

# Tradaree Pastoral Area Newsletter

## The Ascension of the Lord - May 17th 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

Email: office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie

Website: www.newmarketonfergus.ie.

Open Mon - Thur 10am to 2.30pm

Parish Offices



**Shannon - Jemma** 061-363243,

Email: office@shannonparish.ie,

Website: www.shannonparish.ie

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

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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

#### Pray for Life Novena

The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

**Ennis flower and garden club** present Bertranda Delaney, Tipperary for a floral demonstration on Tuesday May 19th at Treacys West County Hotel Ennis, doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp, 10 euro non members all are welcome, demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night, contact [ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com)

#### Silent Retreat:

**Theme:** "If you but knew the gift of God..."

**Preached by:** Fr. Kilian Byrne, Tinteán na hÉireann ( Foyer of Charity)

**Venue:** Mount St. Joseph's Abbey, Roscrea

**Date:** May 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Contact:** Helen : 086 1678027 [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com)  
[www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie)

A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.



May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese of Killaloe.

In safeguarding, we often speak about creating environments where dignity, and safety flourish. The Diocese ensures that all parish staff / volunteers who have a role with children and or vulnerable adults are garda vetted every 3 years. This includes all priests, parish safeguarding representatives, Eucharistic Ministers that take communion to the sick, leader / helpers involved in parish activities with children and vulnerable adults. To view our garda vetting policy and who needs to be vetted visit [www.killaloediocese.ie/safeguarding](http://www.killaloediocese.ie/safeguarding).

God our Father, make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow Him into the new creation, for His ascension is our glory and our hope. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*



## Mass Intentions

### Newmarket-on-Fergus

**Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May: 6pm: Newmarket:** Gerry Noonan, Denys Hinsley.

**Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> May: 11am: Newmarket:** Confirmation Mass (please note that there will be no 9.30am mass)

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May: 6pm: Newmarket:** Johnny Freeman (M.M.). John and Bridie Freeman, Bríd Conheady, Paddy Reynolds, Mairead Slattery.

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May: 10.30am: Wells:** Jimmy and Madge Melody, Mary Melody.

**Recent Death:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Collins, Woodpark. May she rest in peace.

### Sixmilebridge

**Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 p.m.** Cora Casey (1<sup>st</sup> A).

**Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> May 12 Noon.** Noel Murphy.

**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7.30 p.m.** Geraldine and Maeve Frost, Terry Kearney, Frank and Ann McAuley, Louise O'Halloran, The Quinn Family, John and Dawn Roughan.

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 9am: Kilmurray:** Collins Family, Timmy and Debbie O'Riordan

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 12 Noon:** Michael O'Grady (MM), Eileen Broe, Sean Murphy.

### Shannon

**Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm SS J&P :** Ro Doyle, Seamus Smyth

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am M.I.:** Olive Hartigan, Gerry Kelly.

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon SS J&P:** Liz Russell.

**Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> May 7pm SS J&P :** Jack and Gráinne Browne, Deceased members of the Finnegan Family.

**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 11am M.I.:** John Madigan.

**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 6.30pm SS J&P :** Helen Griffin, Tom O'Brien.

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am M.I.:** William Buckley (MM), Michael Downes, John and Julia McCarthy and deceased family members, Mary O'Shea.

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon SS J&P:** Seamus McEvoy (MM).

**Also Remembering:** Martin and Ellie McDonagh, Paddy McDonagh and Ownie McDonagh and deceased family members. Jennifer and deceased members of the Sweeney family.

**We extend our prayers and sympathies to the friends and families of:** Kathleen Reynolds, Tradaree Court, Shannon. Graham Macleod, Lee Park, Shannon. Elizabeth (Lily) Garrihy, Carrig Lia, Shannon. Helena Ihnatova, Slovakia, grandmother of Lenka McCarthy and Lucia Mannion. May they rest in eternal peace.



## Parish Notes

### Newmarket-on-Fergus

**Congratulations** to the girls and boys of the parish, who received their First Holy Communion over the past three weeks and to their parents and teachers. A First Holy Communion is a sacred milestone, marking the beginning of a lifelong spiritual journey. May God be beside you and forever love and guide you as you go along life's way.

**Míle Buíochas** to the enthusiastic bunch who turned out to do some grounds tidying at Our Lady of the Wells Church on Tuesday night last and to those who made a head start last weekend. It was a very productive hour. The next gathering will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. .

**Our Lady of the Rosary:** Pre confirmation cleanup is planned for this Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> May: 7pm. We welcome our usual host of volunteers with their hoovers & brushes. New volunteers are always welcome.

**Church Collections:** We wish to thank you for your generosity to our parish collection. Last weekend's collection was €1687.95.

### Sixmilebridge

**Eucharistic Ministers** next week Team B

**Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Lotto:** 2 9 28 31 **Jackpot:** €19,800

**Next Tea/Coffee/Chat Morning** will take place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May** in the G.P. Room after 9.30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome

**Well Done!** to all our **Scouts** who completed the Munster Mountain Pursuit Challenge last weekend.

**Active Agers 55+ Group Fitness Classes – Kilmurry.**

Mens Class Tues. 11 am Women's Class Thurs. 11 am.  
Functional group fitness classes focusing on strength, balance and fitness for everyday life. Suitable for all levels in a friendly and welcoming environment. To book call Noel on 085-8636296.

### Shannon

**Last Sunday's collection** was €1,867. As always, we thank you for your continued support and great generosity. There will be a second collection in support of the Killaloe Lourdes Invalid Fund at all Masses next weekend, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. This collection will help support and finance sick and seriously ill pilgrims attending this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Your generosity to this appeal will enable them to experience peace and blessings at the Grotto of Lourdes.

**Rosary for the Month of May** will be prayed every evening from Monday to Friday at 6.30pm at the statue of Our Lady outside SS John and Paul Church. All are welcome.

**The Annual Blessing of Expectant Mothers** will take place in the Jubilee Chapel, in Mary Immaculate Church on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. **All are welcome.**

**Exam Mass on Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>:** Mass at 7pm in SS John and Paul Church is being offered for Students doing exams this year. You are all welcome to join us in this time of prayer.