



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

In Loving Memory

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

May they Rest in God's Love

Fri. 24th	Christy Murphy
Sat. 25th	Willie Chaplin Lar + Helen O'Brien
Sun. 26th	Pat O'Reilly Moira + Sean O'Sullivan Seamus O'Halloran

Fr. Harry will include all intentions at celebration of Mass in private.

Parish Offices are to be closed to the public, but parish business can continue by way of telephone, e-mail etc. Call 087-2204820

Our Prayer for those who are Caring for Us

Loving God,

We place into your care our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm. May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing to heal and help those affected by coronavirus.

Loving God,

We place into your care Our Gardaí, All our retail workers, Post Office workers, volunteers and **ALL** who are keeping this ship afloat at this difficult time. Bless and reward them for all they are doing.

Loving God,

Grant our Priests strength of mind and body, Keep them safe to do Your will, And give them the courage and peace to face each day with trust and confidence in You. Amen.

As a follow on meeting from the initial full group of Communities in county Clare the county council convened the first meeting of the above sub committee today in council buildings. It is great to see the interest, commitment and cooperation shown by all the various community groups in attendance.

Groups like the GAA, IFA, Age Friendly, Clare Care, Clare Volunteer Centre, Clare Haven, St. Vincent de Paul, Red Cross, Citizen Info centres and numerous other groups were represented.

What has been achieved to date?

The Help Line in operation has received between 300-400 calls since it went live on April 30th. Many different projects for those needing assistance with services, facilities, messages, medical appointments etc have been carried out. About 700 volunteers have been enlisted.

Look, Listen and Link

The modus operandi is to Look, Listen and Link. Much information and pooling of ideas is discussed and planned for at these meetings.

Vulnerable Groups identified

Categories of vulnerable people who may need assistance were recognised as follow:

Homeless, Residents of Direct Provision Centres, Travellers, Single Parents, Elderly, Asylum seekers, Refugees, Those living in poverty, Young people, Migrant workers, Roma Community, Special Needs

Problems being experienced

A discussion was held around some issues arising in relation to the following:

Safeguarding the elderly, Loneliness, Fear, Grief following a bereavement, Depression, Suicidal ideation, Self-harm, Depression, Mental health issues, Drug addiction, Alcoholism, Child abuse, Domestic abuse, Debt, Illiteracy, Poor broadband

Coping with Bereavement

Several of the community groups highlighted the area of funerals, bereavement and counselling of the bereaved. It was highlighted that the funeral rituals that we provide and the follow up care is invaluable.

Vetting, Data-Protection, sharing of information

Much discussion followed on the area of selection of suitable volunteers, vetting, sharing of information between the various community groups and data protection issues involved. Some unease was expressed about the bureaucracy involved in such matters, but overall an acknowledgement that this is all part of the complex world that we live in at present.

Where to at this stage? What can I do to help?

All the different groups have pledged cooperation with the project and much work has already been done as a result of the helpline and liaising with community groups in many ways for concrete projects. It is hoped that this will continue and intensify in the coming weeks.

This particular group will meet again in two weeks time to review how things are going.

Accord Establishes Support Phone Line to help Relationships During COVID-19

To help support marriage and relationships in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, Accord CLG and Accord Northern Ireland have established a new relationship support phone line which will be staffed by experienced couples and relationships counsellors. This will be a free service but calls are charged at a local rate.

Accord's specialist in counselling (marriage and relationships), Mary Johnston said, "Accord is very conscious of those experiencing difficulties in their relationships and family lives as we are confined to home during this unprecedented period for all in society. The circumstances in which we are living now can increase stress and pressure on relationships and in families. To help address these challenges, Accord has established a relationship support phone line to enable callers to speak to experienced couples and relationship counsellors in order to talk through the difficulties they are experiencing".

The support line is open from 9.00am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday. Please see contact details below:

Accord NI – 028 9568 0151 or 00353 1 531 3331
 Accord CLG – 01 531 3331

*May the Hands that hold our sick
 find nurture of the heart.
 May their hearts know
 the Presence of the Creator's Love.
 May their Angel hover over them
 and be their guide.*

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto

Numbers Drawn 10 12 13 28 **Next Jackpot €9,900**

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