

NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

PARÓISTE CORA CHAITLÍN

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Newmarket

Sat	6th	10.00	Feast of the Epiphany
Sat	6th	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 Lucy Hastings McGrath, Main Street
Mon	8th	10.00	Daily Mass
Tue	9th	10.00	Daily Mass
Wed	10th	10.00	Daily Mass
Thur	11th	10.00	Daily Mass
Sat	13th	18.00	Mary and Joe McNamara John Gleeson, Ralahine Sr Athanasius Melican, Cape Town & Carnakella Alice Gleeson, Ballycar
Sun	14th	11.00	Mary and Raymond Walker, Snugborough & UK Mary and John Conroy & their son Bocky, Ballygireen Sean and Jane Conroy, Rathfoland

Wells

Fri	5th	19.00	The Feast of the Epiphany
Sun	7th	10.00	John Kelly, Firgrove
Sun	14th	10.00	Nora, Joe and Niall McInerney, Hurlers Cross Patrick Meehan, Ralahine

Carrigerry

Sun	7th	09.00	Sunday Mass
Sun	14th	09.00	Mick and Mary Casey, Stonehall

Recent Deaths:



Your kind prayers are asked for the happy repose of the souls of
Paudie Cullinan, Ennis Road
David Morrissey, Hurlers Cross, Clonmoney

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



A sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously to last weekend church collection. The amount donated was €1888.84



Prayers for Priests Prayer Group

Monday 8th January @ 7.30pm.
 Meetings are the second Monday of every month in Our Lady of the Wells Church. Contact Mary by text only please on 087 3143289.

Reflection on the Feast of the Epiphany



‘What made these men of the East set out on their journey? Let us look to ourselves and ask: How is the journey of my faith going? This is a question that each one of us can ask ourselves today. Faith, if it is to grow, has to begin ever anew. It needs to be sparked by desire, to take up the challenge of entering into a living and lively relationship with God. Does my heart still burn with desire for God? Or have I allowed force of habit and my own disappointments to extinguish that flame? Let us never forget this: the journey of faith finds renewed strength and fulfilment only when it is made in the presence of God. Only if we recover our “taste” for adoration will our desire be rekindled. In this way, like the Magi, we will have the daily certainty that even in the darkest nights, a star continues to shine. It is the star of the Lord, who comes to care for our frail humanity. Let us set out on the path towards him. Like the Magi, let us lift up our eyes, listen to the desire lodged in our hearts, and follow the star that God makes shine above us.’ *Pope Francis, St Peter’s Basilica, Rome, 6 January, 2022*

A Note from Bishop Fintan



The annual clergy retreat for the diocese will be in Knock from Sunday January 14th until Thursday January 18th. The clergy retreat is an important time for priests of the diocese to gather, pray together and deepen their relationship with the Lord. I appreciate the sacrifices parishes will have to make for the few days they will be away. Thanks you for your ongoing support and cooperation. With every good wish and blessing for the new year.

As a result Fr. Michael will be away from the parish from the 14th to the 18th of January.

A most generous donation to the Parish

The Parish wishes to acknowledge a very generous donation of 10,000 dollars which was received this week. The donors wished the monies to go towards Our Lady of the Rosary Church. These monies were given by a family who came on holiday and while in the area they visited our Parish Church for prayer. In the coming months we will be reviewing what works need to be done on Our Lady of the Rosary Church so this most generous contribution should go some ways in helping us in our efforts.

Keep Your Brain Active

**LEARN
TO PLAY
BRIDGE!**

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.



Franciscans
Na Proinnsiasaigh
Irish Franciscans OFM

Fr. Brian Johnson, OSF wrote to Bishop Fintan

asking him to thank the parishes of the diocese most sincerely for the appeal last year and the welcome and hospitality he received. Total collection came to €74, 464.00 and for that great generosity they are most grateful.

Free online Chair Yoga Classes with Clare Libraries



Join yoga teacher Trish Cleary for a series of 4 Chair Yoga classes from the comfort of your own home. These online classes will take place from 11am – 12pm on the following dates:

Thursdays 11/01, 18/01, 25/01 & 01/02/2024
Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that can be done while sitting on a chair or standing on the ground and using the chair for support. This exercise can help to keep the body supple and healthy, reduce stress and improve mental health. In order to take part, participants will require remote access to zoom. Please book your place by calling Kilrush Library on 065 9051504 or by emailing kilrush@clarelibrary.ie and the zoom link to join the classes will be forwarded to you.