



Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter



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Bicentenary of Sixmilebridge Parish Church in the Year of Faith

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

Sat. 29th 7.00 p.m. Dawn Roughan
 Martin + Brigid O'Neill + Family
 Thomas + Ellen Sheehan
 Fri. 4th 7.00 p.m. Margaret Murray (nee Ryan) Months M.
 Sun. 6th 11.00 a.m. Bernard Broe
 Billy Kiely

Mass times during the coming week:

Monday - No Mass in Sixmilebridge
**Tuesday - Special Mass on New Years Day on the theme of
 Hope and how to Cope
 Sixmilebridge Church 11.00 a.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.

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.

S.A.A. Club lotto

Jackpot



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 hearts.

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
Sat. 5th 7.00 p.m.	Noel Ryan	A	B
Sun. 6th 10.00 a.m.	Theresa O'Dea	Carmel + Collette	D
Sun. 6th 11.00 a.m.	Edel Halliday	C	B