Second Sunday of Advent - December 4th 2016



Sat. 3rd

Sun. 4th

Sat. 10th

Sun. 11th

## Sixmileoridge + Kilmurry Darish Newsletter

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## **Parental Programme**

Over 80 Parents of Children preparing to receive First Communion in a few months time participated in a programme on Monday and Tuesday night. The purpose of this was to provide the Parents with an opportunity to look at their values. What values are shaping their lives and the lives of their children. Family life is experiencing great change. Ireland has changed. Over the past quarter century, since the mid 1990's we have been obsessed with the economy - roughly half that time with 'boom' and the rest with 'bust'. We are told we are beginning a recovery. What values will shape our future? Is recovery to be based on more of the same money -market - material values?

Will we continue to marginalise human and spiritual values? And if we do where will people find meaning, peace of mind, restfulness. In preparing for the Parents Meetings on Monday and Tuesday night we asked the teachers of the 4 First Communion classes to ask the children identify where they find love, and goodness and caring. Each child prepared a drawing and identified what is important to them. Many of them referred to time, parents, spending time with them. Going for walks etc. These were put up on the walls - they were surprised to find that the children's real needs are simple. Our important message was -Children are grounding the parents. They want their time. In a real sense they are saying we cannot buy happiness. If business and buying has taken over our lives we need to pause before its too late. How many people regret not giving more time to their children when they need them most. Early influences are vital

"What is engraved in childhood is engraved in stone" A number of parents stressed that the children might now be telling them they and we have reached saturation. We simply cannot by happi ness with material things. But faith in Jesus and His values are vital we need to think long and hard about our relationship with Him. The fact that over 80 parents turned up for these nights is significant in itself.

Envelope Boxes 2017 We are currently preparing the allocation of boxes of envelopes to our Parishioners for 2017, These include weekly and special collections. We sincerely thank all who continue to contribute. We are very grateful to you. If you are new to our Parish or are not in receipt of a box, please let us know as soon as possible. Many thanks!

Liam Lawton @ Redemptorists Limerick December 9th 8pm Tickets €20 on sale at The Monastery Shop. 061-325099.

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Christmas Lights Turning on Ceremony Sunday 4th at 4.30 - 5 p.m. in the Village Square. Quiz Night Friday 2nd at 9.00 p.m. in Gleeson's Pub. Entry fee €5 per person. Thank You for Church Gate Collection which raised €455. Bridge United Development Draw November Winners: €350 Mike Egan €200 John Rooney €100 Sinead Fitzgerald €50 Raymond O'Sullivan €50 Dave Sage Next Draw will take place in McGregors bar in December Many thanks to all who participated in our recent Poker Classic

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Annual 45 Card Drive for the Brian Corbett Memorial Cup takes place this Sunday in Jack Gleesons at 6pm. Prizes include Sheep, Hams and Turkeys. Come along for a bit of craic and *banter.* The aul 45 is a great game and it's a great tradition around the Parish. Beginners are welcome. Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto Numbers Drawn 16 18 22 27 Next Jackpot €5,000

Sixmilebridge Golf Society are having a quiz night in Gleesons Bar in Sixmilebridge on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December from 9pm. The society will be fundraising for Aoife Sage who is 12 years old, lives in the village and has a rare medical condition that needs regular treatment.

Sixmilebridge National School Split the Pot. This week's winner was Abigail Darcy and the total pot was € 286. Thank you for all your support and remember if you are not in vou can't win.

West Clare Charity Concert - Voices for Cancer -Thursday 8th December, at St. Mary's Church Carrigaholt, 7:30pm.

3rd Sunday in Advent - Bambinelli Sunday. On next weekend, in a gesture of keeping Jesus central to the Christmas Festivities and ensuring that the next generation will receive the faith, we invite all Families to bring the Baby Jesus Figure from their cribs at home to be Blessed during 11.00 a.m. Mass.

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0	Sat.	10th	7.00 p.m.	Mike	В	Α	
	Sun.	11th	10.00 a.m.	Anna	Aideen/Aoibhe	В	
	Sun.	11th	11.00 a.m.	Orla	В	Α	



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

7.00 p.m. Susan Ryan (Months Mind)

7.00 p.m. Paddy + Padraig Mc Namara

Jimmy Mulready

James Mulready

Betty McNamara

Catherine Mulready

Stephens Family Deceased R.I.P.

Next Thursday 8th December is a

Holy Day and the Feast of

The Immaculate Conception.

Vigil Mass Wednesday 7pm Sixmilebridge

Thurs. 10 am Kilmurry 11 am Sixmilebridge

Mass Tuesday 10 am + Friday 7 pm

VD

Mary O'Flynn

11.00 a.m. Paddy + John Mulready

We remember all our loved ones and especially those whose

Anniversaries occur at this time. May they Rest in Peace

Please give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause. Thank you!

10.00 a.m.



Tradaree Cluster Christmas Carol Service - Mary Immaculate Church, Shannon, on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, with choirs and schools from the cluster participating in congregational singing of carols.

Local Branch of Irish Cancer Society thank everyone who generously supported Church Gate Collection last weekend.