



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 pray for the repose of the soul of **Bonnie Kerrison (née Reddan)**, R.I.P. Sixmilebridge and U.S.A. who died this weekend. We extend our sympathy to her husband Foster, and family, and all Reddan family. We remember all our loved ones and especially those whose Anniversaries occur at this time. **May they Rest in Peace.**

Sun. 16th	11.00 a.m.	Joe McInerney Paddy Hayes Tom O'Callaghan O'Callaghan, Liddy's + Lyons Family R.I.P.
Sat. 22nd	7.00 p.m.	Junior Loughnane Nora + Paddy Loughnane Lar + Helen O'Brien Hugh Kelly Maureen Shaw
Sun. 23rd	11.00 a.m.	Willie Chaplin Kitty + Mick Keogh Maura O'Shea



Mass: Tuesday - Thursday 10.00 a.m. Friday 7.00 p.m.



**Beannactaí
na Cásca
dibh go léir**

**May this Easter bring
you and your family
the Peace of the
Risen Lord.**



Extracts from ..

Bishop's Easter Message to People of Diocese

I am conscious of the religious **tradition** of this ancient Diocese of Killaloe and of the outstanding efforts of priests, religious, laity to thread the pilgrim path leading to Jesus Christ.

Our sincere **gratitude** to the many committed people who live out their faith through leadership rolls in parish and Diocesan Pastoral and Finance Councils, Liturgy, Catechesis, Music Ministry, Religious Education, Safeguarding Children, Protection of Adults at risk along with countless admin roles.

Already, in the short time I have been in the Diocese I have seen so many positive elements in the **practise and celebration of the faith**. These include Youth Ministry, Vocations promotion, Care and Support of Marriage, Spirituality, Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration, Prayer Groups, Pilgrimages, Support for the missions, Work with the Poor, and Refugees, Justice and Peace, Protection of the Environment. All this is indicative of people who are living out their Baptismal calling to be a **"priestly people"** and who recognise that we all have a primary vocation to spread the Good News. Promotion of **vocations** to the priesthood and religious life go hand and glove with the promotion of the priesthood of all the faithful.

We have **huge challenges** facing us. As a Church we are responding to declining Mass attendance, drop in vocations, the need for Evangelisation, increasing secularisation and financial needs at both parish and diocesan levels.

One of the greatest challenges facing us, as the number of priests declines, is for individual parishes to continue as regular centres of prayer and worship.

Some facts and figures make start reading:

- 6 Parishes have currently no priest.
- 12 more would have no priest if those who should be retired didn't continue to serve.
- 137 Churches + 58 Parishes in the Diocese
- 192 Celebrations of Mass in our Diocese every weekend.

We are currently training lay people to be leaders of Liturgical Prayer in their local communities.

The Lord's invitation to **"Do this in Memory of Me"** is and will always be the wellspring of our lives as Christians.

Pope Francis invites all of us to a new way of being Church. He calls on all of us **to take the first steps."**

Our local Scouts will hold a Cake Sale after Mass on **Easter Sunday** in Marquee in front of Parochial Hall. Your support for these upcoming events is needed and appreciated. We take this opportunity to thank this group for all their involvement in our Parish and especially for enhancing our Easter Ceremonies every year.

Kilmurry Tidy Towns Golf Classic at East Clare Golf Club Team of 3 scramble €75 per team Friday April 21st and Saturday April 22nd For tee time reservations contact Billy O Sullivan 0863518524

Trócaire Fundraiser Easter Sunday Night Pump House Kilmurry Raffle + all proceeds to **Trócaire**. Planned Church Concert has been deferred to later date.

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Easter Monday Bingo Bumper Prize Money Monday 17th at 8.45 p.m. Thank you for all your support.

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. CLUB LOTTO Numbers Drawn 6 21 31 32 Next Jackpot €5,100 at Bingo Monday Night.

Sixmilebridge National School Split the Pot Next Draw after **Easter** Thanks for all support.

Community Games: Gold & Silver Awards for Boys. Great congratulations to Sixmilebridge/Kilmurry who swept the boards in the St Francis Credit Union Clare Community Games U10 boys Indoor Soccer finals on Sat 8th April in Corofin GAA hall. The final was a hard fought battle between the Bridge boys with team 1 proving the stronger to win on a score of 6 - 3. Great achievement from the parish. Great credit to Manager Barry Downes who was assisted by Darren Gavin, David Lonergan Tommy Conroy on the day. Local team 1 now go forward to represent Clare in the Munster finals in July.



Congratulations! to ...
Áine Lynch and Paul McBride
 who were married last weekend



Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 22nd 7.00 p.m.	Mike	C	A
Sun. 23rd 10.00 a.m.	John	Aideen/Aoibhe	G
Sun. 23rd 11.00 a.m.	Margaret	A	A