



# Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter

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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 and Kilmurry.

We pray for the repose of the soul of John Kelly, Ash-view Drive, who died on Friday. We extend our sympathy to his wife Vera and all his family and friends. We remember all our loved ones and especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Rest in Peace .

Sat. 30th	7.00 p.m.	Maureen Shaw
Sat. 30th	7.00 p.m.	John Quane
Sun. 1st	11.00 a.m.	Seamus McEvoy
Sat. 7th	7.00 p.m.	Tom O'Callaghan
Sun. 8th	10.00 a.m.	Mary Grace McMahon
Sun. 8th	11.00 a.m.	Ciss McMahon

**Mass Times this week: Mon. 11.00 a.m.**  
**Tues-Thurs 9.30 a.m.**  
**Friday: 10.00 a.m. Kilmurry (First Friday)**  
**7.00 p.m. Sixmilebridge.**

## Ballycullen Gathering

A big crowd gathered on Thursday evening, not only from Ballycullen and surrounding townlands but from different parts of the Parish for the May Eve Area Gathering. We connected to and blest the landscape, the fields, river, trees, the animals and birds (horses, pony, sheep, cow, hen and chickens). We connected to one another and the Creator. The Mass included very significant gifts and prayers. Eileen gave us a beautiful rendering of the Beautiful Vale of Belvoir. The Bridge Choir, the dancers, the providers of the tea and food, the turf fire, the chat - all part of another great gathering. A big thank you to all the voluntary local people.

**Listening and Praying the Word of God**  
 Monday 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 am  
**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**  
 Quiet time - Vigil of Prayer Fri. 3 - 7 pm



## Reflections - Easter Ceremonies

We set out to make Holy Week and our Easter Ceremonies a genuinely spiritual experience. Only you can say what they meant to you.

We were certainly delighted with the 'gatherings' for all our ceremonies, beginning with our reconciliation service on the Tuesday evening. Holy Thursday reminded us that what the Lord was about to face was horrific. On that night in a mysterious way He pledged to stay with us in a special way until the end of time. 'Do this in Memory of Me' are words that will stay with us forever. That is why our gatherings for Mass are so central to our lives.

**Good Friday** and the **Cross** once again brought home to us that our Christianity was founded at an enormous cost which included betrayal, denial, the bulk of people walking away. With the **Resurrection** all changed - New Hope, New Beginnings, New Dawn. That is now our message.

**Easter Saturday** night we received 43 year old Russian Edward Shemyakin into our Christian Community. He was Baptised, Confirmed, received the Eucharist.

A big thank you to all who gathered and to those who made the ceremonies so special. Take the time to look at our Resurrection Garden.

On this first Sunday after Easter Trócaire has thanked the parishioners and clergy of the diocese for standing in solidarity with the world's poor this Lent. Your support will help change thousands of lives for the better all over the world. If you haven't done so already please remember to return your Trócaire box this week. To find out more about Trocaire visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org).

**Souvenir DVD copies of Ballycullen Gathering are now available at Parish Office for just €10**

## S.A.A. Club Lotto

Numbers drawn were  
**4 24 27 30 Jackpot Next week**  
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## Confirmation and First Communion

May is a special month for our children, their families, and the wider community.

**Sat. 7th May 11.00 a.m.** Fifty-one young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It's a symbolic day for them marking the first steps in their moving into teenage years, new schools, new teachers, new friends.

Spiritually they receive Gifts such as **Courage** and **Wisdom**. They will need these **Gifts** as they move into this next stage of their lives.

**Sat. May 14th 11.00 a.m.** Sixmilebridge children will receive their First Communion.

**Sat. May 21st 11.00 a.m.** Kilmurry children will receive First Communion. They are excited, as are their families, as they look forward to these celebrations. We as a community rejoice and celebrate with them.

## Ballysheen Graveyard

**Thursday evening, May 12th** we will have a special Mass and Gathering in Ballysheen Graveyard. We will consecrate, Bless and officially launch the opening of the new extension. We will Bless all the graves and pray for our dead. We are extremely grateful to the volunteers who made this extension possible and carried out an overall renovation in the Graveyard.

**Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Community Games Athletic Field Day** takes place on Sun. 8th May in GAA Field. Registration from 12 Noon with events starting at 1pm. Volunteers are also required to help out with a Dunnes Bag Pack on Fri. 6th and Sat. 7th (10am- 6pm) Text 086-8933963

**Clare Co. Library** "The Golden Era of Ceili Music and Dance 1955-1970" A talk by Brian Lawler on Wed. 4th May at 11 am, **Kilfinaghty Library, Sixmilebridge.** Free Event - All Welcome.

Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 7th	7.00 pm	Donal Keane	A
Sun. 8th	10.00 am	Diane Murray	Anne Marie
Sun. 8th	11.00 am	Edel Halliday	C