

NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

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Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. Sunday 1st January 2023

Newmarket

Sat 31st	18.00	Frank McCoy, Kilnasoolagh Park, 1st anniversary Nancy and Jim Power, Ballycar Road Brid and Kay Marren, Ballinacragga Lucy Hastings McGrath, Main Street Mary Hickey, Drumline John and Anne O'Brien, Drumline Kathleen O'Brien, Clonmoney
Sun 1st Jan	11.00	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Mon 2nd	10.00	Daily Mass
Tue 3rd	10.00	Stephen Mc Coy, Loughash
Wed 4th	10.00	Daily Mass
Thur 5th	10.00	Daily Mass
Fri 6th	10.00	The Epiphany
Sat 7th	18.00	Flan Enright, Carrowmeer. 1st anniversary Josephine and Martin Ward, Ballycar Road & deceased family members. Michael and Teresa Considine & their son Michael, Urlanmore Mary and Tom Frawley, Treenahow & deceased family members Jim Kennedy, Ennis & Shannon
Sun 8th	11.00	Sunday Mass

Wells

Sun 1st Jan	10.00	Betty Hayes, Gate Lodge, Bunratty
Fri 6th	19.00	The Epiphany
Sun 8th	10.00	John Kelly, Firgrove, Hurlers Cross

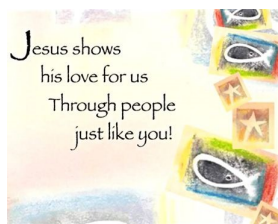
Carrigerry

Sun 1st Jan	09.00	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Fri 6th	09.00	The Epiphany
Sun 8th	09.00	Sunday Mass

Recent Deaths:

Your kind prayers are asked for the happy repose of the soul of
Margaret Dinan, mother of Helen O'Donnell, Bunratty

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



Jesus shows his love for us Through people just like you!

As a Parish we have Much to Give Thanks for this Christmas.

As a Parish we have had a great Christmas. While we had a lot of liturgies, it is to the credit of all involved that we managed to have Choirs, Soloists, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and people to manage the reintroduction of our Offertory Collection at each Mass. Our Churches were decorated so beautifully, with our Cribs centrally placed. Thanks to all our little "elf's" who work so hard in the background. It was so encouraging to see so many giving of their time and talent to make so much possible this Christmas. The real asset test is found in the fact that people left our liturgies uplifted and with a sense of Christmas in their hearts. So thank you to all involved. The generosity displayed in the different collections was most encouraging. In the midst of such economic uncertainty that so many contributed so generosity towards the Priest's Collection and the Parish Weekly Collection is a mark of your support, something we appreciate and value greatly. A sincere Thank You for your

The Feast of the Epiphany Mass Times. Friday 6th January

09.00 St Conaire's. Carrigerry
10.00 Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket
19.00 Our Lady of the Wells



Church Collection. The offertory collection was €3162.05 last weekend. Thank you once again to all who supported this collection.

Prayer for a New Year

Dear God,
On this day I ask You to grant this request,
May I know who I am and what I am,
Every moment of every day.
May I be a catalyst for light and love,
And bring inspiration to those whose eyes I meet.
May I have the strength to stand tall in the face of conflict,
And the courage to speak my voice, even when I'm scared.
May I have the humility to follow my heart,
And the passion to live my soul's desires.
May I seek to know the highest truth
And dismiss the gravitational pull of my lower self.
May I embrace and love the totality of myself,
My darkness as well as my light.
May I be brave enough to hear my heart,
To let it soften so that I may gracefully
Choose faith over fear.
Today is my day to surrender anything that stands
Between the sacredness of my humanity and my divinity.
May I be drenched in my Holiness
And engulfed by Your love.
May all else melt away.
And so it is.



Fatima Hour

On the First Saturday of every month the Rosary is recited in the Day Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Newmarket from 2pm to 3pm. You are welcome to come and join even if only for one decade.



Ballycar N.S will be accepting enrolments for the school year 2023/2024 in the mainstream classes from the 10th January '23. Please contact the school by email on ballycars@gmail.com to request an enrolment form.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." - Albert Einstein

"As we look forward to the new year, let's resolve to recommit ourselves to the values we share." - Barack Obama

Reflection on Mary the Mother of God



By now I may have a little more time to sit quietly and contemplate the scripture passage the Church has chosen for me on this first day of the New Year. Slowly, I take a few deep breaths, come to quiet and read the text of the Gospel in my Parish Newsletter. Who or what draws my attention in this story? Maybe it is Mary, the one who has been so actively involved in the story and yet from whom we have not heard a word. I consider her situation silently for a while, perhaps bringing to mind all the events which have led to her bringing the baby Jesus to birth.

In time, I may feel moved to speak with her: 'How are you feeling at the moment Mary? Was your labour difficult? How did you feel when you first heard the baby cry?' I listen to her. What does she tell me she treasures? I reflect on what it means to me today to experience these events through her eyes, and thank God for the birth of every child.

With you, Mary, I ponder in my heart the fate of all those who, like you, have been marginalised, not accepted by society: the homeless, the refugee, the mentally ill, the elderly, those suffering with dementia. I pray that they will encounter the Lord coming towards them in disguise: in food bank volunteers, refuge charity workers, care givers ... Before I go, I thank you, Mary, mother of my God. You are indeed 'blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus'.

(St Beuno's Outreach Reflection)

Obair Family Centre, Ennis Road.

Obair has been in existence in Newmarket on Fergus for nearly 30 years. It is a community social enterprise that works with people from the cradle to the grave to combat exclusion as well as to develop enterprise in the area. We support those who are unemployed or elderly and work to facilitate greater community participation in the area.

Community Crèche & After School Programme

Obair Community Crèche and After School Project continue to provide childcare facilities for children aged between 3 months and 13 year, as well as Post Primary.

Meals on Wheels : Obair aims to combat social isolation through the provision and delivery of daily hot meals to older people in Co. Clare. Our 2 course meals are delivered hot from Mon to Fri covering 7 days.

Tradaree Hub : Our newly opened Tradaree Hub houses our Meals on Wheels Service and also consists of remote working offices, food start up incubation hubs, a 16 station training school as well as a revamped Youth Space.

Community Centre

Newmarket-on-Fergus Community Centre is located on the Main Street, Ballycar Road.

The facility was founded in 1840 by members of the Temperance Movement to enhance the lives of the residence of Newmarket-on-Fergus and surrounding areas.

The intention was to organise educational, social and leisure activities for the people of the area and reduce the influence of the 'Drinking Houses' which were prevalent.

Further information on the website

[Home :: Newmarket on Fergus Community Centre \(newmarketonferguscommunityhall.ie\)](http://Home::NewmarketonFergusCommunityCentre(newmarketonferguscommunityhall.ie))

Most frequently arranged events.

- Zumba
- Fergus Keep Fit
- Indoor Soccer
- Karate
- Scouts - Beavers - Cubs
- Special Olympics
- ICA
- Weekly Bingo
- Hip Hop with Shelly
- Cricket
- Botchey
- Gun Club
- Apostolic Society
- Shannon Rehabilitation
- Obair Summer and Easter camps
- Hand Ball
- Squash
- School Parties & Private Parties