

# Tradaree Pastoral Area Newsletter

## The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feast of St.Brigid - 1st 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

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Open Mon - Thur 10am to 2.30pm

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



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Website: sixmilebridgeparish.ie. Open Tue - Fri 10am to 12

Newsletter deadline for items to be included

**12.00 every Wednesday.**

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

**Bishop Willie's First Anniversary Mass** will be in the Cathedral on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11.00 am. The county council will be officially naming the new space in front of the Cathedral – **The Bishop Willie Walsh Plaza** – and a ceremony will be held to unveil a plaque to mark that. All are welcome.

**Congratulations!** to Bishop Ger Nash on his appointment as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory by Pope Leo XIV. We prayerfully support Bishop Ger as he continues his ministry as Bishop of Ferns, entrusted with this additional pastoral responsibility.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND** Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland **Dates: 20 -22 March 2026.** "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo  
Online: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)



St. Brigid, as once you took in hand the wild rushes of the field and folded them in the manner of a cross, so now inspire us to be creative and to take the things of daily life and mould them into something beautiful for God.

**The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** (Candlemas Day) is celebrated on **Monday, 2 February.** This feast recalls Mary and Joseph bringing the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after His birth. This day is celebrated with the blessing of candles, symbolizing Christ as the Light that guides us out of darkness.

**The Feast of St. Blaise Tuesday 3rd Feb.**

Using two crossed, blessed, unlit candles the minister touches the throat of each person using the following prayer of blessing: Through the intercession of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may the Lord preserve you from aliments of the throat and every other illness.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Candles for use in our homes and Churches will be Blessed during Mass in all Churches on Monday 2nd Feb.

**The Blessing of Throats** will take place on Tuesday, 3 February at the following times:

**after 9.30am Mass** in The Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket-on-Fergus; **11am** in the Church of Our Lady of the Wells. **7pm** in The Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket-on-Fergus.

**10am in Mary Immaculate Church and 7pm in SS John and Paul Church.** Shannon

Anam Cara Galway, monthly **Parent Support Evening** for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 7.30pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Headford Point, Sandy Road, Galway.

**St Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday Workshops** for Adults will resume on Wednesday February 4. Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings.

**A special treat for music lovers 'A Night for Cillian':** Danlann An Chlair, Ennis, **Saturday February 7th at 8pm** gala performance. All proceeds will go to Cillian O'Brien Fund. Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-for-cillian-tickets-1979723311718> .

Fully Escorted **Trip to Medjugorie** with Marian Pilgrimages-Direct flights from Knock Oct. 21st- 28th. Complete Spiritual Programme available. 7 nights' accommodation with breakfast and dinner each day. Early booking discount price €865 available until January 31st Contact Sharon 086 0523014

## Mass Intentions

### Newmarket-on-Fergus

**Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 6pm Newmarket:**

Catherine Slattery, (M. M)

John Joe & Peggy Kennelly & their daughters Patricia, Eleanor & Yvonne. Kathleen & Barry Ryan. Madeline Hastings. First Holy Communion preparation mass.

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 9am Carrigerry:** Feast of St Bridget

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 10.30am Wells:** Feast of St Bridget

**Tue. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 9.30am Newmarket:** Feast of St Blaise followed by blessing of throats.

**Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6pm Newmarket:**

Daniel O'Leary & deceased family members.

Seán Murphy, Mai, Paddy & Marie Daly. John Meehan, Michael Heffernan. John Crosby. Michael & Mary Brassil. Pa, Theresa, Anthony & Breda Burke.

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.30am Wells:**

Moira Toomey, (MM). Mary Powell,

Pat Enright & parents Pat & Bridget

**Recent Death:** We pray those who died recently: Nancy Mc Mullen, mother of Anna Devanney, Kilnasoolagh Pk & Jacinta Cullen, Avondale.

TJ Sweeney, brother of Aiden, Lisduff. May they rest in peace.

### Sixmilebridge

**Sat. 31st Jan. 7.30pm:** Thomas, Ellen, Joe & Tommy Sheehan, Bridget Toomey.

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 9.00am. Kilmurry:** Anne Lennon (nee Liddy) MM

**Sun. 12. Noon.** Frances O'Shea, (1st Anniv),

Maureen Gallagher (1st Anniv).

**Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 9.30am:** Feast of the Presentation. Candles may be placed in front of altar for Blessing.

**Sat. 7.30pm** Noel O'Meara, Marion Meehan, Mary Nihill, Deceased members of Nihill family.

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.** Bridget Mulready

We extend our sympathy to the Hurley family, on the death of Eileen Hurley, who died during the week. Rest in Peace.

### Shannon

**Sat. 31st Jan. 11 am. M.I:** Rosaline Hasty

**Sat. 31st Jan. 6.30 pm SS J & P:** Kathleen O'Shea (MM), Bob Haughey

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 10.30 am. M.I.** Ada (Sarah) Hanley (MM), Maura O'Brien (MM), Tony English (MM), James Mulqueen (1st A), Marian Hogan, Eugene O'Connell, Teresa O'Mara.

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 12 Noon SS J & P:** Gearoid Connolly (MM), Kathleen Doherty (MM), Patrick & Sean Hardy.

**Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 7pm. SS J & P:** Jim & Mary Barry

**Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10 am M.I:** Pat Smith

**Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7pm SS J & P:** Bob Stackpoole

**Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 11 am M.I:** Oliver McPadden & Mary McPadden

**Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.30pm SS J & P:** Rosaline Nolan (MM), Des Casey (1st A), James & Ellen Browne, Teresa McMahon, James & Annie Ryan, Christopher & Mary Whelan.

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.30am M.I:** Michael Cushley (MM), Damien Birchall, Jim Bryan & deceased family members, Tara Kelly, Ciarán O' Lionáin, Nora & Paddy Stapleton.

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. 12 Noon SS J & P** Frances Guilfoyle, Moira Lowry Also remembering Nora & Edward Gerary & Anna Hubich.

Prayers & Sympathies to Claire Chambers on the death of her sister Kathleen O'Donoghue, Newport. **Rest in Peace**

## Parish Notes

### Newmarket-on-Fergus

**Active Agers Community Group Fitness Classes (55+)** starting on Friday 20th of February in Newmarket on Fergus Community Hall at 11.30am. Group Fitness focusing on strength, balance, mobility and fitness for everyday life.

Please contact Noel Collins 085-8636296 for more information.

**Last Sunday's Collection €1,674.05.** Thank you for your continued support.

**Newmarket-on-Fergus Pastoral Council** next meeting at **7.30pm on Wed, 4 Feb.** If any member of the parish would like to have an item discussed they are welcome to contact any member of the council. We are currently forming the new pastoral council. To date the members are Chairperson - Marie Costello, Barbara Shalloo, Kevin O'Connor, Martin Moriney, Flan Sheedy, Mike Mulvihill, Pat Greene, Rachel Cavanagh, Sarah Glenny, Pat Freeman, Timmy O'Connell, Mary O'Shea & Marie Brennan.

### Sixmilebridge

**Sixmilebridge Eucharistic Ministers** next week - Team C

**Holy Communion Calls:** If anyone would like a visit from Fr. Damien, please contact the Parish Office.

**2nd Family Mass** for families of Children preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this Sat. Jan. 31st @ 7.30 p.m.

**Mindfulness & Mindset Course** Positive Psychology & CBT Six Week Group Course Thurs. 19th Feb 7.30pm in Sixmilebridge Parochial Hall. Limited places Available- Book Now The MET Trainer 085-8636296

### Active Agers Group Fitness Classes (55+)

Kilmurry Community Centre, Tues. men only+Thurs women only 11am-12pm. **Noel Collins 085 863 6296.**

**SVP** are recruiting Volunteers - Help make a difference. Visit [www.svp.ie/volunteer](http://www.svp.ie/volunteer)

**New Baby and Toddler Group** Sixmilebridge Library Thurs. mornings 10.30am, starting on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. No booking required, drop in with your baby or toddler and meet parents/carers for a chat and a play date, with stories and songs.

**Sixmilebridge Historical Society AGM** will take place in Parochial Hall on Thurs. 12th Feb. 7-8 pm.

**G.A.A. Club Lotto:** Numbers: 8 16 29 30 **Jackpot €20,000**

### Shannon

**Last Sunday's collection** was €1,825. Bishops' Commissions collection was €1325. Thank you for your continued support and great generosity.

**Seisiún** Club na Sionna will host its monthly session of music and song in Wolfe Tones GAA Hall on Wednesday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 9pm. All singers, musicians and listeners are welcome. Special guests on the night are Bríd O'Gorman & Joan Hanrahan

**World Wetlands Day** "Explore the bio-diversity value of the Shannon Town Wetlands site, Tullyvarraga Road, (entrance opposite Gleann na Smól) on Monday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2.30pm followed by further illustrated talks, tea / coffee in the Shannon Springs Hotel at 3.15pm . All welcome.