

# Tradaree Pastoral Area Newsletter

## First Sunday of Lent - 22nd February 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 **Wednesday 12 noon.**

**The Annual Matt Talbot Novena** will continue at 7pm Wednesday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Robert McCabe will be the celebrant on the night. He is the Central Spiritual Director of the Pioneer Association in Navan and as a former military chaplain, he has served with Irish peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, Kosovo, Liberia and Chad.

**Eucharistic Healing Retreat in Knock Shrine**, led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palic Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Venue: St. John's Welcome Centre. No booking required; all are welcome and please bring a packed lunch. Contact, Patricia on 089 9466193 or Fiona on [fionatjennings@yahoo.com](mailto:fionatjennings@yahoo.com).

**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.

The First evening takes place on **Tuesday 24th February** – The Healing of the Woman with a Haemorrhage: The Transformative Power of Faith. 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 24<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup> cost €990 pps and Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> cost €960 pps. Book directly with Joe Walsh tours. A limited number of assisted pilgrimages will be accommodated in June costing €890. email [marybfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:marybfreeman@gmail.com) or tel 0879777896 for more info. on this section only. Each year some people sponsor a sick or assisted pilgrim to make their wish of travelling to Lourdes become a reality. The cost €890 per pilgrim. To sponsor or part sponsor a pilgrim, contact Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director (087) 2349816.

**Free Traditional Skills Training Days** open to: Tidy Towns groups, Community development organisations and CLGs, Men's, Women's and Queer Sheds, Residents' associations, Environmental and heritage groups, social enterprises delivering community benefit. **Registration is open until 27<sup>th</sup> February.** <https://www.ourcommonknowledge.org/>

# LENT 2026



## Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.



**1st Sunday of Lent**  
February 22, 2026



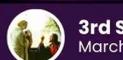
**Palm Sunday**  
March 29, 2026



**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
March 01, 2026



**Maundy Thursday**  
April 02, 2026



**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
March 08, 2026



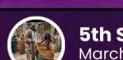
**Good Friday**  
April 03, 2026



**Laetere Sunday**  
March 15, 2026



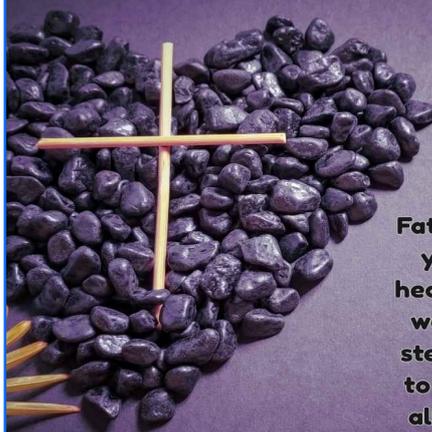
**Holy Saturday**  
April 04, 2026



**5th Sunday of Lent**  
March 22, 2026



**Easter Sunday**  
April 05, 2026



**Father, I come before you with an open heart. Teach me your ways and guide my steps. Help me listen to your voice above all others. Let your presence bring peace and clarity to my soul.**  
 Amen

## Mass Intentions

### Newmarket-on-Fergus

**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 Kennedy, Danny Liddy, Martin Liddy, Anna and Fergus McMahon.

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

**Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 10.30am. Wells:** Eamonn Wade, Bridget and Tom Nagle

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6pm. Newmarket:** Seamus Boland, Dave Clancy, Patrick, Bridget Moynihan, their sons John, Michael and Patrick and daughter Martha.

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. 9am. Carrigerry:** Bernie Duggan.

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. 10.30am. Wells:** Mary and Margaret Garvey, Bridget and Frank O'Brien.

### Sixmilebridge

**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.

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.30pm.** Eileen Hurley (MM), Kathleen Keogh and Noel Keogh (1st A), Tom McInerney, Mona. Paddy and Frank O'Halloran, Tracey Phelan.

### Shannon

**Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 11am M.I:** Breda Collins and Catherine Purtill.

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

**Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 10.30am M.I:** Terri De Lacy (1st A), James Mulqueen (1st A), Eileen Garvey, Catherine McLoughlin, Rose and Tommy Tambling.

**Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 12 noon SS J&P:** Ann White (MM), John, Teresa and Séan McGuinness, Kathleen McKeown, Kieran O'Gorman.

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.30pm SS J&P:** Charlie Connolly, Brendan Hughes, Martin O'Regan.

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. 10.30am M.I:** Billy Barkley, Mary Corry, Dylan Coady Coleman.

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. 12 noon SS J&P:** George Quinn, Tom Ryan.

**Also Remembering:** Jimmy O'Brien, Rita, Sr. Joan, Mary and James Sexton.

**Prayers and Sympathies to:** Fonce Killeen, on the death of his sister Meta Baker, England. May she rest in Eternal Peace.

Remembering  
those we've lost



## Parish Notes

### Newmarket-on-Fergus

**Last Sunday's Collection €1,476.94.** Thank you for your continued support.

**Active Aged Community Group Fitness Classes (55+)** each Friday in the Newmarket on Fergus Community Hall at 11.30am. Group Fitness focusing on functional strength, balance, mobility and fitness for everyday life. Please contact Noel 085-8636296 for more information.

### Sixmilebridge

**Eucharistic Ministers** next week Team B

**Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto:** Numbers 3 9 18 24  
Jackpot **Next Jackpot** €16,200

**Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.** at 7.30pm in the Parochial Hall

**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).

**St. Patrick's Day Parade Group** are raising funds and will hold collection next weekend.

### Shannon

**Last Sunday's collection** was €1,997. Thank you for your continued support and great generosity.

**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 911109 to find out more and to apply.

**Shannon Senior Citizens:** The Annual General Meeting of Shannon Senior Citizen's Club takes place at the Club House, 9 Purcell Park, on Wednesday March 4th at 3pm. All are welcome to attend. Failte isteach!

**Sanctuary lamps** are available for €25. Donations can be left into the Sacristy or Parish office with your intentions list. Donors intentions this week are for Moira Lowry.

**Lectio Divina** (reflective reading of the Sunday Gospels) will take place every Wednesday during Lent after 10am Mass in the Jubilee Chapel, Mary Immaculate Church. All are welcome.

**Alone:** Staff from ALONE, the national organisation that supports older people to age at home, will be visiting Shannon Library to speak with anyone who would like to learn more about ALONE's services and opportunities to volunteer on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb from 10.30am – 1.30pm.

**Shannon Airport to Medjugorje:** May 20<sup>th</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 is €895 per person sharing. Sept 9<sup>th</sup> to Sept 16<sup>th</sup> is €915. Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team. Contact Kathleen and Jimmy Morris on **086 3271657**.