

## Tradaree Pastoral Area Newsletter

### The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th February 2026 - Temperance Sunday 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

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

**Bishop Willie's First Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated in the Cathedral Ennis on Saturday February 21st at 11am. After mass, the new Cathedral Plaza will be dedicated to his memory and will be known as the Bishop Willie Walsh Plaza. All are welcome.

**The Annual Matt Talbot Novena** returns to Tulla Church on Ash Wednesday, February 18th at 7pm, beginning with Mass and Benediction. The Novena will be opened by Bishop Fintan Monahan, and will include the blessing and distribution of ashes.

**Pledge for Lent:** Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie) or to speak to a Pioneer in the parish. **"Off the drink for Lent"** is a reminder that "the bonds of friendship and affection do not unravel with death" ... or with addiction or sickness.

**Lent Guided Meditation Evenings:** Newmarket-on- Fergus Parish Church will host three evenings of guided meditation during Lent, offering a quiet space for prayer and reflection through Scripture. Each meditation will last approximately 30 minutes and will focus on a Gospel theme for Lent.

**Tuesday 24th February** – The Healing of the Woman with a Haemorrhage: The Transformative Power of Faith.

**Tuesday 3rd March** – The Woman at the Well: Meeting Christ Who Knows Our Thirst.

**Tuesday 10th March** – The Prodigal Son: Knowing God as a Forgiving Father. All are welcome to attend at 7.30 p.m.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** Bishop Fintan will lead both our Diocesan summer and autumn pilgrimages this year. June 24th to June 29th cost €990 pps and September 28th to October 3rd cost €960 pps. Book directly with Joe Walsh tours. A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated in Accueil Notre Dame in the grounds of the sanctuary. For more information on this section only email [marybfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:marybfreeman@gmail.com) or tel 087 9777896.

**Epilepsy Awareness Day:** "In Ireland, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For more info please visit [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie). Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March."

#### Tradaree Parish Offices

**Newmarket-on-Fergus - Mary** 061-368127

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Website: [www.newmarketonfergus.ie](http://www.newmarketonfergus.ie).

Open Mon - Thur 10am to 2.30pm

Parish Offices



**Shannon - Jemma** 061-363243,

Email: [office@shannonparish.ie](mailto:office@shannonparish.ie),

Website: [www.shannonparish.ie](http://www.shannonparish.ie)

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

**Sixmilebridge/Kilmurry - Puff** 061-713682

Email: [office@sixmilebridgeparish.ie](mailto:office@sixmilebridgeparish.ie)

Website: [sixmilebridgeparish.ie](http://sixmilebridgeparish.ie).

Open Tue - Fri 10am to 12 noon

#### Season of Lent



The season of Lent is 40 days connecting us with Jesus Himself. We begin being marked with the sign of the cross on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This has a link with the end of Lent when Jesus died on the cross for love of us. The sign on the forehead is not seen by ourselves but by those who see us.

It is a visible witness that we are beginning and undertaking something. That something is our response to Jesus' invitation to us to enter into a closer union with him, who suffered and died for our sins.

It's hard for us to get closer to God unless we make space in our hearts for him. During lent there are our own individual opportunities. Our parishes, in addition to our normal schedule, will offer some different moments to draw closer to the Lord which we will share weekly in our newsletter. More details to follow. We look forward to journeying together on the Lenten journey and hope that we will all take time to re-energise our hearts and souls.

#### A Prayer to Begin the Lenten Journey

In the quiet stillness of Lent,  
We search our hearts, repentant.  
Fasting, praying, seeking grace,  
Seeking God's loving embrace.

Forty days, a solemn time,  
To reflect, to pause, to climb  
Closer to our Savior's side,  
In Him, our hope and guide.

Through sacrifice and self-denial,  
We journey towards reconciliation,  
With God and with our fellow man,  
Living out His eternal plan.

So let us walk this path with care,  
In Lenten season, let us share  
In the joy of resurrection's light,  
A new beginning, pure and bright.

## Mass Intentions

### Newmarket-on-Fergus

**Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6pm. Newmarket:** Stephen McCoy, Molly and Seán McMahon, Jim and Eileen Kelly, Michael Shanagher.

**Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.30am. Wells:** Michael Liddane.

**Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 6pm. Newmarket:** Gerry Maxwell (1st A), Joe Carmody (1st A) Hannah and Brian Cutt, John and Maria Hartigan, Mary and Jean Hartigan, Agnes, Larry and Mike Kenndey, Danny Liddy, Martin Liddy, Anna and Fergus McMahon.

**Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 9am. Carrigerry:** Martin and Lucy Frawley.

**Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.30am. Wells:** Eamonn Wade, Bridget and Tom Nagle.

**Recent Death:** Your kind prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Josephine Curley, sister of Ita Foley, Carrigoran. May she rest in peace.

### Sixmilebridge

**Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.30pm.** Michael Devaney (1st A), Michael Barron, Patrick and Bridget O'Neill.

**Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 9 a.m. Kilmurry:** Tom and Bridget Fleming, Angela and Frank Glynn.

**Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 7.30pm.** Kevin Hoban (1st A), Betty O'Keeffe.

**Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 9 a.m. Kilmurry:** Joan Skeahan and deceased family members.

**Prayers and sympathies to:** The Lynch family, on the death of Louise Lynch (nee Shannon), Castlecrine. The Hurley family Reiscamogue, on the death of Eileen Hurley. Colm Fitzgerald on the death of his Grandfather Colm Flynn, Ennis. The Guerin Family, Church View on the death of Noel Guerin, Ennis. Helen Frawley Mt. levers, on the death of her sister Frances Dunne in Clarecastle. May they all Rest in Peace.

### Shannon

**Sat. 14th Feb. 11 am M.I:** Annette O'Brien (MM)

**Sat. 14th Feb. 6.30pm SS J&P:** Marguerite and Noel O'Keeffe (1st A), Lynn Connolly, Michael Dillon, Margaret Dunlea Meade, Kathleen McMullan.

**Sun. 15th Feb. 10.30am M.I:** Rose France, Patrick and Bridie Grue, John and Margaret McCarthy, Michael and Margaret O'Connor.

**Sun. 15th Feb. 12 noon SS J&P:** Nancy Molamphy (MM), Mary Molloy (1st A), James O'Brien, Christy Sherlock, Breege Sweeney and deceased members of the Kenndey & Sweeney families.

**Sat. 21st Feb. 6.30pm SS J&P:** Leona Kirwan Cusack, Deceased members of the England Family.

**Sun. 22nd Feb. 10.30am M.I:** James Mulqueen (1st A), Eileen Garvey, Catherine McLoughlin, Rose and Tommy Tambling.

**Sun. 22nd Feb. 12 noon SS J&P:** Ann White (MM), Kathleen McKeown, Kieran O'Gorman.

**Also Remembering:** Simon Viesca and Luisa Viesca, Margaret Power.

**Prayers and Sympathies to:** Our dear friend Fr. Francis Kochuveettill, Toomevara, on the death of his father Louis Kochuveettill. Marie Morrissey, Tullyglass on the death of her brother Denis McKeogh, Killaloe. The Quinn family, on the death of Sheelagh Quinn. The O'Callaghan family, on the death of Jean O'Callaghan, Lahinch and Shannon. May they rest in eternal peace.

## Parish Notes

### Newmarket-on-Fergus

**Ash Wednesday:** The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place during 9.30am Mass in The Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket-on-Fergus and during brief liturgies of the word at the Church of Our Lady of the Wells, Clonmoney at 11am and in The Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket-on-Fergus at 7pm.

**Last Sunday's Collection €1,619.85.** Thank you for your continued support.

**Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire Open night** for Enrolment for the new Junior infants for 2026 is Tuesday 17th February at 7pm.

### Sixmilebridge

**Ash Wednesday:** Mass with Blessing and distribution of Ashes at 9.30 am + 7 pm in Sixmilebridge Church.

**Eucharistic Ministers** next week Team A

**Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto:** Numbers 13 14 26 31  
Jackpot Next Jackpot €15,900

**The Board of Management of Sixmilebridge N.S.** would like to extend a huge thank you to all who supported the Chaser fundraising event in November. It was a very enjoyable evening which and possible by the outstanding organising group. €45, 000 was raised and will help to meet the increasing day-to-day running costs. Míle buíochas.

**Sixmilebridge N.S.** is accepting applications for admission for the 2026/ 27 school year. The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Applications can be made on the school website [www.sixmilebridgens.ie](http://www.sixmilebridgens.ie).

**Mindfulness & Mindset Course:** Positive Psychology & CBT 6 Week Group Course Thurs. 19th Feb. 7pm in Sixmilebridge Parochial Hall. Limited places available. Book now The MET Trainer 085-8636296

### Shannon

**Ash Wednesday:** Blessing and distribution of Ashes will take place at 10am in Mary Immaculate Church and 7pm in SS John and Paul Church. There will also be a ceremony of the Distribution of Ashes at 1pm in the Adoration Chapel .

**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. Email [volunteering@ageaction.ie](mailto:volunteering@ageaction.ie) or call 0818 911 109 to find out more and to apply.

**Taster Thursday's** are running a FREE workshop on February 26th at 7pm in Shannon Town Centre Community Space, based on grief, loss and planning. The main speaker is Joanne Begley and 2 representatives from the local grief group will also attend.

**Shannon Musical Society** are excited to share with you, the remarkable story of "Come From Away". Set in the small airport town of Gander, a town similar to our own, they are set with an incredible task of taking in nearly 7000 passengers during the closure of airspace in Sept. 2001. *February 15th-21st St. Patrick's Comprehensive Shannon* <https://www.ticketsource.com/shannonmusicalociety> or email [shannonmusicalcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:shannonmusicalcommittee@gmail.com)