

NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

PARÓISTE CORA CHAITLÍN

Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday 2nd January 2024

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Newmarket

Sat 23rd	18.00	Special Intention
Sun 24th	11.00	Chris Bannon, Fenloe. 1st anniversary
Sun 24th	21.00	Christmas Vigil Mass
Mon 25th	11.00	Christmas Day Mass Paddy Frawley, Ballysallagh & deceased family, Treenahow
Sat 30th	18.00	Brigid Freeman, Carnakella & Dublin
Sun 31st	11.00	Sunday Mass

Wells

Sun 24th	19.00	Christmas Eve Mass Margaret Egan, Ballycar Margo and Liam Foy, Castlemartyr Dr Pamela Conroy Peig Dinan, 1st anniversary
Mon 25th	10.00	Christmas Day Mass
Sun 31st	10.00	Anthony Fitzpatrick, Woodpark. 1st anniversary

Carrigerry

Sun 24th	17.00	Christmas Eve Mass
Mon 25th	09.00	Christmas Day Mass
Sun 31st	09.00	Sunday Mass

Mass Times for the week following Christmas Day

For the week following Christmas Day, Daily Mass for the Pastoral Area will be celebrated in **Mary Immaculate Church, Shannon at 12.00** each day. In the event of a Funeral Mass this will be organized locally between the Co-PP responsible for the parish in which the funeral is to take place and the family involved.

Those who have died recently

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

Mary Cleere (nee Liddy), Ballycar who died in Dublin on the 21st of December. Mary is a sister of Martin Liddy.
May her soul and the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in the peace of Christ.

Christmas Greeting

This has been a year when many of the catch phrases of the Christmas Story have rang true in daily life. We have seen people like the Holy Family having to engage the reality of “no room at the inn”. Others like Mary who got news that upset and frightened them being told “do not be afraid”. We have seen others like the three Wise Men migrating on long journeys in the hope of finding something lifegiving and enriching from themselves and their families.

The Christmas story may be over 2000 years old but at the same time it is ever fresh. We see and encounter it every day of the year in a cycle of birth, love and care which is often intermingled with the harshness of Herod type characters with envy and hate causing so much hurt in our world. For those of us for whom this Christmas will be challenging for one reason or another let us remind ourselves that it is into such challenging and non ideal situations that Jesus chose to be born. In the imperfect start of a stable he found love, in being excluded he created a welcoming space for strangers, in the noise of hate and envy he gently whispered the love only a vulnerable baby can speak. May this Christmas be one of welcome, love and inclusion for you and yours. Like the infant Jesus may we chose to be gentle and most importantly may we chose like Jesus to be present too and with one another this Christmas. .

Fr. Michael

Mass Times in Our Parish this weekend and for Christmas.

4th Sunday of Advent:

Saturday 23rd : 18.00 Our Lady of the Rosary
Sunday 24th : 11.00 Our Lady of the Rosary

Christmas Eve 24th of December

17.00 Carrigerry
19.00 The Wells
21.00 Our Lady of the Rosary

Christmas Day 25th of December

09.00 Carrigerry
10.00 The Wells
11.00 Our Lady of the Rosary



Thank You to our Cleaning Volunteers

There was a great turn out for the cleaning session in Our Lady of the Rosary Church last Monday night. Women and Men arrived armed with brushes, hoovers & dusters. It is lovely to see the spirit of goodwill is very much alive in the church community. A sincere thanks to everyone.



Office Opening Hours over Christmas

The Parish Office will be closed next week and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January. Thank you all for your kindness over the past year. Items for the newsletter to be included on 30th/31st Dec publication should, ideally, be emailed to office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie.



Offertory Collection

Thank You to all who contribute so generously to church collections throughout the year. The amount donated last weekend was €1951.92 in the baskets during masses. Along with that there was €541 donated via the website and directly to the parish bank account since the beginning of November.



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:

The Local branch wish to thank most sincerely all those who have contributed to the Christmas Appeal over the last few weeks and also extend thanks to those who donate throughout the year. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Priests Christmas Collection will take place at all masses on 24th /25th December.

Local Helpline 086 3024238. This is not a manned phone line so please leave your number and a brief message and a member of the society will call you back.

Vocations Promotion Calendar

Please feel free to take a free calendar sponsored by the Diocese as part of our year long promotion of vocations to the priesthood. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Christmas Eucharist at Kilnasoolagh:

The Christmas Eucharist at Kilnasoolagh Parish Church, will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, 24th. December at 8pm. Celebrant will be The Revd. Vicki Lynch.



125th Anniversary of the Pioneers around

Next Wednesday the 27th of December will mark the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the Association in 1898. Mass and prayers will be live-streamed on that day at 10am (Irish time) on www.pioneerassociation.org.



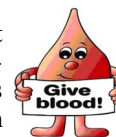
Keep Your Brain Active

Bridge Lessons for beginners commencing in Newmarket on Fergus Community Hall on Jan 11th, 2024, at 10am. Tutors Bob & Maureen Pattison. For further information please contact Esther on 086 0406185 or email estherbuckleymurphy@gmail.com.



Ennis Blood Donation Clinic

There will be a clinic in Ennis at the West County Hotel on Wednesday 27th of December between 1.50pm - 5.10pm. New Donors welcome. Please phone 1800 222 111 for an appointment.



Tradrai magazine 2023

The Tradrai Magazine 2023 is now available in Halpins Garage or by contacting Colm Liddy 086 8035319

Social dancing Christmas party night: A great night of dancing promised on Saturday 23rd December in the Community Centre. Music by Pat Costello. Dancing for 9pm to midnight. Cost €10 and all are welcome.

From all in the Parish Office

A happy and peace filled Christmas to you and your family.

May 2024 be a year filled with blessings and one in which we all grow in our awareness of God's presence in our lives and in our Parish Community.