



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 extend our sympathy this week to Deirdre Frawley Gilligan on the sudden death of her brother **Seamus Frawley R.I.P.** in Broadford.

We also remember with love, **Fr. Dan Fitzgerald** who died during the week. Fr. Dan served here in our Parish in 1989 + 1990.

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

Sat. 13th	7.00 p.m.	Joan Landy (Months Mind)
Sun. 14th	10.00 a.m.	Anna Gonzaga Grace
	11.00 a.m.	Manus O'Sullivan Bill Maxwell Mick, Mary + Flan O'Sullivan Christy O'Grady William + Kathleen French.
Mon. 15th	7.00 p.m.	Jimmy Corry Claire Casey
Sat. 20th	7.00 p.m.	Dan + Annie O'Connor Bridie Moloney Mary McInerney
Sun. 21st	11.00 a.m.	John Flannagan Peggy Cullinan + Deceased Family.



Monday 15th August Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass Times:

Sixmilebridge 7 pm. Kilmurry 10 am.
 Tuesday - Thursday
 Mass or Communion Liturgy 10 a.m.
 Friday: Mass at 7.00 p.m.

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Congratulations! to ...
Daniel Collins + Emma Toomey
 who were married last weekend.

CONFLICT AND DIVISION

These are part and parcel of life now and there are few families, and few communities which don't experience them - some more than others, some more serious than others. They were part of the early Christian community too. Some paid a heavy personal price on becoming followers of Christ. Keep in mind many of these who decided to follow Christ, the Christian Way were heavily criticised even by members of their own families.

Could this be an occasion to address the fact that some of the people at Mass this weekend have left their homes on their own to come to Mass. There are some who are not supported by their family in their efforts to be a person of faith. There are some who might be the object of sneering in the workplace just because they go to Mass. Young people probably find themselves outnumbered in school/college if they go to Church.

What is the message today for people in that situation? Fidelity to Christ and His message can come at a heavy personal cost. The call to reform is obvious in our time, and a return to the path Christ walked. Not everyone find this easy - because it involves change. It must begin with humility, compassion, with a deep sense of the Sacred and with a relationship with the Person of Christ. But we must never forget it must in the real world. "God Loved the world so much He sent His Son." There are people who are suggesting now that the Church is doomed. A compassionate Church can never be doomed. A Church of the people for the people can never be doomed. A truly humble, Christ centred Church can never be doomed. We ask Him to help us to be open to Him. Did our society ever need a genuine Christian way - in public and private life - more than it does now?

We pray for the courage to follow Him Prayerfully and Practically.

Area Gathering

On Wednesday evening we had one of the great 'Friends + Neighbours' gatherings. The venue was the field in front of Donnellan's house, Feenagh. A huge crowd of people, all ages, turned up. We began with a blessing of the land and everything on it, including the herd of cows. The prayers and reflections of the Mass centred on two main themes

- Connecting with nature and with people
- Remembering our friend John Lyons.

The choir, organised by Edel was excellent. The Prayers of the Faithful, and gifts all reminded us of the power of nature, the land, people and our dependence on God and one another.

Sean Corbett finished the Mass with a song.

Everyone stayed on for a few hours for the tea and the chat. And to crown it all the weather was great - a sunny, warm evening. Thanks to everyone who made it so special and thanks be to God.

Sixmilebridge/Kilmurry Community Games

Sixmilebridge Kilmurry Community Games will have 15 children from the area representing Clare in the National Community Games Finals in Athlone this weekend.

In *Swimming* Oisín O'Grady will compete in the U10 Freestyle

In the *Group Dance Irish/Contemporary* we will have brother & sister team of Claire & Niall Liddane.

In the *Mixed Distance Relay U14* Oran Carey & Mark O'Mahony will both compete in the 800m leg of the event.

Sixmilebridge/Kilmurry have a very young boys *Pitch & Putt* team which includes twins Colm & Noel Flynn with Dara Casey, Cian Fawl & David Kennedy.

In *Art & Model Making* Patrick Lenane U10, Harry Monahan U12 & David Hamilton U16 in Art.

Caroline Hamilton U10 & Paul Hamilton U16 Model Making- The Hamilton family of 4 children are very involved in Community Games from their early years.

We wish them all well.

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock

will take place from the 14th - 22nd August. The theme for this year is 'Merciful like the Father' in keeping with the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN "BUILDERS OF HOPE"

A summary of Martin Kennedy's Evaluation Report on the implementation of the Pastoral Plan is available at Church doors. A copy of the report in full may be requested at the Parish Office.

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto
 Numbers Drawn 1 18 20 28
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€8,800

	Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 20th	7.00 p.m.	Keelin	A	A
Sun. 21st	10.00 a.m.	John	Chris/Martina	G
Sun. 21st	11.00 a.m.	Margaret	B	A