Tradaree Pastoral Area Newsletter
Fifth Sunday of Lent - 22nd March 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

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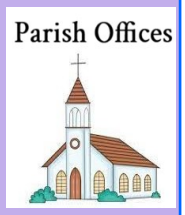

Shannon - *Jemma* 061-363243,
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Website: www.shannonparish.ie
Open Tue - Fri 10am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm

Sixmilebridge/Kilmurry - *Puff* 061-713682
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Website: sixmilebridgeparish.ie.
Open Tue - Fri 10am to 12 noon

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

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, March 25th, at 7:00 PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Pat Malone from Clarecastle will be the celebrant on the night. Petitions may be left at the shrine in the church during the Novena. You are warmly invited to join us on this pilgrimage through Lent. Attending the Novena could be a meaningful Lenten resolution.

A Musical Pilgrimage for Liturgical Music Ministers in Rome with "The Priests" Monday 29 June to Saturday 4 July 2026. Workshops, Liturgies, Cultural Site Visits, Accommodation, Meals and Final Night Concert. For more information visit www.rishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026 Celebrating 100 years of the Pontifical Irish College on the Coelian Hill in Rome.

Clare adults with Type 1 Diabetes meet-up, will take place Wednesday 25th March, at 7:30pm- 9:30pm in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis. The topic for this meeting will be 'preparing for diabetes appointments' The meetings are free to attend and open to any adult who would like to learn more about Type 1 Diabetes; including people living with Type 1, parents of children with Type 1 or family members. For more information, email Grainne diabetesinclare@gmail.com

Grow Mental Health- Friendly Community based peer support groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues through 12 Step Program of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth. Ennis Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/Www.grow.ie

Fully Escorted Trip to Medjugorje with Marian Pilgrimages-Led by Sharon O Leary. Direct flights from Knock October 21st- 28th. Spiritual Director Fr Séan Sheehy and accompanied by Fr Nelson Joseph. Complete Spiritual Programme available. 7 nights' accommodation with freshly prepared breakfast and dinner each day to compliment the Irish palate! 915 euro per person sharing .For further information contact Sharon 086 0523014

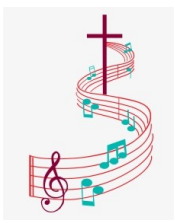
Tuesday : March 31st : 7 pm: The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the Tradaree Pastoral Area will take place in St Finnachta's Church, Sixmilebridge. All are welcome.

Closure of Apostolic Work

Apostolic work founded in Killaloe Diocese in 1955 and active in Newmarket, Sixmilebridge and Shannon for many years will conclude its activities this year. The final display will take place on Saturday June 13th in Ennis. We extend sincere gratitude to all who have supported and contributed to Apostolic work over the years.

Shannon Airport to Medjugorje: May 20th to May 27th 2026 is €895 per person sharing. Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team. Bookings for these pilgrimages can be made by contacting Kathleen and Jimmy Morris on **086 3271657.**

Our Lady of the Rosary Choir:



Newmarket-on-Fergus has a wonderful tradition of Church music. We are greatly indebted to Mrs Foley and to everyone who nourished that tradition over the years. We are now in a time of transition. We would like to hear from people who might be available to conduct a choir or serve as organist for our parish Church. If you feel you have something to offer in this area, you are very welcome to contact our parish office. All suggestions are welcome.

Newmarket Ladies footballers training for underage groups. Training will take place on Tuesday evenings. contact Carol 0860797548.

Mass Intentions

Newmarket-on-Fergus

Sat. 21st Mar. 12 noon. Newmarket: Lorcan Enright. M.M. followed by burial of ashes.
Sun. 22nd Mar. 10.30am. Wells: Deceased members of the Toomey Family. Mary Hallinan and deceased members of the Hayes Family.
Wed. 25th Mar. 7pm. Newmarket: Ceremony of Light for confirmation children.
Sat. 28th Mar. 6pm. Newmarket: Tom and Ciss Harrington, Joan Cullen, Pakie Ryan.

Your kind prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of Anne Hogan, Cluain Dara. May she rest in peace.

Sixmilebridge

Sat. 21st Mar. 7.30 p.m. Marian Collins, Katie, Michael & Tom Morey, Tom & Kathleen Casey, Annie & Dan O'Connor, Claire Collins, Annie Hennessy
Sun. 22nd Mar. 9.00 a.m. Kilmurry Tommy O'Brien (1st A), Imelda, James & Michael Grace, Mary Grace McMahon.
Sun. 22nd Mar. 12 Noon. Denis Hogan, Christy & Margaret Murphy, Joe McNamara (1st A), Gerti, Tim & Kevin McNamara, Barry Quinn.
Sat. 28th Mar. 7.30 p.m. Kathleen Quinton (MM), Eileen & Richard Barron.

Shannon

Fri. 20 Mar. 7pm SS J & P: Clara and Eddie Stapleton
Sat. 21st Mar. 6.30pm SS J&P: Seán O'Connell.
Sun. 22nd Mar. 10.30am M.I.: Agnes Byrnes, Catherine McLoughlin .
Sun. 22nd Mar. 12 noon SS J&P: Margaret Lundy (MM).
Sat. 28th Mar. 11am M.I.: Tommy Hasty (1st A), Michael Keane.
Sat. 28th Mar. 6.30pm SS J&P: Ronnie Hodges (1st A), David Keohane.
Sun. 29th Mar. 10.30am M.I.: Tom Farragher (MM), Maura Power (1st A), Seamus and Ann Conway, Kevin Markham**.**
Sun. 29th Mar. 12 noon SS J&P Margaret (Peggy) Austin, Laura Marie Cherry.

Also remembering: Jason Lennon, Alex McNamara and Mary Ryan.

We Extend our Prayers and Sympathies to: Mary O'Dwyer, Ard na Greine on the death of her brother John O'Mahony**.** The family and friends of Dermot (Derrie) Waldron, Drumgeely Avenue and Jean Maguire, O'Brien Park. May they rest in eternal peace**.**

Easter Services for Shannon will be included in next

Parish Notes

Newmarket-on-Fergus

Sacrament of reconciliation : Tue 24th Mar 7pm in Wells for the children of Clonmoney NS
Ceremony of Light : Wed 25th Mar 7pm in Our Lady of the Rosary for the children in the parish receiving the sacrament of confirmation.
First Friday Calls: Due to the first Friday in April falling on Good Friday, Fr Albert will make his monthly house calls on Tue 31st March.
Offertory Collection: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the church basket collection last weekend. €1466.31
Easter Celebrations in the Parish
Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm in Newmarket Following this Mass there will be an opportunity to pray at the Altar of Repose until 9pm.
Good Friday: Confessions 12 noon to 1pm in Newmarket
Passion Celebration 3pm in Newmarket
Outdoor Stations 7.30pm in Carrigoran (If adverse weather the Stations will be in Our Lady of the Rosary Church)
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 9pm in Newmarket
Easter Sunday: 9am: Carrigerry : **10.30am**: The Wells : **12 noon**: Newmarket

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Holy Thursday. An important part of the liturgy is the washing of the feet recalling Our Lord's washing of His disciples' during the Last Supper. If you would like to volunteer, it would be wonderful to hear from you. Please contact our parish office.

Sixmilebridge

Eucharistic Ministers next week Team B
Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto: Numbers 3 19 20 25 **Jackpot:** €17,400
14th Clare Scout Group Table Quiz – Thursday 2nd April @ 8pm in Gleesons Pub. Teams of 4 Cost: €10 PP. All are welcome.

Easter Celebrations in the Parish
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm in Sixmilebridge
Good Friday: Outdoor Stations 12 Noon
Passion Celebration 3pm in Sixmilebridge Church.
Stations of the Cross 8pm in Kilmurry
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 9pm in Sixmilebridge.
Easter Sunday:
Dawn Mass at 6.30 a.m. in Ballysheen Graveyard
Mass at 10.00 a.m. in Kilmurry.
Mass at 11.30 a.m. in Sixmilebridge.

Shannon

Sunday Collection
Last Sunday's and St. Patrick's Day collection was €3,410. Thank you for your continued support and great generosity. There will be a second collection next weekend 28th and 29th of March in support of the Trocaire Lenten Appeal.

Age Action is currently recruiting volunteers for their Getting Started Digital skills programme in Shannon Library. As part of this programme, volunteer tutors are matched with an older person for 5 weeks and will teach them how to get online and use their device. Anyone interested can email volunteering@ageaction.ie or call 0818 911 109 to find out more and to apply.