



# 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 repost of the soul of **Seamus O'Halloran R.I.P.** Newpark who passed away on Friday. We extend our sympathy to Caroline and all his family. We also extend our sympathy to Gerardine Hassett, Woodview Heights on the death of her mother **Kathleen Duggan R.I.P.** in Broadford and also to Pat Molloy, Deerpark, on the death of his father **Patrick Molloy R.I.P.** in Limerick. We remember all our loved ones and especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **May they Rest in Peace**

Sat. 28th	7.00 p.m.	Teresa Quinn Mary + Jack Chaplin Josephine Ward +Patrick McCabe+Family
Sun. 29th	10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Pat O'Reilly (First Anniversary) Kitty + Mick Keogh Willie Chaplin Mary + Michael O'Halloran
Fri. 4th	7.00 p.m.	Betty Devanney (1st Anniversary)
Sat. 5th		John Quane
Sun. 6th	7.00 p.m. 10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Michael + Eileen Hannon McNamara Family Ardane Tom O'Callaghan Lyons, Liddy + O'Callaghan Families



**Mass: Tuesday +Wednesday 10 a.m. Thursday - Area Gathering Mass in Ard Kyle + Friday 7.00 p.m. Friday next is the First Friday in May. Fr. Harry will be visiting sick and housebound during the week. If anyone would like a visit please let us know.**

**We ask God's Blessing on all who received their First Holy Communion this weekend.**

Céire McNamara	Sarah Farrell
Seán McGee	Cian Mullins
Calum Slater	Isaac Bannon
Ronan Donnellan	Douglas Brew
	Colum Keane



## Area Gatherings

Our first **Area Gathering for 2018** takes place next Thursday evening in Ard Kyle, at 7 p.m. Ard Kyle is a townland, north of Deerpark and can be entered from the main Sixmilebridge/Shannon Road, across the way from Crowe's shop, Ministers Cross. This Gathering, like all the others, is about people at local level connecting with one another, with nature, with story, chat, cup of tea, the memories.

This year we will be especially remembering the late **Maureen Donnellan** who never missed anyone of the Gatherings since they began a number of years ago. We will also remember **John Lyons** who was at the heart of identifying areas with his extraordinary knowledge of local history and also **Pat O'Reilly**, who hosted a memorable gathering and whose 1st anniversary takes place this weekend. We remember all our dead but especially those from these areas who have passed on.

At our Gathering next Thursday evening we will try to connect with everything that was and is special for the areas of Ard Kyle and Deerpark.

Special invitations are going out to every house in these areas but everyone is welcome to join with the people from these areas so as to get to know one another a little bit better. It is worth remembering that Maureen made a special effort to welcome new comers to the area and introduce them to people born and reared in the area. This May Gathering will be special for that alone. It will also be special because of the long winter and the hardships incurred by farmers and their animals especially because of the shortage of fodder.

**The Celtic Year** revolved around four great Feasts:

**1st May, Bealtaine**, was one of these when cattle returned to the land accompanied by prayers of protection and Blessings.

The other Feasts are:

**1st February** with the start of tilling, the birth of lambs, the return of fishermen to the sea and varied efforts to foretell the weather for the coming Summer.

**1st August** - the celebration of the harvest with people gathering for fairs, horse races and all kinds of festivals.

**1st November** the festival of the disappearing sun and the other world - we remember our dead.

These great Feasts were integrated into the real lives of people.

**Spirituality - Celtic Spirituality and Real Life**  
 went hand in hand.

In a sense our **Area Gatherings** try to touch into these.

**Sixmilebridge Kilmurry Community Games** are busy preparing for their Area Athletic finals which will be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May in O'Garney Park commencing @ 5pm. There will be Track events for boys & girls from U6 to U16. First & second in each event qualify to represent their parish in the County Athletic finals which will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June in O'Sullivan Park, Lees Road. Entries will be taken on the day. The organising committee are hoping that all the children in the area will come out and participate and enjoy the fun. It promises to be a great evening. Sixmilebridge Kilmurry Community Games will hold their annual Church Gate Collection on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> May in both churches in the parish. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

## Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club

**Lotto**  
**Numbers Drawn**  
 5 24 26 28  
**Next Jackpot**  
**€4,200**

## Darkness into Light Walk

in aid of Pieta House takes place in Sixmilebridge on Saturday May 12th at 4.15 a.m. Please register on line @<https://dil.pieta.ie> and select you area of Sixmilebridge.

## Congratulations!

to  
**Jamie Collins**  
 +  
**Ber O'Donovan**  
**who were married recently**



## Basket Collection in Sixmilebridge Church

It would be appreciated if anyone interested in collecting at Mass during the Offertory could contact the Parish Office. This is necessary in order to relieve the existing team when on or more is unable to attend.

	Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 7th	7.00 p.m.	Mike	C	A
Sun. 8th	10.00 a.m.	Anna	Aideen/Aoibhe	B
Sun. 8th	11.00 a.m.	Claire	B	A