



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

In Loving Memory

We remember all our loved ones and especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **May they Rest in God's Love**

Fri. 4th	7.00 p.m.	Tommy McMahon (Months Mind)
Sat. 5th	7.00 p.m.	Annette Fawl
Sun. 6th	11.00 a.m.	Jackie Millane (Months Mind) Betty White (1st Anniversary)
Fri. 11th	7.00 p.m.	Tom + Breda Murphy
Sat. 12th	7.00 p.m.	Tom Liddy (1st Anniversary)
Sun. 13th	10.00 a.m.	Betty McNamara

Masses this coming week:

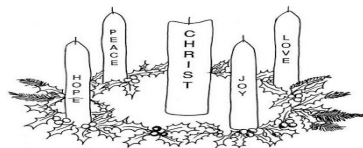
Sixmilebridge: Friday + Saturday 7 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.
Kilmurry: Thursday 7 p.m. + Sunday 10 a.m.

Tuesday next is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception



God of Peace,

Show us Your wisdom in time, that we may grow to expect Your action on Your time. Teach us to be gentle and patient with ourselves. Make us receptive to Your timing in others. Help us see the long view when we are caught in the frustration of waiting. **Amen.**



The Advent Wreath

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE

Joe Biden's Catholic Faith is distinctly Irish

Joe Biden is already bringing badly needed fresh thinking to the presidency in the USA. He is clearly indicating that a lot of this thinking is based on **values**. Humility is obviously one of these. His **faith** is another.

The words he used when announcing his team to work with him were **“lead now now by the example of power but by the power of example”** He is obviously humble enough to know that the kind of person any one of turns out to be is more important than what we achieve. The power of good example.

Its clear in his **faith** he makes no secret of the importance of his catholic faith. He carries a Rosary Beads with him, praying it in times of crisis and difficulty. Before his brain surgery he asked the doctors for permission to keep it under his pillow. A rival in one of the democrat debates before the election reported he saw him with the Rosary Bead back stage. In the famous photo taken in the White House, as U.S. soldiers raided the compound of Osama bin Laden he could be seen with his hands under the table praying the rosary.

In his **values and faith** he can be an example to all of us, indeed to the whole world. Sadly many Irish Catholics don't carry a Rosary Beads now and if they did they wouldn't be rushing to admit it. Nor is Joe Biden ashamed to be seen going to Mass at least once a week. This man is obviously a breath of fresh air. Mainly because of his **values**. He openly admits he owes his faith to his mother. For him Catholicism is a very visible part of his life.

Is it not time for many of us to ask – why have so many Irish Catholics turned their backs on the faith that can sustain us all through the ups and downs of life.

As we prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas could be reflect on our own faith, on our own prayer life and on our own values?

REARING THE FUTURE

Is the Future Our Responsibility

Copies of Fr. Harry's Book on sale in Post Office, Local Shops and the Parish Office.

€10 - Proceeds to Cahercalla Hospice

An ideal Christmas Gift!

Excerpts from the Irish Bishops on Re-opening Our Churches

*“We strongly encourage the faithful to keep **Christ at the centre of Christmas** this year. Clearly it will be impossible for our usual large congregations to assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. We wish to remind Catholics that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. But Christmas is about more than just one day. Christmas Masses will also be widely available over webcam and we strongly encourage families to **“tune in”** from the **“domestic churches”** of their living rooms and join with those who are gathering in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child.”*

“Traditionally many people turn at this time of the year to ask for God's forgiveness and for healing of spirit. Although it may not be possible for all who wish to go to Confession to safely avail of the sacrament, we encourage the faithful to confidently place their trust in God's mercy through an Act of Perfect Contrition.”

Here in our Parish the Parish Council met during the week to discuss how best we can manage the situation we are in. We ask you to bear with us as we try to accommodate everyone as best we can. We are restricted in numbers attending according to the size of our Churches. We are invited to attend **one** Mass at some point during the Christmas period. Our outdoor speakers will be on if you wish to remain in your cars. Please safely come to the Church doors if you wish to receive Holy Communion. **Please remember....**

Wear Face Mask Sanitise your hands
Observe seating arrangements in Church
Be mindful of social distancing at all times
Toilet is not operational except in an emergency ...

Please Stay Safe and Well Everyone!

Sixmilebridge

Tuesday 22nd 7 p.m.
 Wednesday 23rd 7 p.m.
Christmas Eve: 5, 7 + 9 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10 + 11 a.m.

Kilmurry

Monday 21st 7 p.m.
Christmas Eve: 7 + 9 pm
Christmas Day: 10 a.m.

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto

Numbers drawn: 1 2 6 19

Next Jackpot €19,800