



# 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. 14th	7.00 p.m.	Bonnie Kerrison ( 1st Anniversary )
Sun. 15th	10.00 a.m.	Michael + Margaret Sheedy
	11.00 a.m.	Paddy Hayes
Fri. 20th	7.00 p.m.	Mai O'Halloran Cappa + Birmingham (Months Mind)
Sat. 21st	7.00 p.m.	Joe McNerney Lar + Helen O'Brien James + Mary O'Connell Hugh Kelly
Sun. 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Fanny Hassett (1st Anniversary)
	11.00 a.m.	Kitty + Mick Keogh



**Mass: Tuesday - Thursday 10 a.m. Friday 7.00 p.m.**

**Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto** Numbers Drawn 5 10 12 27  
**No Winner Next Jackpot €3,900**

**Kilmurry National School Astro Turf Fundraiser** Launch Night on  
**Saturday April 21st at 8p.m. in the Pumphouse.** Buy a brick with  
 personalised text on supporters wall. Contact Dave (086) 6292335  
**Sixmilebridge National School Split the Pot** Winner is Margo Quinn.

**Parents Association of Sixmilebridge National School** have organised a talk for the parents of 5th and 6th class children for Tuesday night April 17th at 7pm sharp in the G.A.A. Hall. The talk will help guide parents with the transition from primary to secondary school. All welcome.

## A Special Word for Parents

The challenge to all Christians in an increasingly secularised Ireland is to reflect on Values which might inspire us all now.

### Responding to Human Needs is at the very Heart of our Christian Faith

Our Gatherings at weekends is about nourishing that Faith. Children begin their lives loving Jesus and He loving them. Isn't it a huge responsibility on us parents to nourish our own faith so as to be able to help our children grow up with these values?

## Parents of Young People for Confirmation

On Monday and Tuesday evenings, 70 parents of young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish on Saturday June 9th gathered. They parents were presented with ...

- A) Challenges to the young people at this stage of their growing up and
- B) what is positive and good for them.

The Parents were then facilitated to discuss these among themselves and share their own thoughts about them and what these mean to them, as parents.

It was obvious that these were valued exercises and appreciated by the parents.

These are significant times for their young people as they move through the early stages of teenage years.

- growing up, physically, emotionally, mentally, spiritually,
- are confronted with massive changes and challenges in society
- changes in the world of information and technology, changes which include the good and the bad, changes which are driven by a commercial world which sees young people as targets, especially when it comes to abuses in the use of 'escapisms' of one kind or another.

All of these challenges underline the value of home - communication within the home, time for one another, - to listen to one another, to have conversations with one another, to have meals together.

Other interesting messages emphasized the huge challenges and worries for parents now and the importance of these nights facilitated by the Parish. Many of the parents emphasized the importance of these nights. They help them to realise they are not on their own and other parents have the same challenges as they have.

Finally, the importance of Spiritual values were emphasized. The **Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit** at Confirmation which were discussed by the young people in school were also presented. These include gifts such as ...

**Wisdom** - to know right from wrong.

**Courage** - to be able to stand on their own two feet.

**Reverence** - for God, Respect for people and all things sacred.

Confirmation takes place in our parish on Saturday June 9th.

## First Communion

Children for First Communion will receive the Sacrament at two ceremonies .. in Sixmilebridge 11.a.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Saturday 21st April and on Saturday 28th in Kilmurry. Since the beginning of the school year the children and parents have these dates in their minds.

Children in Sixmilebridge school have been attending Mass every Tuesday morning. It is always a children's Mass with an emphasis on different aspects of life for them and different seasons.

Who and what Jesus means to them is at the very heart of every Mass. For example, the birth of Jesus at Christmas, His suffering and Rising from the dead at Easter. All through the year Jesus has a special meaning for them. His coming, His living amongst us, the example He gave of what living a Christian life really means - being kind to one another, gentle, grateful. They thank God for sending us Jesus for our schools, friends, teachers and staff. The children in Kilmurry school go through the same preparation. They all emphasise, in a special way the importance of Home + Family and Parents spending time with them. Everyone realises it is a difficult time to be rearing children. There are a lot of challenges especially in the area of communications technology. There is a huge emphasis now on the need for discipline in the use of the internet, smart phones etc. The children themselves say what they need most is their parent's company. Parents wouldn't dream of letting their children go out in a big city alone. Well, that is exactly what they do in the overuse, and undisciplined use of some areas of Communications.

First Communion is a big day for the children and the families. It is probably one of the biggest family days of the year. Relatives come from many parts of the country and the world to be with them.

It is an occasion to look forward to. It is a big day for the schools and the community too.

We will be praying for the children and the families. We thank teachers for the special effort they take to prepare them and we in the Parish are always mindful of the part we need to play in the lives of young people, Homes and Families.

	Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 21st	7.00 p.m.	Tracey	A	A
Sun. 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Carmel	Chris/Martina	E
Sun. 22nd	11.00 a.m.	Orla	D	A