

NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

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Newmarket

20th	18.00	Michael Fox, Knocksagart. 26th anniversary Brenda Cullinan, Kilnasoolagh Park Paddy Coughlin, Ballycar Road Mary and Gerry Burke, Ballycar Road Mary and Paul O'Brien, Ballycar. 3rd & 7th anniversary respectively
Sun 21st	11.00	Seamus Collins, Granaghan More
Mon 22nd	10.00	Daily Mass
Tue 23rd	10.00	Daily Mass
Wed 24th	10.00	Daily Mass
Thur 25th	10.00	Daily Mass
Sat 27th	18.00	John Joe & Peggy Kennelly & daughters Patricia, Eleanor and Yvonne, Ballycar Road. Mary Cullinan, nee Tuohy, Barefield Brendan Sammon, Carnakilla (6th Anniversary) Paddy Hayes, Kilnasoolagh Park (13th Anniversary) Kathleen and Barry Ryan, Ballinooskny Special Intension
Sun 28th	11.00	Jo and Christy Millane, Stonehall Mary & Michael Brassil, Latoon

Wells

Sun 21st	10.00	Elizabeth and Frank Boland, Clonmoney Kevin O'Callaghan, Bunratty Villa Michael Walsh, Drumline
Sun 28th	10.00	Mary Powell, Ballycasey Dr. Jacquelyn Emery, Hill Road (1st Anniversary)

Carrigerry

Sun 21st	09.00	Sunday Mass
Sun 28th	09.00	Jimmy & Tess Kelly, Carrigerry

Recent Deaths

Your prayers are requested for:

Kathellen McInerney (nee Diggins) late of Tarquinn, Clonmoney West. Kathleen's funeral Mass will take place in Our Lady of the Wells Church on Sunday the 21st of January at 12.00

May she rest in peace.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be close on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th. Feel free to leave a message on the phone answering machine or by email as these will be monitored occasionally through the week. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Parish Walk

The Weavers Road - This will take place on the 3rd of February departing the Fairgreen at 11.00
All Welcome



Sunday of the Word of God



In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. He already proposed something similar at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. It is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

The Sunday assembly gathering to celebrate the Eucharist is the unique moment in the week where a community gathers in a particular place and when their communal identity is nourished by Word and Sacrament. An important advance in 20th century theological reflection is that every sacramental celebration is founded and constructed upon the Word of God, and that every proclamation of the Word of God is sacramental. As the Gospel of John reminds us “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God”

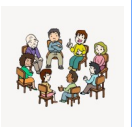


Offertory Collection

A sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to last weekend church collection. The amount donated €1727.80

Parish Finance Council Meeting

The Parish Finance Council on Tuesday the 23rd of February at 18.30. The meeting will take place in the meeting room above the sacristy in Our Lady of the Rosary Church



Catholic Schools Weeks –Communities of Service

Catholic Schools takes place from Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th of January 2024. The theme of Catholic Schools week this year is the school as a Communities of Service. Christian service puts faith into action. In Catholic schools, as we study and look to Jesus Christ as our role model and Teacher, we come to a greater understanding of the depth of Christian service. Jesus served every person regardless of creed, background, faith, social status or age. He put faith into action by showing all those around him how our Heavenly Father is compassionate, courageous and forgiving. Jesus didn't just talk about His faith; He lived it. We are called by faith to go into the world to share the love of God with all those we meet. Each person, at every age, is called to become Christ for another by serving every person with a humble heart and with a generous spirit. During the week in all the schools of our parish there will be activities and prayer services on the theme of how we can be communities of service at school, at home and in our wider communities. Do keep the students and teachers of our school in your prayers this week.



Bishop Fintan Monahan and Bishop Michael Burrows (Church of Ireland) joint statement on the Roscrea situation.



This week Bishop Fintan Monahan and Bishop Michael Burrows issued a joint statement on foot of events in Roscrea which is in the Diocese of Killaloe. Their message stresses the Christian call for us to show love. Their message dovetails with the theme of Christianity Unity Week and like the Good



Samaritan who was moved to help the stranger on the road, we too must hear the words of Jesus to “Go and do likewise”. While acknowledging the complexity of the situation they call on us to keep in mind the families and young children caught in the middle of this situation. In their letter they call on us to extend a welcome and to offer help. They also call on those in government to give the resources and supports needed to empower local communities in this regard. They remind us that only a couple of weeks ago we read in the Christmas story how there was no room in the Inn for the Holy Family and of our call to love not just our neighbour but also the stranger. After all as a nation many of our own relatives and friend went abroad in search of a new life for themselves and their families. Finally they encourage us to pray for all involved and for people in troubled parts of the world. To read the full text visit the Diocesan Webpage: <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/joint-statement-on-roscrea-situation/>