The Doly Family of Jesus, Wary and Joseph - 30th December 2012



# Sixmileoridge + Kilmurry Darish Newsletter

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### FAMILY - FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY

The basic unit in Society - the place where relationships run deep, for good and unfortunately sometimes not so good. For a lot of people its where home is and where the heart is. In our time it takes all kinds of form. Whatever form it takes it plays or has played a big part in all our lives.

Christmas is a special time for families. People come home. There is great joy with that coming. Hopefully that is still there in your family - Peace and Joy.

Unfortunately there is pain and sorrow too. Kevin Whelan's family - Martina, Ciara, Aidan have suffered a terrible loss. A cousin of my own Gráinne Murphy died on Christmas night. She was only 44 and left a loving husband and 4 year old child after her. Gráinne was a native of Tulla and is buried there These are families for whom this Christmas is one they will never forget.

On the other hand we have 2 weddings in the week after Christmas. They are moving to a new phase of life. We wish them well.

In short, families can be the place of great joy but also of great sadness especially when the person they lose is loved.

When I was coming out of Ballysheen on Thursday a man who walked out with me said - "Kevin is a terrible loss, it puts everything else in perspective" Kevin was a great family man. So was Gráinne.

If it is good for you - appreciate it.

#### Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Readers

Readers of the Word may pick up their Missals for the coming year in the Sacristy after all Masses this weekend.

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# **Prayer for Feast of the Holy Family**

God, you gave us families to love us into life, and we are grateful for them. We treasure each person in our family, Even though at times we are less than ideal together. Make your presence felt within our family. Bring goodness and love from our pains and struggles, as well as from our happy times.

To all parents and guardians, please give Vision - Generosity - Forgiveness - Courage,

VISION - so they can see how you are present and working in their family.

**GENEROSITY** - so they can love with great hears.

FORGIVENESS - so they can heal the inevitable wounds of family life.

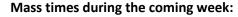
And **COURAGE**, for the long haul. Amen.

Next Friday is the First Friday of New Year. Mass will be celebrated in Sixmilebridge Church at 7.00 p.m. Fr. Harry will visit housebound during the month.

# **New Directory of Services**

The new Directory of Services which has been put together by our Parish/Pastoral Council is now printed. It has over 100 pages which should be of great interest to everybody in the village and parish. The Directory lists details of all Churches, Community, Voluntary and Sporting Organisations, as well as details of all the businesses in the area, or businesses outside the area, owned by people living in Sixmilebridge. This will be launched in the New Year.

	Rota Next Weekend			Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
1	Sat.	5th	7.00 p.m.	Noel Ryan	Α	В
	Sun.	6th	10.00 a.m.	Theresa O'Dea	Carmel + Collette	D
	Sun.	6th	11.00 a.m.	Edel Halliday	с	В



**Billy Kiely** 

Monday - No Mass in Sixmilebridge

Mon - Fri. 10.00 a.m. - 12..00 Noon

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Sat. 29th

Fri. 4th

Sun. 6th

For Booking of Masses, Baptisms & Weddings.

Baptisms take place at 12.00 Noon on Sundays in

We remember all our loved ones and especially those whose

anniversaries occur at this time. May they Rest in Peace

7.00 p.m. Dawn Roughan

11.00 a.m. Bernard Broe

Tuesday - Special Mass on New Years Day on the theme of Hope and how to Cope Sixmilebridge Church 11.00 a.m.

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Martin + Brigid O'Neill + Family

Thomas + Ellen Sheehan

7.00 p.m. Margaret Murray(nee Ryan) Months M.

Wednesday + Thursday - 10.00 a.m. Friday: 7.00 p.m.

### **Our New Year Prayer**

God of this New Year, we are walking into mystery. We face the future, not knowing what the day and months will bring to us or how we will respond. Be love in us as we journey. May we welcome all who come our way. Deepen our faith to see all of life through your eyes. Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that you dwell in us amidst all our joys and sorrows. Thank you for the treasure of our faith life. Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance of your walking through the day with us. God of this New Year, we praise you. Amen.