

**Tradaree Pastoral Area Newsletter**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent - 15th March 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 Tue - Fri 10am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm

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Website: sixmilebridgeparish.ie.

Open Tue - Fri 10am to 12 noon

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**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 conclude on **Tuesday, 31st March at 7:00 PM** in **Tulla Church** with Mass and Benediction (**please note that the Novena takes place on Tuesday**). We are grateful to welcome Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick (Doora/Barefield Parish), who will lead us in prayer. Fr. Tom will also lead a healing service, including the Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. Petitions may be left at the shrine in the church. Sincere thanks to all who participated and joined us during the Novena.

**Easter Music Camp 2026 in violin and fiddle.** An introductory 'try-it-out' workshop for children (ages 4-10) wishing to start violin/fiddle classes in the future. Sessions on in Clarecastle 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am – 12.00pm. Instruments will be provided. Contact Cairíona for more information 087-7735193

**Club na Sionna** will host its monthly session of music and song in Wolfe Tones GAA Hall on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9pm. All singers, musicians and listeners are welcome. Special guests on the night are Mick Minihan, Ciarán Hickey & Daniel Aherne.

**Shannon Airport to Medjugorje:** May 20<sup>th</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 is €895 per person sharing. Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team. Bookings for these pilgrimages can be made by contacting Kathleen and Jimmy Morris on **086 3271657**.

**Chrism Mass**



Bishop Fintan will be joined by priests, religious and our Lay Pastoral Ministers for the celebration of the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul Ennis on Spy Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm . At this Mass the Holy Oils used in the sacraments will be consecrated and all are welcome to this annual Diocesan gathering.



**Tuesday : March 31st : 7 pm: The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the Tradaree Pastoral Area will take place in St Finnachta's Church, Sixmilebridge. All are welcome.**

**HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare** are running the 'Living Well' programme which is a free of charge group self-management programme for people with long term health conditions or their carers. The programme, which is ran in a friendly and non-intrusive manner, addresses topics such as fatigue, sleep, pain, stress, physical activity, healthy eating, difficult emotions, low mood, depression and general wellbeing. It takes place over 6 weeks, 2.5 hours per week with up to 15 people on the programme. A programme will commence on Wednesday April 22nd in Shannon Family Resource Centre at 10.30am and continues for 6 weeks, finishing on Wednesday May 27th. Prior registration is necessary, numbers are limited. Call Philip at 087 1799396 or Ailish at 061 461362 to register or for more information.



**Parish Walk in Newmarket on Fergus:** Nineteenth Century Migration to Ballinacragga on 11th April. Depart the Fair Green at 2pm. Ten Minute stop at the Ministers Cross. Approx 2 hours. New immigrants welcome. Fáilte roimh Gaeilgeoirí.

*We welcome the Spring clock change.  
Remember to set your clocks forward and  
enjoy the longer daylight hours.*

## Mass Intentions

### Newmarket-on-Fergus

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. 6pm. Newmarket:** Tom and Ciss Harrington, Joan Cullen, Pakie Ryan.

**Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. 9am. Carrigerry:** Patricia Henchy

**Holy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr :** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7pm: Newmarket:

**Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr : Good Friday**

**12noon: - 1pm** Newmarket: Confessions

**3pm:** Newmarket : Passion of Christ

**7.30pm:** Stations of the Cross in Carrigoran weather permitting. (indoors in Newmarket Church if not)

**Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Apr: 9pm:** Newmarket: Easter Vigil.  
Thomas and Kathleen Gregan

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr:**

**9am :** Carrigerry

**10.30am:** Wells : Jim Toomey. John Gary and Maureen Normoyle.

**12noon:** Robert Conway

### Sixmilebridge

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. 7.30 p.m.** Kathleen Quinton (MM), Eileen & Richard Barron.

**Sun.29<sup>th</sup> Mar. 12 Noon.** Kitty & Mick Keogh

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Apr. 11.30 a.m.** Gavin Hayes (1<sup>st</sup> A.)

**Holy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7pm in Sixmilebridge

**Good Friday: Outdoor Stations** 12 Noon:

**Passion Celebration** 3pm in Sixmilebridge Church.

**Stations of the Cross** in Kilmurry at 8pm.

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil 9pm in Sixmilebridge.

**Easter Sunday: Dawn Mass** at 6.30 a.m. in Ballysheen Graveyard

**Mass** at 10.00 a.m. in Kilmurry. **Mass** at 11.30 a.m. in Sixmilebridge.

### Shannon

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. 11am M.I.:** Tommy Hasty (1<sup>st</sup> A), Michael Keane.

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. 6.30pm SS J&P:** Ronnie Hodges (1<sup>st</sup> A), David Keohane.

**Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.30am M.I.:** Tom Farragher (MM), Maura Power (1<sup>st</sup> A), Seamus and Ann Conway, Kevin Markham.

**Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. 12 noon SS J&P:** Margaret (Peggy) Austin, Laura Marie Cherry, Pat Conway, Kevin Molloy.

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Apr. 10.30am M.I.:** Gerry Ginnane, John Lyne and Canon Brendan O'Donoghue.

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Apr. 12 noon SS J&P:** John Carew (1<sup>st</sup> A), Ita O'Gara.

**Also remembering: Joe Kelly, John and Margaret Mulqueen and Paddy Smyth.**

**We Extend our Prayers and Sympathies to:** The family and friends of Ava Fallon, Cronan Lawn. Pauline Clune, on the death of her mother, Mary Curtin, Knocknagoshel, Kerry. Ann Manley, on the death of her mother, Bridget Comerford, Ballyfoyle, Kilkenny. Aaron Stenson, Inis Ealga. May they rest in eternal peace.

## Parish Notes

### Newmarket-on-Fergus

**Fatima Hour :** Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April. 1.30pm to 2.30pm

**Daffodil Day:** Thank you to all who made Daffodil Day a great success. €4,825 collected.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Choir:** Newmarket-on-Fergus has a wonderful tradition of Church music. We are greatly indebted to Mrs Foley and to everyone who nourished that tradition over the years. We are now in a time of transition. We would like to hear from people who might be available to conduct a choir or serve as organist for our parish Church. If you feel you have something to offer in this area, you are very welcome to contact our parish office. All suggestions are welcome.

**Easter Holy Water:** the company we have engaged in recent years were unable to source the small bottles of water used at Easter Time. As we move away from single use plastic bottles we invite you to bring your own bottle of water which will be blessed during the Easter Vigil Mass.

**Active 55+** exercise class every Friday morning in the big hall at 11.30am.

**Thank you for supporting the church collection every weekend St Patrick's Day & Sat 21st & Sun 22nd = €2291.79**

### Sixmilebridge

**Eucharistic Ministers** next week Team C

**Congratulations!** to this year's First Holy Communion Classes who received the Sacrament of First Penance during the week.

**Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto:** Numbers 4 9 10 25  
**Jackpot:** €17,700

**14<sup>th</sup> Clare Scout Group Table Quiz** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April @ 8pm in Gleasons Pub. Teams of 4 Cost: €10 PP. All are welcome.

**Easter Storytime and Craft Session** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 3-4pm

**Easter Family Movie Time** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm No booking required.

**Family Easter Egg Hunt** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2.30-3.30pm  
Booking required: call 061 369678 or email

[sixmilebridge@clarelibrary.ie](mailto:sixmilebridge@clarelibrary.ie)

**Kilmurry Set Dancing** final night on Tue 31st Mar in Kilmurry Community Centre @ 8pm. It is a Fundraiser for the Kilmurry Community Defibrillator Fund. Admission €10. Come alone & enjoy a great night of Set Dancing, Music, Community Spirit & Tea. There will be a raffle on the night. Contact Carmel on 087- 9808656.

### Shannon

**Easter**

**Holy Thursday:** 10am – Morning Prayer (Mary Immaculate)

**7pm** – Mass of the Lord's Supper (SS John and Paul Church) followed by the time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction at 9pm.

**Good Friday:** 10am – Morning Prayer (Mary Immaculate Church)  
3pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Mary Immaculate)

7pm – Stations of the Cross (SS John and Paul Church)

**Holy Saturday:**

10am – Morning Prayer (Mary Immaculate church)

11am – Blessing of the Polish Community Food (Mary Immaculate)  
8.30pm – Easter Vigil (SS John and Paul Church)

**Easter Sunday:**

6.15am - Dawn Mass Illaunmanagh Cemetery Weather Permitting  
10.30am - Mary Immaculate Church.

12 noon - SS John and Paul Church.

**Sunday Collection**

Last Sunday's was €1,860. Thank you for your continued support and great generosity. There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend in support of the Trocaire Lenten Appeal.