## NEWMARKET ON FERGUS PARISH

# PARÓISTE CORA CHAITLÍN TRADAREE PASTORAL ÁREA

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Newmarket		
Sun	26th 10.30	Mike Melican, Carnakella, 1st anniversary
		Ann Earls, Kilnasoolagh Park Paddy Hayes, Kilnasoolagh Park,
		Mary Cullinan, née Tuohy, Barefield
		Brendan Sammon, Carnakella. 7th anniversary
		Kathleen and Barry Ryan, Ballinooskny. 3rd & 18th anniversaries respectively
		Mary (née Conroy) and Raymond Walker, Birmingham
		Mary and John Conroy & son Bocky, Ballygireen
		Seán and Jane Conroy, Rathfoland
Tue	28th 09.30	Daily Mass
Wed	29th 09.30	Daily Mass
Thur	30th 09.30	Daily Mass
Fri	31st 10.00	Special Mass for Grandparents
Sun	2nd 10.30	Eamonn Wade, Bunratty Lower
		Madeline Hastings, Old Road, Ballycar
Walls		
<u>Wells</u> Sat	25th 18.00	Frank and Elizabeth Boland, Hill Road
Sai	2311 10.00	John Joe and Peggy Kennelly & daughters Patricia, Eleanor & Yvonne, Ballycar Rd.
		Mary Powell, Ballycasey
		Michael Walsh, Drumline
Sat	1st 18.00	Bridget and Tom Nagle, Low Road
<u>Carrigerry</u>		
Sun	26th 09.00	Jimmy Kelly, Carrigerry
Sun	2nd 09.00	Sunday Mass



## 1st of February Feast of St. Brigid

The 1<sup>st</sup> of February marks the Feast of St. Bridget, secondary patron of Ireland. May she continue to protect and bless our country with peace.

## Prayer to St. Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace
cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts
and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen

## **Offertory Collection**

We take this opportunity to thank everybody who has contributed so generously to the weekly basket collection. This week we collected €1934.32. Thank you for your continued and generous support of the parish and its mission.



#### **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 1.30pm. To 2.30pm.



#### Recent Deaths:



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

## David McCabe, Clonmoney North

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

#### **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February each year we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is another 'epiphany' celebration as Simeon reveals Jesus as the Messiah. In this moment he recognised Jesus as the "light of the world". Traditionally we bless candles on this day. If you wish to have candles blessed for use in your home, or if you wish to donate candle for use in the Church, please bring them along to any of the weekend masses next weekend 1st & 2nd February.

## **Apostolic Display Day**



This year the Annual Apostolic Display Day will take place in the Community Hall on Sunday March 2nd. More details to follow. If anyone wishes to donate a sacred vessels in memory of a family member please contact Molly on 087 7510736 or Mary on 087 7130761

"**Opening the Bible**": A free six-part video introduction to the Bible for those interested in Scripture, and those unsure where to begin. Available from January 26th at www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

## A Prayer for the End of Winter.

My beloved and all-knowing Father in heaven, as I approach the end of winter, I humbly bow before you, thanking you for your enduring and compassionate love that has upheld me through this season's cold and dark days. As the snow begins to thaw and the earth reawakens,

I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and awe.

With a heart overflowing with thankfulness,
I offer my sincere appreciation for the strength and resilience you have
bestowed upon me, the warmth and shelter you have provided, and the
peace and solace that only your divine presence can bring.

As I look forward to the arrival of spring,
I pray that you will continue to be my guiding light,
leading me through the twists and turns of life's journey
with patience and wisdom.

May the power of your boundless love illuminate my path, and may the purity of your grace uplift and strengthen me in every moment.

I ask that you bless me with a heart that is open to the possibilities of new beginnings, and with a spirit that is eager to explore the beauty and wonder of your creation.

May the arrival of spring remind me of the infinite power and majesty that lies within your hands,

and may my soul be renewed and revitalized by the glory of your resurrection.

Thank you, my Father, for your unyielding love and mercy and for the promise of hope and renewal that every new season brings.

In your sacred and holy name, I pray. Amen.

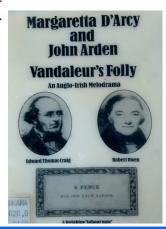
## Ralahine Experiment

There was great interest in the meeting of 18th January last. About forty people attended.

The session on this Saturday from 12 noon to 3 pm involves attendees voting on which parts of the original three hour production should be retained.

The play by Margaretta Darcy and John Arden. What happened in Rathleheen is a story of vision, resilience, and shared ideals, and together we'll craft a dynamic play, blending voices and creativity to bring this inspiring historical experiment to the stage. No prior acting experience is required – just a passion for storytelling and team-

work.



## Castlewood Players Present : Happy Birthday Dear Alice by Bernard Farrell



Venue: Cratloe Hall Curtains: 8pm. Dates: Jan 31st / Feb 1st, 7th, 8th, 21st, 22nd / Mar 1st.

Entry: Adults €15 / U16s €5. Tickets at the door, Cash only please.

Donation made to Newmarket on Fergus St Vincent de Paul, in memory of the late John Halpin, Knockainey, Co Limerick