Carrigoran.** Please join our very social setting for conversation, fun, music, bingo, board games, bridge, gentle exercises, informative talks, garden walks and lots more... with a qualified, experienced and fun Team Monday to Thursday, 10.00am-3.30pm Just E12 to include transport by bus, all day activities, breakfast and dinner Contact Maeve on 061-476434

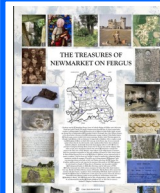
## Bingo on the Move:

On Wednesday December 6th Bingo will move from its usual location in the Community Centre to the Inn at Dromoland. This is to facilitate the completion of the refurbishment of the floor of the main hall. There will be a free bus from the Green to the Inn at Dromoland on the night.



## Keep Your Brain Active:

Bridge Lessons commencing in Newmarket on Fergus Community Hall on Jan 16th 2024. For information please contact Esther on 086 0406185 or email [estherbuckleymurphy@gmail.com](mailto:estherbuckleymurphy@gmail.com)



There's a fantastic new poster out now showing the Top 20 historical treasures of this parish. In glossy colour and A2 in size, it makes a lovely postable Christmas gift or you can even get it framed. Free home delivery anywhere in Co. Clare and costs just €12. To order, text Colm Liddy 086 8035319

Bishop Willie Walsh will officially launch Fr. Harry Bohan's latest book entitled: *Building Dreams: Reflections on six decades of change in Irish society 1963 – 2023.*  
**Sixmilebridge GAA Clubhouse on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 19.30. All are welcome.**