

Tradaree Pastoral Area Newsletter

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th January 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

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

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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 21st at 11.00 am. The tombstone on his grave is being prepared this week in advance of that.

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.

Catholic Schools Week takes place from 18th to 24th January 2026. The theme is **Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness**

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland **Dates: 20 -22 March 2026. WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER.** Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo Online: www.marriageencounter.ie

The West Clare Cancer Centre 8K Run/Walk will take place on Sun. 25th Jan. in Kilkee. Walkers will meet at 12.30pm with a 1.00pm start, and runners will meet at 1.00pm with a 1.30pm start. All funds raised remain in Clare and support individuals and families within our local community. Registration is €20 and all are welcome.

Online Chair Yoga Classes: Kilrush Library are hosting a series of online Chair Yoga classes with Yoga Teacher Trish Cleary on Fri. 23rd Jan. Classes are Free, you must have access to zoom to join them. Contact kilrush@clarelibrary.ie or 065 9051504 to get the zoom link.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service is asking for blood donors to attend these Crusheen & Ennis Blood Donation Clinics.

Crusheen Community Centre

Monday 19th January

4:50 pm - 8:10 pm

Ennis West County Hotel

Thursday 22nd January

4.50 pm - 8.10 p.m.

Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment.

New Donors welcome at all clinics.

Grow Mental Health- Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Ennis Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/grow.ie

Fully Escorted **Trip to Medjugorie** with Marian Pilgrimages- Led by Sharon O Leary. Direct flights from Knock Oct. 21st-28th. Spiritual Director Fr Séan Sheehy and accompanied by Fr Nelson Joseph. 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

Clarecare over 65s club is now up and running Monday to Thursday each week. In the interim we will be hosting this from the Vandeleur walled garden in Kilrush. If interested, please contact Caroline on 0868328575

Ennis & Shannon Campus' Now Enrolling: Free Adult Craft course, commencing in January 2026 in both the College of Further Education & Training, Ennis Campus & Shannon Campus. All welcome. To book contact 065 6897654/086 0752014 or email antoinette.houlihan@lcetb.ie

SVP Holy Rosary Conference, offer heartfelt thanks to all local businesses, schools, social clubs, and individuals for generous Christmas 2025 donations. Your kindness brought hope, dignity, and comfort to many in our community.

We are deeply grateful for your support.



Mass Intentions

Newmarket-on-Fergus

Sat. 17th Jan. 6pm Newmarket: Paddy Coughlin, Maureen Meehan, Seamus Collins, Raymond & Mary Walker, Mary, John & Patrick Conroy, Jane, Séan & Pauline Conroy. Brenda Cullinan

Sun. 18th Jan. 9am Carrigerry: John Mc Bride, Months Mind. Peter McInerney.

Sun. 18th Jan. 10.30am Wells: David Mc Cabe, (1st A) Kevin O'Callaghan.

Wed. 21st Jan. 10am Newmarket: Mass for Grandparents

Thur. 22nd Jan. 9.30am Newmarket: Michael James Peyton. 1st anniversary. Sheelagh & Michael Burke

Sat. 24th Jan. 6pm Newmarket: Denis A Foley, (1st A)

John Gleeson, Mary & John Gleeson, Brendan Sammon, Paddy Hayes, Hannah Wallace.

Sun. 25th Jan. 9am Carrigerry: Jimmy Kelly

Sun. 25th Jan. Wells: Frank & Elizabeth Boland, Michael Walsh, Nora, Joe & Niall McInerney

Recent Deaths: R.I.P. Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Noreen Browne, sister of Kathleen Hannon, Island Lodge. Catherine Slattery, Kilnasoolagh Park. Moira Toomey, Ardkyle, Bridget Kirby Ryan, Deerpark.

Masses offered for Sr Athanasius Melican (OP) Cape Town, South Africa formally of Carnakella.

Sixmilebridge

Sat. 17th Jan. 7.30pm Joe & Maura McInerney, John Kelly, Tadhg Corbett, Michelle Clancy.

Sat. 24th Jan. 7.30pm Margaret (1st.Anniv) & Pat Kearney, Dolores O'Loughlin, Niamh O'Connor.

Sun. 25th Jan. 9.00 a.m. Kilmurry Mike Flannery (1st. Anniv)

Sun. 25th Jan. 12 Noon. Kitty Devanny, Deceased residents of Cappa Lodge.

Prayers and Sympathies to: the Kirby and Ryan families on the death of **Bridget Kirby (Ryan), R.I.P.** Deerpark. Finbar & Marybeth Gallagher, Kilmurry on the death of Finbar's father **Finbar Gallagher R.I.P.** in Limerick.

Shannon

Sat. Jan 17th 11am M.I.C. Martin O'Shea

Sat. Jan.17th 6.30 pm SS John & Paul Lourda Collopy (MM), Noel Courtney, Marie Killeen, Martin & Jason Mullane, Joseph Haugh, Darren McCarthy, Michael Ryan.

Sun. Jan.18th 10.30 am M.I.C. Paddy Purcell (MM), Ellen Ferns (1st A), Jim Cosgrove & Deceased family members, Mary Purcell. **12. Noon. SS John & Paul** Jim O'Sullivan (1st A), Marie Kelly, Jim & Nono O'Brien.

Fri. Jan.23rd 10 am M.I.C. James Flannery (1st A)

Sat.Jan.24th 11 am M.I.C. Michael Kelly (MM), Bridie Wynne.

6.30pm SS John + Paul, Cam Marley (1st A), Brendan Keane.

Sun.Jan 25th 10.30 a.m. M.I.C. Peggy Caulfield (1st A),

John & Alan Caulfield. **12 Noon SS John & Paul**, Danny

Keane, Irene Keane, Baby Kaylah Marie Murphy,

Linda O'Connell

Prayers and Sympathies to: The Nolan family, on the death of Rosaline Nolan, Carraig Lia. The O'Brien family, on the death of Annette O'Brien, Tradaree Court. The Molamphy family on the death of Anna (Nancy) Molamphy, Tullyvarraga Crescent. Terry O'Neill on the death of his father Seamus O'Neill, Kilkee. Betty Kinnane on the death of her sister, Kit O'Shaughnessy, London. Doreen Hughes on the death of her brother-in-law, Billy Hughes, Clonlara. May they rest in eternal peace.

Parish Notes

Newmarket-on-Fergus

Church Collection: Thank you for your generous contribution to the parish collection each week. The amount realised last weekend was €1586.31 for the parish collection. €467 for Bishops Conf.

Catholic Schools Week theme **Normal Lives, Called to Holiness.**

Holiness is not for a few, but for all; for every student, teacher, parent, and grandparent living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ. Catholic schools form young people who know that their lives have a purpose. The school community from Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire, N-o-F will gather in The Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, N-o-F at 10am on Wed. 21 January to thank the Lord and ask His blessing. Parents, grandparents, families and members of the community are very welcome.

Ballycar National School invite all parents and families who wish to enrol their child in our mainstream Junior Infant class starting in Sept. '26 to please visit school website ballycarns.ie or email the school on ballycarns@gmail.com Contact school on 061 368852

Enrolment for Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire: Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire, Newmarket on Fergus will be holding an Open Night on Feb. 17th @ 7 pm. This evening is for parents who wish to enrol their child for the school year Sept.'26. Please contact the school on 06136833 or e mail at office@smmnof.com

Sixmilebridge

Sixmilebridge Eucharistic Ministers next week - Team A

On Sunday evening, Jan. 25th @ 7 pm we commence our four-week **"You Shall Be My Witnesses"** Confirmation training programme, for Children from the Parish who will receive the Sacrament later this year. The programme will run for four consecutive Sunday evenings, finishing on Sunday Feb.15th. This programme will take place each Sunday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. in the school hall. Parents are invited to join each evening at 7.45 p.m. for the final part with short prayer.

2nd Family Mass for families of Children preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday evening, January 31st @ 7.30 p.m.

G.A.A. Club Lotto: Numbers 2, 18, 20, 30 **Jackpot €20,000**

Falling Stars Presentation with Peter McGarry Wednesday 21st January 6.30pm. A history presentation exploring Shannon related aviation disasters. All welcome.

Monkey Music Workshop Fri. 23rd Jan. 3pm

A fun and interactive workshop for children. Free workshop with booking essential. Suitable for ages 5-7 years. Free booking by: Phone 061 369678 or email sixmilebridge@clarelibrary.ie

Shannon

Last Sunday's and Feast of the Epiphany collection was €2,657.

Thank you for your continued support. There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend in support of the Bishops' Conference and Commissions.

Sanctuary Lamps Donors intentions this week are for the deceased members of the Shortt and Flanagan families.

Evening of Appreciation. We thank the many volunteers who give countless hours each week to help with the Liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Basket Collectors, Counters, Envelope Distributors, Sacristans, Safeguarding Reps, Choirs, Organists, Instrumentalists, Cantors and scrubbers who clean our churches. Those who serve on both our Pastoral and Finance Committees, Organisers of Eucharistic Adoration, Bereavement Group, Children's Liturgy, those who serve as parish reps on our school boards of management and those who take care of Parish Property. To our Office staff, to the Sisters of Mercy and the many volunteers who help each day make our Parish active and vibrant we are so very grateful. As a token of appreciation, we would like to invite all involved to a gathering on Monday 26th January beginning with a Mass of Thanksgiving for all involved at 7pm followed by some refreshments in the GAA club. We hope to see as many as possible on the night.