

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

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Open Mon - Thur 10am to 2.30pm

Parish Offices



Shannon - Jemma 061-363243,

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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 23rd May to Sunday 31st 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 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



[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.

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 18th to 24th 2026

Contact: Helen : 086 1678027 hellywilliams@gmail.com
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.

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. 16th May: 6pm: Newmarket: Gerry Noonan, Denys Hinsley.

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

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

Sun 24th 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. 16th May 7.30 p.m. Cora Casey (1st A).

Sun. 17th May 12 Noon. Noel Murphy.

Sat. 23rd 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. 24th May 9am: Kilmurray: Collins Family, Timmy and Debbie O'Riordan

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

Shannon

Sat. 16th May 6.30pm SS J&P : Ro Doyle, Seamus Smyth

Sun 17th May 10.30am M.I.: Olive Hartigan, Gerry Kelly.

Sun 17th May 12 noon SS J&P: Liz Russell.

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

Sat. 23rd May 11am M.I.: John Madigan.

Sat. 23rd May 6.30pm SS J&P : Helen Griffin, Tom O'Brien.

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

Sun. 24th 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 all our schools, 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 16th June at 7pm. .

Our Lady of the Rosary: Pre confirmation cleanup is planned for Tues. 19th 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 28th 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 23rd and 24th. 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 27th at 7pm. **All are welcome.**

Exam Mass on Monday May 25th: 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.