

NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

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Newmarket

Sat	16th	18.00	Joe and Maureen O'Rourke, Ballycar Road Patrick and Bridget Moynihan & sons John, Patrick and Michael, Ballycar
Sun	17th	11.00	St Patrick's Day Michael and Josephine O'Loughlin, Ennis Road
Mon	18th	10.00	Daily Mass
Tue	19th	10.00	Daily Mass
Wed	20th	10.00	Daily Mass
Thur	21st	10.00	Daily Mass
Sat	23rd	18.00	Hannah Cutt, Ballycalla. 1st Anniversary Noel O'Halloran, Knocksaggart Barney Baylon, Kilnasoolagh Park Special Intention
Sun	24th	11.00	Ciss Harrington, Ballycar Road

Wells

Sun	17th	10.00	St Patrick's Day Mary Hallinan, Hill Road, 2nd anniversary & deceased family members P.J. Woulfe, Shannon View, Bunratty Philip Callaghan, Sixmilebridge
Sun	24th	10.00	Sunday Mass

Carrigerry

Sun	17th	09.00	St Patrick's Day John Joe Moroney, Rineanna
Sun	24th	09.00	Patricia Henchy, Rineanna

Recent Deaths:



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

Eileen Sherry, Hurlers Cross
Audrey Woods Keogh, Ballycar
Peggy O'Dea, Clonloaghan

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's church collection. The amount donated €1873.83



Daffodil Day - Friday March 22nd

Volunteers will be in Eurospar from 8.00-17.00 with fresh daffodils etc.

If you would like to volunteer to help collect contact Mary Woods 0876166634. Thank you.



Coffee Morning for Daffodil Day on Friday 22 March from 9am - 12 noon at Carrigerry Country House.

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Continuing with Pope Francis and his Lenten Message.



In this section of his Lenten Pastoral Letter Pope Francis highlights the importance of us taking time to create spaces where the Christian community can reflect on life. This dovetails nicely with the listening process that Bishop Fintan has just concluded across the diocese. Each Pastoral Area was given an opportunity to reflect on their experience of being church in these changing times. In some ways the synodal process is all about planting seeds that with God's help will flourish in due course. Let us not lose hope. As Pope Francis encourages us, may we never lose that inner joy that gifts us the ability to smile in the

midst of adversary.

“The Church’s synodal form, which in these years we are rediscovering and cultivating, suggests that Lent is also a time of communitarian decisions, of decisions, small and large, that are against the prevailing current. Decisions capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighbourhoods, such as the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon. I invite every Christian community to do just this: to offer its members moments set aside to rethink their lifestyles, times to examine their presence in society and the contribution they make to its betterment. Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus. To us too, he says: “Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting” (Mt 6:16). Instead, let others see joyful faces, catch the scent of freedom and experience the love that makes all things new, beginning with the smallest and those nearest to us. This can happen in every one of our Christian communities.”

Prayer of St. Patrick



I arise today through the strength of heaven
Light of sun, radiance of moon
Splendour of fire, speed of lightning
Swiftiness of wind, depth of the sea
Stability of earth, firmness of rock

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me
God's eye to look before me
God's wisdom to guide me
God's way to lie before me
God's shield to protect me

From all who shall wish me ill
Afar and a-near
Alone and in a multitude
Against every cruel, merciless power
That may oppose my body and soul

Christ with me, Christ before me
Christ behind me, Christ in me
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ on my right, Christ on my left
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down
Christ when I arise, Christ to shield me

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me.

Newmarket on Fergus Community Bingo : On Wednesday 3rd April 2024 Clonmoney NS/ Bunratty FC joint Astro fundraiser is going to be the benefactor of the Newmarket on Fergus Community Bingo. Any monies raised on the night will go to our fundraiser. We will also be having our 2nd draw for €2000 as part of our 54321 draw.



There will be plenty of prizes on the night, including a share of €100 for a full house, €40 for a line, and lots of raffle prizes including a TV. This promises to be a great fun night for all the family, doors open at 7.30pm with the first game starting at 8.30pm.

Ennis Blood Donation Clinic

The Ennis Blood Donation Clinic will hold a clinic at the West County Hotel, Ennis on Tuesday 19th & Thursday 20th March between 16:50 - 20:10. Please phone 1800 222 111 for appointment. As always new Donors are most welcome because remember blood donation saves lives.

St Patrick's Day Parade : At 4pm on St Patrick's Day the Newmarket-on-Fergus Community Centre Brass Band will parade from the Library to the Community Centre. The parade will be followed by a short concert in the Community Centre with a complimentary cup of tea. As well as the brass band there will be performances from local dancers and musicians. The parade and concert attracted a large turnout in 2023.



The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, 20th March at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Martin Blake will reflect with us on the gift of prayer and offer us opportunities to deepen our sense of communion with God. St Joseph's Secondary School will participate with us on the evening.



Celebrating 25 Years of Parish Walks—PARISH QUIZ : The closing dates for entries to this quiz has been extended to Friday 22nd March. Anyone who wishes to submit an entry but might be short an answer or two you can still leave your entry in the parish office or one of the churches.



Ennis flower and garden club present Malcolm Kitt, Tuesday, March 19th, at Treacys West County Hotel Ennis, 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, also Easter bonnet competition on the night, contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com, many thanks, Patricia, secretary, 0857743398.

Newmarket On Fergus Lotto results:



The jackpot of €9800 was not won. The Five winners of our draw for €40 were Marian Shanahan, Dora McCarthy, Chris Ryan, Kevin Enright and Annie & Meg Twomey. We are now accepting Membership for the current year, see social media for details. *Thanks to all our supporters.*