

NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

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Newmarket

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| Sat | 17th | 18.00 | Agnes, Larry and Mike Kennedy, Ballycar Road Stephen McCoy, Loughash Sean Murphy, Kilnasoolagh Park Mai, Patrick and Marie Daly, Glenaifreann |
| Sun | 18th | 11.00 | Kevin & Sue Keogh, Limerick Road |
| Mon | 19th | 10.00 | Daily Mass |
| Tue | 20th | 10.00 | Daily Mass |
| Wed | 21st | 10.00 | Daily Mass |
| Thur | 22nd | 10.00 | Daily Mass |
| Sat | 24th | 18.00 | Mike Melican, Carnakella, Months Mind Mary and Jean Hartigan, Carnakella John and Maria Hartigan, Carnakella Martin Liddy, Kilnasoolagh Park Danny Liddy, Glencragga Donie Kilmartin, Rathmore, Sixmilebridge Jack Meere, Knocknagun |
| Sun | 25th | 11.00 | Jean and John Joe McMahon, Knocknagun House |

Wells

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| Sun | 18th | 10.00 | Kathleen McInerney, Clonmoney West. Month's Mind |
| Sun | 25th | 10.00 | Pat Enright, Drumline Patrick and Bridget Enright, Drumline Margaret and Mary Garvey, Ralahine Sth. 1st & 2nd anniversary respectively Seamus Boland, Hurlers Cross |

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| Sun | 18th | 09.00 | Sean and Molly McMahon, Lemenagh |
| Sun | 25th | 09.00 | Martin and Lucy Frawley, Clenagh |

Recent Deaths:

Your kind prayers are asked for the happy repose of the souls of

Pat Delenay, Ballincragga
Michael Liddane, Low Road, Bunratty
Thomas Moore, Ballincragga

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



Weekly Offering
A sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously to last weekend's church collection.
The amount donated €1634.76

Bereavement Support Information Evening will take place in Milford Care Centre, Education Department on Tue 27th February 2024 from 7pm - 8.30pm.

The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. Members of the Bereavement Service will be present to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement.

Message for Lent – Pope Francis



This year in his Lenten Message Pope Francis has taken the theme of the Exodus and how it can guide us on our Lenten journey. Over the weeks of Lent we will include excerpts from his letter in the Newsletter. This section speaks of God's message as always being one of freedom.

"When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). These are the first words of the Decalogue given

to Moses on Mount Sinai. Those who heard them were quite familiar with the exodus of which God spoke: the experience of their bondage still weighed heavily upon them. In the desert, they received the "Ten Words" as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them "commandments", in order to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people. The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it has to mature as part of a journey. Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt – often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses – today too, God's people can cling to an oppressive bondage that it is called to leave behind. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love (cf. Hos 2:16-17). God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts." Pope Francis Lenten Letter 2024

Note from the Finance Council



In these economically challenging times, we all know only too well how every cent helps. With that in mind as a Finance Council we endeavour to steward the Parishes money in a responsible way. One simple way we have of making our money go further is by the Parish availing of Revenue's *Charitable Donation Scheme*. This enable the parish to claim a rebate of 31% on any donation of €250 or over. Last year alone this resulted in the Parish receiving €24,465.38 from Revenue. By any standards this is a significant amount of money. In the coming weeks we will be informing you as to how you can help the parish to continually avail of the benefits of this scheme.

Thank You:

Terry Ferguson wishes to thank friends and neighbours for their kindness and generosity to him when Lily passed away in January. Mass will be offered for Lily and her brother Johnny on Wed 28th Feb at 10am.

St Vincent de Paul would like to thank you most sincerely for your great generosity in response to our Christmas Appeal. Your donations of vouchers, cash and cheques were very much appreciated and helped make a difference to a great many families this Christmas. A special thanks to the staff and students of Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire who raised over €950. Thank you all for your very generous support.



Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.



Ennis flower and garden club present Bertranda Delaney, Tipperary, at Treacys West County Hotel Ennis on Tuesday February 20th, doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp, 10 euro non members, all are welcome, demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night, contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com Many thanks, Patricia, club secretary, 0857743398