

Tradaree Pastoral Area Newsletter

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 23rd 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

Sixmilebridge/Kilmurry - Puff 061-713682

Email: office@sixmilebridgeparish.ie
 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 Wed 12 noon

The Clare Older People's Council, supported by the Clare Age Friendly Programme, is holding a public open event on:

Date: Tuesday, 8th September, 2026

Location: Shannon Library **Time:** 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Guest Speakers: The Active Retirement (Shannon Branch), Clare Women's Collective, CLDC, Shannon Community Partnership, Local link, Local Safety Partnership.

Information Stands: LCETB, Family Carers, Locallink, Shannon Community Partnership, CLDC, Clare Women's Collective, Alzheimer's Society, , Task, Lions Club and Clare County Council Housing Grants. *Everyone is welcome.*



Family Carers Ireland are hiring Home Care Workers across Clare! Enjoy great rates, paid mileage & travel time, plus paid training and other excellent benefits! To find out more send your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie.

Dementia Café – Shannon Family Resource Centre

Opening – Monday 14th September: 11am to 1pm
 Monday 5th October: 11am to 1pm
 Monday 2nd November: 11am to 1pm
 Monday 7th December: 11am to 1pm
 For people living with dementia/Alzheimer's and their families and friends. Pop in for a cuppa, support and friendly chats. This valuable community initiative will offer opportunities for social engagement, meaningful conversation, and peer support, helping to reduce isolation and promote dementia awareness and inclusion. *These events are free.*



Franciscan Missionaries of Mary: Sr. Nuala Glynn and other sisters from the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary will visit Tradaree pastoral area on 29-30 August. The sisters will speak at all Masses in our pastoral area that weekend. Founded in 1877 the *Franciscan Missionaries of Mary* draw inspiration from the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi. Their apostolate includes education and training, support for the poorest, care and presence among the sick, interreligious dialogue, spiritual and pastoral ministry, and support for migrant or marginalised populations.

Prayer to St. Monica



Dear Saint Monica, you were once the mournful mother of a prodigal son. Your faithfulness to prayer brought you and your son so close to God that you are now with him in eternity. By your intercession and God's grace, your son St. Augustine became a great and venerable Saint of the Church. Please take my request to God with the same fervour and persistence with which you prayed for your own son. Amen

**Breathe in me,
 O Holy Spirit,
 that my thoughts may all be holy.**
 Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
 that my work, too, may be holy.
 Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
 that I love but what is holy.
 Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
 to defend all that is holy.
 Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
 that I always may be holy.
 Amen.
 (by Saint Augustine)

Mass Intentions

Newmarket-on-Fergus

Sat 22nd Aug 6pm: Newmarket: Conor Kennedy (1st A) and his wife Breda. John and Bridget McInerney and their sons John Jnr and Martin. Jerry Kennedy.

Sat 29th Aug 6pm: James Ginnane. Jacinta Kelly.

Sun 30th Aug 10.30am: Wells: Gerard Howard. Kathleen and Joseph Hannon.

Sixmilebridge

Sat. 22nd Aug 7.30pm: Carmel Quinn (née Begley) (MM). Mary O'Callaghan and Deceased Family Members.

Sun. 23rd Aug. 9am Kilmurry: Mike Pewter (1st A).

Sat. 29th Aug 7.30pm: Michael Toomey (MM). Shane Devaney (MM). Paddy Frost. John O'Brien.

Shannon

Sat. 22nd Aug 11am M.I.: Laura Webb

Sat. 22nd Aug 6.30pm SS J&P: Ursula Meehan (1st A), Gerry Fox, Sally Marren.

Sun. 23rd Aug 10.30am M.I.: Aidan McKenna (1st A), Tom and Helen Downes, Willie and Eileen Dunne and their daughters Teresa and Anne. Deceased members of the Collins family.

Sun. 23rd Aug 12 noon SS J&P: Joseph Austin, Brendan and Emily Regan, Theresa Regan and Brendan Regan Jr.

Tue. 25th Aug 10am M.I.: Janet Hopkins.

Thur. 27th Aug 10am M.I.: Nuala Quinlan (1st A).

Sat. 29th Aug 6.30pm SS J&P: Daniel Phelan.

Sun. 30th Aug 10.30am M.I.: Madeline O'Brien.

Sun. 30th Aug 12 noon SS J&P: Philomena Carey, Catherine Collier, George Tomaszewski, Krystyna, Eugenuisz and Christopher Wojciechowicz.

Mon. 31st Aug 7pm SS J&P: Peter Doyle

Also Remembering: Aelish Morrison.

We extend our prayers and sympathies to: Catherine Bolger, Finian Park on the death of her sister Noreen O'Donnell, Tipperary Town. The family and friends of Pauline Carroll, Ballycasey Grove, Shannon. May they rest in eternal peace.

Upcoming Feast Days

Monday August 24th - St. Bartholomew

Thursday August 27th - St. Monica

Friday August 28th - St. Augustine

Saturday August 29th - St. John the Baptist



Parish Notes

Newmarket-on-Fergus

Parish Walk on 8th August : The walk was to Kilnasoolagh Church, Carrigoran stables and old house ruins. Daniel, Frances Brennan, Cyril Maxwell and Paul Fahy helped to tidy up the Famine Path to the Church

Maire Ni Ghruagain of The Parish Walk handed over An Bradán Feasa to John Reidy. The decorative piece of art made in Ennis has changed its title to Fear Feasa PJ in honour of PJ Reidy, for his very personable, helpful and knowledgeable father who travelled the world to explore its history and geography. John Reidy presented an Fear Feasa PJ to Daniel Wilson as the new award for excellence on the Parish Walk. The prize to be held for one month.

Active Agers 55+ Group Fitness Classes – Newmarket on Fergus Community Centre. Recommences September 4th, continuing every Friday at 11.30am. Group fitness classes focusing on functional strength, balance and fitness for everyday life. Contact Noel: [085 863 6296](tel:0858636296)

Church Collection: Thank you for your ongoing support. Amount realised last weekend was €1611.80

Sixmilebridge

Eucharistic Ministers next week Team D

Sun 23rd Aug at 10am BMOH Athletics Club is hosting a 6-mile race. There will also be a 1km children's fun run, a hive of local vendor stalls and spot prizes. Not to be missed! Registration through Eventmaster.ie.

“15th Anniv of Sixmilebridge Mart” Celebration of Mass at 7pm in the Mart. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome for the occasion

Active Agers 55+ Group Fitness Classes – Kilmurry Every Tue at Kilmurry Community Centre. Women only – 9.30am | Men only – 11.00am. Group fitness classes focusing on functional strength, balance and fitness for everyday life. All abilities welcome. Contact Noel: 085 863 6296

Shannon

Last Sunday's Collection was €2,814. This figure includes the collection for the Feast of the Assumption. As ever, we thank you for your continued support and great generosity.

FREE hearing tests at Blackberry Hearing, **Shannon Medical Centre, Block E, Bru Na Sionna**, Book a quick, no-obligation test with our qualified audiologists - call [01-6978470](tel:016978470).

Active Agers 55+ Group Fitness Classes: Wednesday at 9.15am in Tullyvarra Community Hall, Shannon. Group fitness classes focusing on **functional strength, balance and fitness for everyday life**. All abilities welcome.

Sanctuary lamps are available for €25. Donations can be left into the Parish office with your intentions list. Donors intentions this week are for Mike Kelly R.I.P.

Poetry Evening in Sean Lemass Public Library Shannon. Last Tuesday of every month 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Read your own poem or a poem by your favourite author or just listen to poetry in good company with a cup of tea. All are welcome.