



Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter

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Bicentenary of Sixmilebridge Parish Church in the Year of Faith

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Parish Office

Mon - Fri. 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 Noon

For Booking of Masses, Baptisms & Weddings.

Baptisms take place at 12.00 Noon on Sundays in Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry

We pray for the repose of the souls of ...

Pauline Ganner, late of Cappa Lodge and Limerick.

Hilda Mulvihill (nee Reddan) late of Church Street and Limerick.

We extend our sympathy to all their family and friends.

We also extend our sympathy to John O'Loughlin, Kilmurry, on the death of his brother Vincent in Spain.

We remember all our loved ones and especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sat. 15th 7.00 p.m. Nancy + Catherine McNamara
Catherine Mulready
Mary O'Flynn
Christy Moloney + Family

Sun. 16th 10.00 a.m. Clune Family
11.00 a.m. Fr. Joe + Sr. Bede Quinn
Pa + Peggy Sheehan

Sat. 22nd 7.00 p.m. Patrick + Christina Toomey

Sun. 23rd 10.00 a.m. Bridget O'Loughlin
11.00 a.m. Nora + Gerald Lynch
Teresa McNamara
Pat + Mary Moylan



Reconciliation

Next Tuesday night we have our Annual Service of Reconciliation in preparation for the coming of Christ. We want to make this a reflective and prayerful occasion. We would like it to be a reflection on some aspects of our own life we might need to identify. The path to reconciliation is never easy. It is never easy to forgive, especially if the hurt is deep, but we can always present ourselves to the Lord and ask Him to help us cope. Whatever the situation is in our lives now we will try to touch into the Christ who came into our world when that world was dark. We will ask him to come into the quietness of our lives and open us up to His Presence in us 7pm Tuesday night.

A Community Reflects

That is what the communities of the Tradaree Cluster – Sixmilebridge, Newmarket + Shannon – were doing on Tuesday night last in Sixmilebridge Parish Church. It was a very special experience and a fitting way to prepare for Christ's coming. The Church was packed. Choirs from the 3 parishes and the school children from Stonehall, St. Tola's and Sixmilebridge school took part. Ann McMahon guided us through the Carol Service which was directed by Kieran O'Gorman, Gus and Annette Aslved. The service opened with two beautiful carols *Joy to the World* and *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*. This was immediately followed with the lovely prayerful symbol of hope in the lighting of candles by our own Altar Servers. They did this prayerfully, with a lot of dignity and proud of what they were doing. The service then continued with carols such as *Angels We Have Heard on High*,

Adeste Fidelis,
When a Child is Born,
Away in a Manger,
Silent Night.



There were readings from Scripture, meaningful reflections on the meaning of the Crib and on the night itself. There was a reflection also on the theme of *When the World was Dark and the City was quiet - You came. - You crept in beside us. - And no one knew - Only the few - Who dared to believe that God might do something different* And we asked him to do the same this Christmas for us, our families, our communities, our world.

All age groups were present from the 3 parishes from the very young (and over 200 took part) to the not so young were present. We thank all our own for participating and those from our neighbouring parishes.

The Church looked immaculate – suitably adorned for the occasion. Incidentally when it was all over we got huge compliments about the Church itself. We were delighted.

The service ended with *O Holy Night* sung beautifully by Deirdre Brown, Shannon. We thank all who took part in the preparation and in the actual service.

This week: Mon - Thurs 10.00 a.m. Mass or Communion Liturgy.
Friday: Mass at 7.00 p.m.

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: Sixmilebridge 6.00 p.m + 9.00 p.m. Kilmurry: 7.30 p.m.
Christmas Day: Sixmilebridge 11.00 a.m. Kilmurry: 10.00 a.m.

Sixmilebridge Cubs and Scouts

Carol Singing in Sixmilebridge - Monday night

This is an annual event run in aid of the Over 60's Club. Will meet as usual at 6.30 p.m. Please be dressed for the weather and wear a Christmas hat if you have one. This is part of cubs work towards their community badges. Parents that can sing are welcome to join on the night...Cub Leaders are not renowned for their singing!!! Pick up at 9pm at the School.

Sixmilebridge GAA Bingo Bumper Christmas Bingo on **Monday 10th** and **Monday 17th**. Lots of Spot Prizes and bumper raffle on both nights. Bingo is at GAA Hall at 8.45 each Monday.

Note from Sixmilebridge Mart Committee

(Patricia Ryan, Julie Quinn, Jim Corbett, Don Murphy)
"we would like to thank sincerely the following.... Friends and neighbours from near and far - Vendors - Media - Board of Management and Manager of the Mart - Fr. Harry Bohan for his encouragement and in his own words "for driving the event" - Fantastic group of volunteers - Sponsors - A big thank you to all who contributed in any way to making the night so memorable and successful.

Warm up for the **Winter Festival** with a concert in the **Mill Bar** at 9.30 Tuesday 18th Dec. The four piece bluegrass band features the current Tennessee Fiddle Champion Ivor Ottley. Adm. €10

Have Your Say For the past year the Diocese of Killaloe has been engaged in a Listening Process to hear the concerns and hopes of all in relation to the future of the Church. If you would like to make your voice heard, please consider taking our online survey. There are 2 surveys available on line on the Killaloe Diocesan Website, one for the young people and one for the adults. You can log on to the site at www.killaloe diocese.ie

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting next Tuesday night at 8.00 p.m.

S.A.A. Club lotto

Numbers drawn 5 19 21 24 Jackpot

€8,400

Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 22nd 7.00 p.m.	Claire Corry	B	B
Sun. 23rd 10.00 a.m.	Anna Redferne	Kay + AnnMarie	B
Sun. 23rd 11.00 a.m.	Christy O'Connor	A	B