

NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

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Newmarket

Sat	2nd	18.00	Mossy and Frances McCarthy Michael, Kay and John Gaffney, Granahan
Sun	3rd	11.00	Dave Clancy, Carrowmeer
Mon	4th	10.00	Daily Mass
Tue	5th	10.00	Daily Mass
Wed	6th	10.00	Mary Conroy nee Higgins and deceased members of the Higgins Family
Thur	7th	10.00	Daily Mass
Sat	9th	18.00	Pat Delaney, Ballincragga. Month's mind Gerry Donlon, Knocksaggart Jimmy and Anna Cusack, Ennis Road Patrick Cassidy, Shannon & Newmarket
Sun	10th	11.00	Ger Kenneally, Kildare & Newmarket

Wells

Sun	3rd	10.00	John and Ann Brennan, Clonmoney Peter, Alice, and Seamus Toomey, Woodpark & deceased members of the Toomey family
Sun	10th	10.00	Michael Liddane, Low Road, Bunratty. Month's mind Bridget O'Brien, Clonmoney. 1st anniversary

Carrigerry

Sun	3rd	09.00	Bernie Duggan, Clenagh Tom, Josie and Sean Liddy, Ballycalla
Sun	10th	09.00	John and Winnie Kelly, Carrigerry & deceased members of the Kelly family

Recent Deaths:

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

Mary Hegarty, Crowhill

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



was donated to the Education Fund.

A sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously to last weekend church collection. The amount donated to the Parish Fund during masses at the offertory was €1789.33. Also €383

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, 6th March at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Ger Jones who is our Diocesan Secretary based in Cloughleigh will lead us in prayer and reflections. We would love if you joined us in this pilgrimage through Lent.

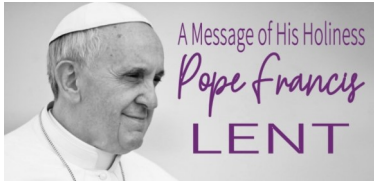


Prayers for Priests Prayer Group

Meetings are the second Monday of every month in Our Lady of the Wells Church. This month it will be held on Monday 11th March at 7.30pm. Contact Mary, by text only please, on 087 3143289

A Day for Choirs, Musicians & Cantors at the Dominican College, Newbridge, County Kildare on Saturday 13 April, 10am to 7pm. Presented by a Dominican friar from Poland, Australian soprano and liturgical music expert, an Irish Dominican friar. ***New liturgical music from Poland, good liturgical practice, filling gaps in your repertoire, launch of a new hymnal, record music for Irish Dominicans' 800 years in Ireland. €32 including three-course lunch.

Book: [DominicanDayChoirs2024.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dominican-day-choirs-musicians-cantors-2024-tickets-712345678901)



Message for Lent – Pope Francis

Pope Francis continues his Lenten Reflection using the Exodus Story from the Old Testament as an example of a God who gifts us freedom in the face of leaders and institutions who wish to take from our freedom. As in the Exodus story we too find it difficult to leave the certainty of something that we know is not right for the promise of a better future that may not appear so assured. Pope Francis continues: In the Exodus account, there is a significant detail: it is God who sees, is moved and brings freedom;

Israel does not ask for this. Pharaoh stifles dreams, blocks the view of heaven, makes it appear that this world, in which human dignity is trampled upon and authentic bonds are denied, can never change. He put everything in bondage to himself. Let us ask: Do I want a new world? Am I ready to leave behind my compromises with the old?An exodus can be interrupted: how else can we explain the fact that humanity has arrived at the threshold of universal fraternity and at levels of scientific, technical, cultural, and juridical development capable of guaranteeing dignity to all, yet gropes about in the darkness of inequality and conflict. God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls of 2nd Class



This week we saw the completion of our 1st Reconciliation Services with the boys and girls of 2nd Class in our different Primary Schools. Over the past three weeks each school has gathered with the help of parents, teachers and priests from the Pastoral Area to receive the gift of God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. May these children always know God as a forgiving and loving God and may we continue to keep them in our prayers as they prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time later this year.

Relay for Life Clare,

we're thrilled to announce a series of coffee morning events across the county for Cancer Survivors, those undergoing treatment, and their spouses. We extend a warm invitation to all individuals navigating treatment or embracing survivorship, along with their spouses, to join us for our upcoming Survivors' Coffee Morning:

March 9th Shannon Springs Hotel at 10.30am-12 noon

Reach out if you'd like to attend – we look forward to sharing support, stories, and a cup of warmth with you.



#CancerSurvivors #SupportInUnity #CommunityEvents

Note from the Parish Finance Council



As part of our efforts to avail of Revenue's *Charitable Donation Scheme* you should have received your *CHY3 Enduring Cert Application Form* this week. We wish to say thank you to so many of you who have already returned the completed forms. These completed forms allow the Parish to receive an additional 31% rebate on donations made by a person in a given year amounting to €250 or more. There is a body of work involved in processing these forms, so we do ask that you return them as soon as possible. We are aware that it takes a short amount of time to complete these forms but the benefits accruing from your efforts are significant. Last year alone this scheme netted an additional €24,465.38 of income for the parish. If you have not received a form from the Parish Office and you wish to partake in the scheme, please call the Parish Office and we will have a form forwarded to you. We take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who contribute in a myriad of ways, to the work and mission of the parish.

Apostolic Work Display Day and Raffle will take place on Sunday, March 3rd, from 2pm to 4.30pm in the Small Hall in the Community Centre.

New members are welcome.



Killaloe Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June, costing 899 euro pps including flight, airport transfers, airport and sanctuary taxes, full board with three meals each day. For more information and booking please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or email joewalsh@tours.ie

There will be 24 places reserved for assisted pilgrims who will be cared for in the Accueil Norte Dame with medical and caring assistance. Cost 750euro. To reserve a place in this section, please contact Fr Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director on 087 2349816

"Calling Pioneers and Friends to the **25th Pioneer National Ball** next month. An evening of celebration and fun on **Saturday April 6th 2024**. Mass at 6pm in the **Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar**, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the **Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar**. Extra activities on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/ tickets contact Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626"