



# 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 + Kilmurry**

We remember all our loved ones and especially those whose Anniversaries occur at this time. **May they Rest in Peace**

Sat. 23rd	7.00 p.m.	Mary + Marty Murray Marjorie + Joe Devaney James Hickey
Sun. 24th	10.00 a.m.	Mary Griffin Eileen Fitzpatrick Mick + Kitty O'Connell
	11.00 a.m.	George + Sheila O'Brien Ann Hogan
Fri. 29th	7.00 p.m.	Martin Cooney (Months Mind)
Sat. 30th	7.00 p.m.	Geraldine Chaplin Austin Grady
Sun. 31st	10.00 a.m.	Bridget Fleming (Months Mind)
	11.00 a.m.	Bridget Toomey



**Mass times during the Week: Tuesday - Thursday 10 a.m. Friday 7pm**

**Enrolment for Sixmilebridge and Kilmurry National Schools** is taking place until February 1st. Please contact school at 369544 in Sixmilebridge and 367623 in Kilmurry.

**Catholic Schools Week begins on February 1st.  
 Grandparents Day 4th February  
 Sixmilebridge at 11.30 a.m. Kilmurry at 12.00 Noon.**

### A Prayer for Catholic Schools Week ....

**Dear God,**  
 Help us to be open to the challenge of proclaiming your mercy in the modern world. Guide our school to be rooted in your example. Open our hearts to reflect your loving mercy in all we do, and inspire us to be brave in answering the call to 'proclaim your mercy'. As we journey through this week, strengthen us to reignite the Catholic ethos upon which our school was formed.  
**Amen.**

## JUSTICE AND MERCY

As we move into a General Election there are major moral and ethical issues which need to be addressed if the gap between rich and poor is to be addressed. During the past week it was reported that 62 richest people in the world own as much as the poorest 3.6 billion. Oxfam Ireland's Chief Executive believes this issue is a major justice issue for Ireland. If Christianity is about anything it is about Justice. Oxfam is calling on General Election Candidates to prioritise Justice as it impacts on our health services, on services to the poor, services to rural areas etc. In a special way they refer to the rules of which have been rewritten by big wealthy corporations thus depriving support for services - the poor at home and abroad.

Justice is never an easy issue to address, nor easy to notice but when it become obvious in the form of waiting lists to hospitals, in the death of our villages, in the homeless crisis which see 1500 children in emergency accommodation, in the shocking conditions some people 'have to live in', it is then obvious. A fair society demands that these and other issues have to be addressed.

We spend a lot of time these days talking about the price of everything. Pope Francis is now regarded as the greatest leader in the world. He is urging us in his new book 'God is Mercy' to reveal the Church's Merciful side. He is calling on us to forgive, to show compassion. He is telling us to come close to the God of Mercy so that others who see that will be drawn to that God.

And he is calling on us to come out of our comfort zone, to go out and look for people where they live, where they suffer, where they feel isolated and where they hope.

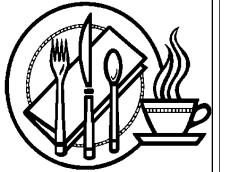
And he is calling on us not to resist change

- **a change of heart in ourselves**
- **A change in how we draw and are drawn to God and it is never in condemning - there is nobody beyond God's mercy.**

## Senior Citizens Dinner and Party

Parish Pastoral Council together with the G.A.A. Club are jointly hosting a Senior Citizens Dinner and Party in the G.A.A. Clubhouse on Sunday 31st January at 2.00 p.m. All Senior Citizens are invited to attend. Please give your name one of the following on or before Thursday January 28th

Joan Keogh	087 - 2740819
Mary Corbett	087 - 2883393
Sean Lonergan	087 - 2265342
Paddy Fleming	061 - 367513
Puff O'Connor	087 - 2204820
Margaret O'Connell	086 - 8504951
Tim Scanlon	087 - 6672566



## Sixmilebridge Winter Music Festival Weekend

We extend a warm welcome to all who are attending the Winter Music Festival this weekend, especially to the Wicklow Male Voice Choir who will be joining us at our 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

**Building of Hope Project 2016.** Local Blocklayer Mike Sheedy is travelling to Kenya on February 2nd as a volunteer with the Building of Hope Project. Mike is holding a Church Gate Collection this weekend to raise funds for the building of a clinic and Day Centre for sick children. Anyone wishing to donate to the project please contact Mike at **086-8487890**.

An evening of reflection and nourishment of our faith, for **Eucharistic Ministers and Readers** will be held in Sixmilebridge Parish Church on **17th February** at 7.30 pm. A **Training night** for new Ministers of the Word and Eucharist will be held in Parish Office on **February 24th** at 7.30 p.m.

**Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club LOTTO**  
 Numbers drawn 4 7 25 26  
**NEXT JACKPOT**



	Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat.	30th	7.00 p.m.	Mike	B
Sun.	31st	10.00 a.m.	Anna	Betty/Maura
Sun.	31st	11.00 a.m.	Margaret	A