

Tradaree Pastoral Area Newsletter

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feast of St. Brigid - 1st February 2026

Parishes of Newmarket on Fergus, Shannon & Sixmilebridge

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Tradaree Pastoral Area Mass Schedule

Newmarket on Fergus Parish

Newmarket Church: Tue - Fri @ 9.30am. Sat @ 6pm .

Carrigerry Church: Sun @ 9am. **Wells Church** Sun @ 10.30am

Shannon Parish

Mary Immaculate : Mon - Communion Liturgy @ 10am.

Tue - Fri @ 10am. Sat @ 11am. Sun @ 10.30am

Ss. John & Paul Church: Mon & Fri @ 7pm. Sat @ 6.30pm.

Sun @ 12 noon.

Sixmilebridge

Sixmilebridge Church: Mon, Wed to Fri @ 9.30am.

Tue - Communion Liturgy @ 9.30am. Sat @ 7.30pm.

Sun @ 12 noon. **Kilmurry Church :** Sun @ 9am

Tradaree Parish Offices

Newmarket-on-Fergus - Mary 061-368127

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Website: www.newmarketonfergus.ie.

Open Mon - Thur 10am to 2.30pm

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Open Tue-Fri 10am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm

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Website: sixmilebridgeparish.ie. Open Tue - Fri 10am to 12

Newsletter deadline for items to be included

12.00 every Wednesday.



Newsletter Deadline : please note that the deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is **Wednesday 12noon.**

Bishop Willie's First Anniversary Mass will be in the Cathedral on Saturday, February 21st at 11.00 am. The county council will be officially naming the new space in front of the Cathedral – **The Bishop Willie Walsh Plaza** – and a ceremony will be held to unveil a plaque to mark that. All are welcome.

Congratulations! to Bishop Ger Nash on his appointment as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory by Pope Leo XIV. We prayerfully support Bishop Ger as he continues his ministry as Bishop of Ferns, entrusted with this additional pastoral responsibility.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland **Dates: 20 -22 March 2026.** "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo
Online: www.marriageencounter.ie

Anam Cara Galway, monthly **Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Headford Point, Sandy Road, Galway.**

St Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday

Workshops for Adults will resume on Wednesday February 4.

Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings.

A special treat for music lovers 'A Night for Cillian': Danlann An Chlair, Ennis, **Saturday February 7th at 8pm** gala performance. All proceeds will go to Cillian O'Brien Fund. Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-for-cillian-tickets-1979723311718>.

Fully Escorted **Trip to Medjugorje** with Marian Pilgrimages-Direct flights from Knock Oct. 21st- 28th. Complete Spiritual Programme available. 7 nights' accommodation with breakfast and dinner each day. Early booking discount price €865 available until January 31st
Contact Sharon 086 0523014



St. Brigid, as once you took in hand the wild rushes of the field and folded them in the manner of a cross, so now inspire us to be creative and to take the things of daily life and mould them into something beautiful for God.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day) is celebrated on **Monday, 2 February**. This feast recalls Mary and Joseph bringing the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after His birth. This day is celebrated with the blessing of candles, symbolizing Christ as the Light that guides us out of darkness.
Candles for use in our homes and Churches will be Blessed during Mass in all Churches on Monday 2nd Feb.

The Feast of St. Blaise Tuesday 3rd Feb.

Using two crossed, blessed, unlit candles the minister touches the throat of each person using the following prayer of blessing: Through the intercession of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may the Lord preserve you from ailments of the throat and every other illness.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Blessing of Throats will take place on Tuesday, 3 February at the following times:

after 9.30am Mass in The Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket-on-Fergus; **11am** in the Church of Our Lady of the Wells. **7pm** in The Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket-on-Fergus.

10am in Mary Immaculate Church and 7pm in SS John and Paul Church. Shannon

Mass Intentions

Newmarket-on-Fergus

Sat. 31st Jan. 6pm Newmarket: Catherine Slattery, (M. M) John Joe & Peggy Kennelly & their daughters Patricia, Eleanor & Yvonne. Kathleen & Barry Ryan. Madeline Hastings. First Holy Communion preparation mass.

Sun. 1st Feb. 9am Carrigerry: Feast of St Bridget

Sun. 1st Feb. 10.30am Wells: Feast of St Bridget

Mon. 2 Feb. 7pm Newmarket: The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)

Tue. 3rd Feb. 9.30am Newmarket: Feast of St Blaise followed by blessing of throats. (see other times for throat blessing on pg 1)

Sat. 7th Feb. 6pm Newmarket:

Daniel O'Leary & deceased family members.

Seán Murphy, Mai, Paddy & Marie Daly. John Meehan, Michael Heffernan. John Crosby. Michael & Mary Brassil. Derek Cronin. Pa, Theresa, Anthony & Breda Burke.

Sun. 8th Feb. 10.30am Wells:

Moira Toomey, (MM). Mary Powell,

Pat Enright & parents Pat & Bridget

Recent Death: We pray those who died recently:

Nancy Mc Mullen, mother of Anna Devanney, Kilnasoolagh Pk & Jacinta Cullen, Avondale. TJ Sweeney, brother of Aiden, Lisduff. **Rest in Peace.**

Sixmilebridge

Sat. 31st Jan. 7.30pm: Thomas, Ellen, Joe & Tommy Sheehan, Bridget Toomey.

Sun. 1st Feb. 9.00am. Kilmurry: Anne Lennon (nee Liddy)MM

Sun. 12. Noon. Frances O'Shea, (1st Anniv), Maureen Gallagher (1st Anniv).

Mon. 2nd Feb. 9.30am: Feast of the Presentation. Candles may be placed in front of altar for Blessing.

Sat. 7.30pm Noel O'Meara, Marion Meehan, Mary Nihill, Deceased members of Nihill family.

Sun. 8th Feb. Bridget Mulready

We extend our sympathy to the Hurley family, on the death of Eileen Hurley, who died during the week. Rest in Peace.

Shannon

Sat. 31st Jan. 11 am. M.I: Rosaline Hasty

Sat. 31st Jan. 6.30 pm SS J & P: Kathleen O'Shea (MM), Bob Haughey

Sun. 1st Feb. 10.30 am. M.I. Ada (Sarah) Hanley (MM), Maura O'Brien (MM), Tony English (MM), James Mulqueen (1st A), Marian Hogan, Eugene O'Connell, Teresa O'Mara.

Sun. 1st Feb. 12 Noon SS J & P: Gearoid Connolly (MM), Kathleen Doherty (MM), Patrick & Sean Hardy.

Mon. 2nd Feb. 7pm. SS J & P: Jim & Mary Barry

Fri. 6th Feb. 10 am M.I : Pat Smith

Fri. 6th Feb. 7pm SS J & P: Bob Stackpoole

Sat. 7th Feb. 11 am M.I: Oliver McPadden & Mary McPadden

Sat. 7th Feb. 6.30pm SS J & P: Rosaline Nolan (MM), Des Casey (1st A), James & Ellen Browne, Teresa McMahon, James & Annie Ryan, Christopher & Mary Whelan.

Sun. 8th Feb. 10.30am M.I: Michael Cushley (MM), Damien Birchall, Jim Bryan & deceased family members, Tara Kelly, Ciarán O' Lionáin, Nora & Paddy Stapleton.

Sun. 8th Feb. 12 Noon SS J & P Frances Guilfoyle, Moira Lowry

Also remembering Nora & Edward Gerary & Anna Hubich.

Prayers & Sympathies to Claire Chambers on the death of her sister Kathleen O'Donoghue, Newport. **Rest in Peace**

Parish Notes

Newmarket-on-Fergus

Newmarket-on-Fergus Pastoral Council next meeting at **7.30pm on Wed, 4 Feb.** If any member of the parish would like to have an item discussed they are welcome to contact any member of the council. We are currently forming the new pastoral council. To date the members are Chairperson - Marie Costello, Barbara Shalloo, Kevin O'Connor, Martin Moroney, Flan Sheedy, Mike Mulvihill, Pat Greene, Rachel Cavanagh, Sarah Glenney, Pat Freeman, Timmy O'Connell, Mary O'Shea & Marie Brennan.

Last Sunday's Collection €1,674.05.

Thank you for your continued support.

Active Agers Community Group Fitness Classes (55+) starting on Friday 20th of February in Newmarket on Fergus Community Hall at 11.30am. Group Fitness focusing on strength, balance, mobility and fitness for everyday life. Please contact Noel 085-8636296 for more information.

Sixmilebridge

Sixmilebridge Eucharistic Ministers next week - Team C

Holy Communion Calls: If anyone would like a visit from Fr. Damien, please contact the Parish Office.

2nd Family Mass for families of Children preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this Sat. Jan. 31st @ 7.30 p.m.

Mindfulness & Mindset Course Positive Psychology & CBT Six Week Group Course Thurs. 19th Feb 7.30pm in Sixmilebridge Parochial Hall. Limited places Available- Book Now The MET Trainer 085-8636296

Active Agers Group Fitness Classes (55+)

Kilmurry Community Centre, Tues. men only+Thurs women only 11am-12pm. **Noel Collins 085 863 6296.**

SVP are recruiting Volunteers - Help make a difference. Visit www.svp.ie/volunteer

New Baby and Toddler Group Sixmilebridge Library Thurs. mornings 10.30am, starting on 5th Feb. No booking required, drop in with your baby or toddler and meet parents/carers for a chat and a play date, with stories and songs.

Sixmilebridge Historical Society AGM will take place in Parochial Hall on Thurs. 12th Feb. 7-8 pm.

G.A.A. Club Lotto: Numbers: 8 16 29 30 **Jackpot €20,000**

Shannon

Last Sunday's collection was €1,825. Bishops' Commissions collection was €1325. Thank you for your continued support and great generosity.

Seisiún Club na Sionna will host its monthly session of music and song in Wolfe Tones GAA Hall on Wednesday, Feb 4th at 9pm. All singers, musicians and listeners are welcome. Special guests on the night are Bríd O'Gorman & Joan Hanrahan

World Wetlands Day "Explore the bio-diversity value of the Shannon Town Wetlands site, Tullyvarraga Road, (entrance opposite Gleann na Smól) on Monday, Feb 2nd at 2.30pm followed by further illustrated talks, tea / coffee in the Shannon Springs Hotel at 3.15pm. All welcome.