

# NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

## PARÓISTE CORA CHAITLÍN

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#### **Newmarket**

Sun	14th	10.30	Caroline Hayes, Ballycar Road
Tue	16th	09.30	Weekday Mass
Wed	17th	09.30	Weekday Mass
Thur	18th	09.30	Weekday Mass
Fri	19th	09.30	No Mass due to school mass in Stonehall School.
Sun	21st	10.30	Anna O'Neill and family, Ennis Road Mary Ryan, Mooghaun. 10th anniversary Joseph and Frances Hayes, Limerick Road. John Lovett, Ballinacragga

#### **Wells**

Sat	13th	18.00	Weekend Mass
Sat	20th	18.00	Moirá Toomey, Hill Road Shom, Kitty and Ann Quinn, Drumline Pat Hannon, Lisduff and his son Anthony Pat, Kathleen and Tim Hannon, Ralahine Laurence Hannon, Crussa

#### **Carrigerry**

Sun	14th	09.00	Tom Donlon, Stonehall
Sun	20th	09.00	Sunday Mass

**Mass schedule:** Many people have expressed a preference for having the vigil Mass in Newmarket-on-Fergus and Sunday morning Mass in Our Lady of the Wells. An important consideration is public safety especially during dark winter evenings. At their recent meeting the Newmarket-on-Fergus the pastoral council decided to alter our Mass schedule in Newmarket and Clonmoney. Beginning on the weekend of 1-2 November Mass the following Mass schedule will apply in Newmarket-on-Fergus parish:

- Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket-on-Fergus - Saturday 6pm
- St Conaire, Carrigerry - Sunday 9am
- Our Lady of the Wells - Sunday 10.30am.

Mass times in the other parishes in our pastoral area (Shannon and Sixmilebridge) will remain unaltered



**Weekly Offering** Many thanks to all who contribute so generously each weekend to church collections. Last weekend the basket collection amounted to €1532.84

#### ***Pilgrimage to Lourdes***

Bishop Fintan will lead the Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Monday 29th September to Saturday 4th October. The remaining seats can be booked on [joewalshtours.ie](http://joewalshtours.ie) or tel : 01 2410800



Saint Vincent de Paul holy rosary conference is looking for volunteers.

***Help Us To Help Others.***

Contact Holy Rosary Conference @ 086 3024238.

**Year of Hope:** We live in a world where there is great need for Hope. This year is a Holy Year focused on Hope. Bishop Monahan has designated the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket-on-Fergus as a pilgrimage centre for the Holy Year. Our pastoral area has organised a celebration of hope to take place in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket-on-Fergus at 7pm on Thursday, 2 October (Feast of the Guardian Angels). Olive Foley from Killaloe will share a reflection on hope in her own life. All are welcome.

**Calling All Singers:** We are hoping to bring together a choir from our pastoral area for our liturgy with Olive Foley on 2 October. If you are available to contribute to this liturgy as a choir member choir you are welcome to attend a rehearsal in Newmarket Church on Wednesday, 17 September at 7.30pm.

**Church of Our Lady of the Rosary:** We are grateful to Geraldine Cullinan, Tim O'Connell and Pat Green for volunteering to serve as sacristans in Newmarket-on-Fergus. We are also grateful to Paddy O'Halloran for locking and unlocking the Church each day.

Our **Pastoral Council** is central to the functioning and wellbeing of our parish. We are very grateful for the essential work done by the members. We are hoping to renew our pastoral council by inviting new members. Nomination forms are available in all three Churches. You are invited to nominate people whom you think may be willing to serve on the pastoral council. You may return the completed nomination forms to any of our Churches by 26 October.

**Opening of the New School Year:** Our school communities will gather to ask God's blessing on their friendship and work during the new school year at 9.30am on the following dates and locations:

- Stonehall school - 19 September in the school
- Newmarket-on-Fergus and Ballycar schools – 23 September in Newmarket Church
- Clonmoney school – 30 September in the Church of Our Lady of the Wells.

Parents, grandparents and other family and community members are welcome.

#### **Mind Matters with Type 1 Diabetes.**

We're delighted to welcome Dr. Mark Davies, Clinical Psychologist from Belfast, as the keynote speaker for Mini Thriveabetes 2025, 'Mind Matters with Type 1 Diabetes'.

Dr. Davies specialises in supporting adults living with diabetes, with deep insight into the emotional and psychological impact of managing a lifelong condition.

This session is for anyone who has ever felt overwhelmed, burned out, or simply needed someone who truly understands what it's like to live with diabetes. Book your place Ennis, Co. Clare, Saturday, Sept 27 @10:30am-2pm  
Cost: FREE. Learn more & register: [thriveabetes.ie/mini-thriveabetes](https://thriveabetes.ie/mini-thriveabetes). Contact Gráinne at 087 6548320 or [diabetesinclare@gmail.com](mailto:diabetesinclare@gmail.com)

#### **Culture Night comes to O'Regan Park**

The Newmarket-on-Fergus Community Centre Brass Band will perform a 45 minute selection of tunes in O'Regan Park at 6.30pm on Friday September 19th. If the weather is unkind the event will be relocated to the Community Centre (V95 RH93).

#### **A Night of Nostalgia**

On August 25th, a small dedicated local group managed to do the impossible. They recreated sounds and interviews from RTE's pilot community radio which was broadcast from Newmarket on Fergus 40 years ago. An enraptured audience heard the voices of several people who have passed away, bringing back fond memories. There was music, reflections, GAA memories, history and inputs from local committees. As John O'Brien said "Forty years ago our committee had 20 hours of radio to fill. It was a mammoth task, but we were up for the challenge". In fact, RTE praised us as being one of the best local radio stations broadcasted around the country. The reason Newmarket on Fergus was chosen was that a local woman wrote to RTE to complain that all programmes seemed to be geared to Dublin, while the rest of the country was left out. The hardworking group consisted of Mary Woods, Sheila McGrath and John O'Brien. With help from Ger Fahy at the community centre, Michael Talty at the local studies in Ennis and Dominic McInerney at Media Box who transferred the audio tapes to USB. In attendance on the night also were presenters from 40 years ago, Michael O'Leary, Betty McMahon, Joe Walsh and Con Woods.

The September meeting of Clare Roots Society will take place on Thursday, 18 September at 7:30pm. in the Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95 F782, Family Stories and Lore by Noreen Maher of Hibernian Roots.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st-31st.  
For further information, please log onto [www.breastcancerireland.com](http://www.breastcancerireland.com).