First Sunday of Advent - 3rd December 2017



Sixmileoridge + Kilmurry Darish 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 to Noel Fitzgerald, Beechwood Grove, on the death of his sister Maura O'Neill, 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.2nd	7.00 p.m.	Agnes Murphy Paddy + John Mulready Stephen, Bridget + Sonny Donnellan	
Sun. 3rd	11.00 a.m.	Jimmy + Chrissie Casey	
Fri. 8th	7.00 p.m.	Patricia O'Rourke	
Sat. 9th	7.00 p.m.	Jimmy + Catherine Mulready	
		James Mulready + Mary O'Flynn	
Sun. 10th	10.00 a.m.	Betty McNamara	
		Clune Family	

Mass times: Tuesday + Wednesday 10 a.m. Friday 7 p.m.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception Friday 8th December Mass Times Vigil Mass: Thursday 7p.m. in Kilmurry Sixmilebridge ... Friday at 7.00 p.m.



Next Weekend Collection for Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Please be as generous as you can

First Sunday in Advent Prayer

Lord.

On this first day of **Advent**, give us the grace to slow down. Let us travel with the Wise Kings, following the rising star and seeking advice as we travel. As the journey begins Lord, we place its destination in your hands and pray giving thanks and praise in your name. Amen.

Parenting Programme

Our Parish has 700 children attending Primary Schools which indicates that approximately 2000 parents and grandparents are seriously interested in what goes on in their lives and how they are shaped. They are concerned with the values that shape them.

The School. Parish Community and above all the home are the three places of influence on their lives.

The religious education programme 'Grow in Love' introduced into the schools a few years ago is significant in the way the Christian story is told and its emphasis on linking to home.

The role of the parish is important. In the last 2 - 3 years we asked the 'Meaning to Life Group', a sub group of the Parish Council to take on the initiative as to how best connect with parents. We included young parents in this reflection. We also wanted the whole parish to be aware of the 'Grow in Love' programme and to see the parents as a vital part of our community - we talked about it at weekend Masses, wrote about it in newsletters, and continually prayed for the success of the programme.

We felt that our efforts needed to begin with the reality of parents lives. The programme begins by asking teachers to begin with the children what is most important to them. What emerged was revealing and when we gathered the parents with the messages from the children they were amazed. They agree that the children have now become their spiritual teachers.

Parents of First Communion children for both schools are invited to attend a special gathering as part of the programme. They will have received a letter inviting them to either the

Monday 4th December or Tuesday 5th December Gathering at 8 p.m. at Bridge Active Building (beside Bridge Kids) on Shannon Road.

Weekly Collection Envelopes

The parish is in the process of dropping a note to every house highlighting that we are extremely grateful for your donations throughout the year and also to let parishioners know that there is the option of doing a standing order if they so prefer. The boxes of envelopes for 2018 are available for collection this weekend and next after all weekend masses. Any boxes not collected with be distributed in the usual way. If you are not currently on our distribution list and would like one please leave vour name with the parish council members who are looking after the distribution after mass and they will organise a box to be available the following weekend.

Wishing the very Best of Luck to Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Arena Festival Weekend. A blast from the past to have a marguee in Sixmilebridge. Great weekend planned. Enjoy!

The Sixmilebridge Christmas Lights will be turned on this Sunday, December 3rd. Congregating in the Square at 6.45 p.m. the lights will be turned on at 7pm. We hope Santa will make an appearance with some sweets for the children. Best of luck to local student James Donlon representing Clare in the regional final of the Macra Welding competition next week. County meeting. Tuesday 5th. Queens hotel Ennis at 9pm. All welcome.

The Sixmilebridge Playground Committee Cake sale on December 10th at Noon. Unfortunately the playaround is currently closed due to lack of repairs. We are committed to getting the playground open as soon as possible and will be holding a number of fundraising events in the upcoming months, anyone wishing to get involved please contact smbplayground@gmail.com

Congratulations! to Niamh Lyons on receiving the Pope John Paul 2 Award recently. Niamh is a pupil of St. Caimins School, Shannon.



Sixmilebridge G.A.A. MONSTER BINGO

Sunday 3rd December @ 3 p.m. €10.000 in Prizes!! Pro Rata

Supporting Indoor Hurling Arena Project and Both National Schools Bingo Books €20 on sale

Club Lotto:

Numbers Drawn 14 23 33 35 Jackpot Next week €11,100



Rota	Rota Next Weekend Readers			Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat.	9th	7.00 p.m.	Aisling	С	Α
Sun.	10th	10.00 a.m.	Emma	Annemarie/Mau	ra E
Sun.	10th	11.00 a.m.	Claire	Α	Α