

NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

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Newmarket

Sat	30th	18.00	Bríghid Freeman, Carnakella & Dublin Brid and Kevin (Kay) Marren, Ballincragga
Sun	31st	11.00	Sunday Mass
Mon	1st	10.00	Daily Mass
Tue	2nd	10.00	Daily Mass
Wed	3rd	10.00	Daily Mass
Thur	4th	10.00	Daily Mass
Sat	6th	10.00	Feast of the Epiphany
		18.00	Bridget Coffey, Glenaifreann. 1st anniversary Josephine and Martin Ward and deceased family, Ballycar Road Nancy and Jim Power, Ballycar Road Michael and Teresa Considine and their son Michael, Urlanmore Tom and Mary Frawley and deceased family, Treenahow Frank McCoy, Kilnasoolagh Park 2nd anniversary Pat and Mary Fahy and their daughter Mary, Lemenagh
Sun	7th	11.00	Paddy, Anna-Mary and Noel Dillon, Main Street Pauline Taylor, Ralahine Flan Enright, Carrowmeer

Wells

Sun	31st	10.00	Anthony Fitzpatrick, Woodpark. 1st anniversary
Fri	5th	19.00	The Feast of the Epiphany
Sun	7th	10.00	John Kelly, Firgrove

Carrigerry

Sun	31st	09.00	Sunday Mass
Sun	7th	09.00	Sunday Mass



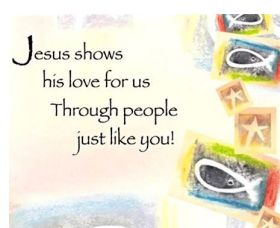
The Feast of the Epiphany Mass Times.

Friday 5th January : 19.00 Our Lady of the Wells
Saturday 6th January : 10.00 Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket



Fatima Hour

On the First Saturday of every month the Rosary is recited in the Day Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Newmarket from 2pm to 3pm. You are welcome to come and join even if only for one decade on Saturday 6th January 2024 at 2pm.

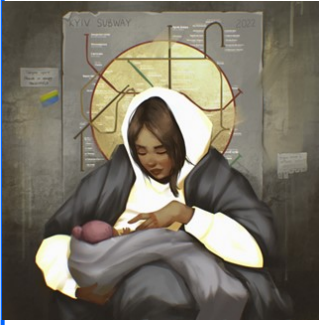


Jesus shows
his love for us
Through people
just like you!

As a Parish we have Much to Give Thanks for this Christmas.

As a Parish we have had a great Christmas. While we had a lot of liturgies, it is to the credit of all involved that we managed to have Choirs, Soloists, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers. Our Churches were decorated so beautifully, with our Cribs centrally placed. Thanks to all our little “elf’s” who work so hard in the background. It was so encouraging to see so many giving of their time and talent to make so much possible this Christmas. The real asset test is found in the fact that people left our liturgies uplifted and with a sense of Christmas in their hearts. So thank you to all involved. The generosity displayed in the different collections was most encouraging. In the midst of such economic uncertainty that so many contributed so generosity towards the Priest’s Collection and the Parish Weekly Collection is a mark of your support, something we appreciate and value greatly. A sincere Thank You for your generosity. May 2024 be a year in which we build on the spirit we established this Christmas and make so much more possible in our Parish Community.

Reflection on Mary the Mother of God



By now I may have a little more time to sit quietly and contemplate the scripture passage the Church has chosen for me on this first day of the New Year. Slowly, I take a few deep breaths, come to quiet and read the text of the Gospel in my Parish Newsletter. Who or what draws my attention in this story? Maybe it is Mary, the one who has been so actively involved in the story and yet from whom we have not heard a word. I consider her situation silently for a while, perhaps bringing to mind all the events which have led to her bringing the baby Jesus to birth. In time, I may feel moved to speak with her: 'How are you feeling at the moment Mary? Was your labour difficult? How did you feel when you first heard the baby cry?' I listen to her. What does she tell me she treasures? I reflect on what it means to me today to experience these events through her eyes, and thank God for the birth of every child. With you, Mary, I ponder in my heart the fate of all those who, like you, have been marginalised, not accepted by society: the homeless, the refugee, the mentally ill, the elderly, those suffering with dementia. I pray that they will encounter the Lord coming towards them in disguise: in food bank volunteers, refuge charity workers, care givers ... Before I go, I thank you, Mary, mother of my God. You are indeed 'blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus'.

(St Beuno's Outreach Reflection)

Prayer for a New Year

Dear God,
On this day I ask You to grant this request,
May I know who I am and what I am,
Every moment of every day.
May I be a catalyst for light and love,
And bring inspiration to those whose eyes I meet.
May I have the strength to stand tall in the face of conflict,
And the courage to speak my voice, even when I'm scared.
May I have the humility to follow my heart,
And the passion to live my soul's desires.
May I seek to know the highest truth
And dismiss the gravitational pull of my lower self.
May I embrace and love the totality of myself,
My darkness as well as my light.
May I be brave enough to hear my heart,
To let it soften so that I may gracefully
Choose faith over fear.
Today is my day to surrender anything that stands
Between the sacredness of my humanity and my divinity.
May I be drenched in my Holiness
And engulfed by Your love.
May all else melt away.
And so it is.

Tradrai magazine 2023

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



Weekly
Offering

A sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously to church collections. The amount donated
Weekend 23rd / 24th Dec— €1464.44
Christmas Masses — €2231.60.

Thank you also for your very generous support to the priest's Christmas Collection.

Keep Your Brain Active: Bridge Lessons for

**LEARN
TO PLAY
BRIDGE!**

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.



Prayers for Priests Prayer Group

Meetings are the second Monday of every month in Our Lady of the Wells Church..



Unwanted Christmas Gifts?

Did you receive any gifts that you won't use? We welcome unwanted Christmas Gifts, which can be left into the Cathedral this week for an online auction in the New Year with the proceeds going to the Cathedral Restoration Appeal to help complete the restoration of the floor. Please, only gifts that are unopened and not used can be accepted. This annual fundraiser has become an important source of fundraising for the Cathedral.