Tradaree Pastoral Area Newsletter
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th September
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.

Tradaree Parish Offices

Newmarket-on-Fergus - *Mary* 061-368127
Email: office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie
Website: www.newmarketonfergus.ie.
Open Mon - Thur 10am to 2.30pm

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

HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare are running the 'Living Well' program which is a six week, free of charge group self-management program for people with long term health conditions or their carers. **Starting** Tue, 15th Sept, 2026, Ennis Primary Care Centre **Time:** 10.30am to 1:00pm

HELP US FIND CLARE'S RECORDED VOICES! Clare County Council's Heritage Office, with Mac Conmara Heritage and the Heritage Council, is undertaking a county-wide audit of recorded memories, oral history and folklore relating to Clare. We are particularly interested in recordings that may be held privately, old cassettes, reel-to-reel tapes, CDs or digital recordings of any subject related to the county. If you know of material that may be relevant, please contact : macconmaraheritage@gmail.com or ring 086 2747230

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC: ENNIS WEST COUNTY HOTEL
Thur 10th Sept: 4:50pm – 8:10pm. Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment

MISSION AWARENESS APPEAL: The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary wish to thank everyone in the Tradaree Pastoral Area for their welcome and generous response to their recent appeal. The appeal realised €8183.21 in support of their missionary activities. Please be assured of their sincere prayers.

Tulla Comhaltas have organized a wonderful **Free** concert at Cnoc Na Gaoithe Tulla to celebrate Culture Night on Friday September 18th at 8pm

Dementia Café – Shannon Family Resource Centre
Opening – Monday 14th September: 11am to 1pm
Mon 5th Oct 11am to 1pm / Mon 2nd Nov: 11am to 1pm
Mon 7th Dec: 11am to 1pm. These events are free.

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

Tap 2 Donate is a new initiative for Newmarket-on-Fergus parish. It will enable people to make a secure donation with the tap of a debit/credit card or smart phone in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary. The donation point is just inside the central entrance door. The donations will go towards the offertory collections for the support of our parish.

To use the TAP 2 DONATE system:

1. Choose from one of the pre-set amounts or choose your own amount.
2. Insert your card and enter your PIN **OR** present your card or smartphone to the contactless symbol and tap
Wait for the on-screen confirmation.
You can receive a receipt. If you need further information, please contact the Newmarket pastoral office Tel. 061 368127 or email office@newmarketonfergusparish.ie

Next weekend we take up the designated collection for the Killaloe Priests Benevolent Fund. The purpose of the Benevolent Fund is the support of priests in the Diocese who are sick or fully retired and no longer in active or paid ministry. Your contribution to this collection will directly assist the Fund in this objective. Your support is greatly appreciated.
I wish to take this opportunity to thank all Priests, and Members of Parish Finance Councils for all your ongoing hard work and commitment to this area.
buiochas agus le mor-mheas,
Yours sincerely, Bishop Fintan Monahan

Papal Blessings: If you wish to receive the blessing of Pope Leo together with a parchment on the occasion of an important event in your life you will find details at https://www.elemosineria.va/papal-blessing-parchments/ Occasions for which papal blessings are granted include baptism, Frist Holy Communion, confirmation, ordination, marriage, significant anniversary of marriage or birthday.

Mass Intentions

Newmarket-on-Fergus

Sat 5th Sept 6pm: Newmarket: Ann O'Brien (1st A). Rita, Mary & John Mc Cormack. Bernie Mc Namara. Patricia Casey. Josephine and Seán Mc Namara.
Sun 6th Sept 10.30am: Wells: Bridie Moloney. Margaret Meehan.
Thur 10th Sept 9.30am: Newmarket: Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire School Start of school year mass
Sat 12th Sept 6pm: Newmarket: Caithlín Fennell. (M.M). Jackie and Mary Greene.

Sixmilebridge

Sat. 5th September 7.30 p.m. Lonergan & Keegan Families
Sun. 6th September 12.00 Noon: Billy & Catherine Earls. Ita & Kathleen Tangney
Sat. 12th September 7.30 p.m. Josephine O'Hanlon (nee Ryan)

We extend our prayers and sympathies to: the family, friends and neighbours of Noel O'Halloran, Cappa, and Declan Murphy, Derra, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Shannon

Sat. 5th Sept. 11am M.I.: William and Mary Gleeson, Patrick and Liam Gleeson, Tony Brody.
Sat. 5th Sept. 6.30pm J&P: Frances Kelly (1st A), Deirdre O'Brien, Kathleen and Paddy O'Brien, John O'Byrne, Deceased members of the McGarry and Dwyer families.
Sun. 6th Sept. 10.30am M.I.: David Brown (1st A), Breda Nolan.
Sun. 6th Sept. 12 noon SS J&P: Hession and Keane families. Rose and Bernard Kennedy. John O'Sullivan.
Thur. 10th Sept. 10am M.I.: Patricia and Kevin McNamara.
Sat. 12th Sept. 6.30pm J&P: Karl Duff (MM) and brother Earl Duff (30th Anniversary), James Nolan (1st A).
Sun. 13th Sept. 10.30am M.I.: Mary Barrett, Vera Byrne and Maureen Byrne, Patrick (Pat) Grimes.
Sun. 13th Sept. 12 noon SS J&P: Martin Quinn. Tom Mulkeen

Also Remembering: David McGettrick.

We extend our prayers and sympathies to: The family and friends of Anne Smyth, Fergus Road, Shannon and Joyce Howard, Delacey Park, Shannon. Ann (Nan) O'Gara, Slaney Park, Shannon. Breda Costigan Mc Teggart, Hurlers Cross, formerly of Shannon. May they rest in eternal peace.

Shannon

Parents Information Evening - Shannon
There will be information meetings for the sacramental classes of Shannon Parish 2026/2027 in SS John and Paul Church :
Communion - Wednesday September 9th at 7pm
Confirmation - Thursday September 10th at 7pm.
We invite parents/guardians to join us on these evenings. It is not necessary for children to attend these evenings.

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation is a formation programme for people who wish to embrace or return to the Christian faith. It begins on 22 September and concludes at the Easter Vigil 2027. It is conducted primarily on zoom with some personal contact. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact one of our pastoral offices.

Parish Notes

Newmarket-on-Fergus

Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire: Parents, families and members of the community are welcome to join the staff and students of **Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire** as they celebrate Mass and ask God's blessing as the new school year begins. The Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Prayer for Priests on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm in Our Lady of the Wells Church

Obair Annual General Meeting 2026 : Obair Newmarket-on-Fergus CLG will hold **its** Annual General Meeting **on:** Monday 21st September 2026 @ 7pm in the Obair Building, Newmarket-on-Fergus**.** We would be delighted to welcome members, supporters and members of the wider community to our AGM. We look forward to seeing you there!

Speech & Drama : Classes resuming. Classes available for primary and secondary pupils. For further info: Tel: Evelyn Mac Mahon 085 1884158

Children's HipHop Dance Class. Every Thursday in the Newmarket on Fergus Community Hall (Small Hall) 5.30pm-6.30pm. Ages 4-12yrs. Only €8 pay as you go. Starting back Thursday 3rd Sept. Contact Shelley on 0861703053

Mile Buíochas : There is a lot of very much appreciated work going on by parishioners who so willingly give their time & resources to help maintain inside & outside our three churches. Weeds disappear magically from church grounds. Recently, tricky work was carried out to remove bees in the attic of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. We wish to acknowledge and thank you all for your help in any way throughout the year.

Parish Walk: 12th Sept. Houses of Migrants from Dromoland Estate in the 19th century to Ballincragga Townland: Tour guide – Frank Donnellan. Depart the Church Car Park @ 2pm & Ballinacragga Bohereen @ 2.20pm

Last weekends Offertory collection—€1305.92. Thank you

Pastoral Committee : Next meeting Wed 9th Sept. If anyone wishes to have something discussed at this meeting please contact a committee member. Chairperson : Marie Costello. Fr Albert, Kevin O'Connor, Flan Sheedy, Martin Moroney, Mike Mulvihil, Pat Greene, Rachael Cavanagh, Sarah Glenny, Pat Freeman, Timmy O'Connell, Mary O'Shea, Peg Kenny & Marie Brennan.

Sixmilebridge

Eucharistic Ministers next week Team B

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Monday night at 7.30 p.m. in the Parochial Hall

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto: Number drawn: 3 5 28 32 Jackpot: €3,900

Caroline Enright is commencing **Beginner Line Dancing Classes** in Kilmurry Community Hall on Friday Sept. 11th from 7.30 PM- 9PM - All are welcome and no experience or partner required to come along to the classes.

Shannon

Last Sunday's collection was €1,720. There will be second collection next weekend, September 12th and 13th at all Masses in support of the Killaloe Sick and Retired Priest's collection. As ever, we are grateful for your continued support and great generosity.

Prayer for Priests Group: There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer next Saturday, September 12th from 9:15am to 10:15am in the Adoration Chapel, Shannon. All are welcome to come together to pray for our Bishops, Priests and each other.

Shannon Active Retirement: The next Meeting for Shannon Active Retirement will be on Wednesday, September 9th in the Conservatory of the Oakwood Hotel at 11am. All are welcome.