



# 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 and Kilmurry.

This week we extend our sympathy to Maureen Gallagher and family, Chapel Court, on the death of her husband Matt Gallagher in Limerick.

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

Sun. 26th	10.00 a.m.	Bridget O'Loughlin
Sun. 26th	11.00 a.m.	Kitty Tuohy
Wed. 29th	7.00 p.m.	Barry Noonan (Months Mind)
Sat. 1st	7.00 p.m.	Martin+Brigid O'Neill Family R.I.P.
Sun. 2nd	11.00 a.m.	Kathleen Mulready

**Next week: Mon + Tues. - No Mass.**  
**Wed. 7.00 pm. Thurs. 11.00 a.m. Fri. 7.00 p.m.**

### ...from the Parish Office

Just a little note to everyone at Christmas and New Year - to thank you all for your friendship and support during the year.

May your Christmas be filled with the beauty of God's Love and may good health and happiness be with you every day of the new year 2011.

*Puff*

### S.A.A. Club Lotto

Numbers drawn were

5 12 13 19

**Next Lotto Mon.3rd Jackpot**



### Listening and Praying the Word of God

Monday 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 am

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**

Quiet time - Vigil of Prayer Fri. 3 - 7 pm



## Christmas and Family

We believe that family is at the very heart of society. Family & Community were the two systems which held generations of Irish people together. **Home is where the heart is. Blood is thicker than water.** These are all reminders of how important family is.

But we must admit that family has changed radically in the past 30 years. We have to be careful we don't fall into the trap of talking about the "ideal" family as if it were the only category that exists. It's not easy define it now. During the past week Dr. Tony Humphries an eminent clinical psychologist wrote, in an article in the Irish Times that family celebrations can be wonderful opportunities for people to connect. However, he warned that these celebrations are never quite what they seem. There is no family where hurts have not been experienced, but the acceptance of that fact is rare. Indeed the most common illusion of all is that we all come from happy families and this is carried into celebrations.

The reality is that family life is a mixture of nurturing and hurtful experiences. It is the mature family that acknowledges that reality. There is an old Chinese proverb "**No family can hang out a white flag suggesting 'nothing happens here'**" Parents are the key people here. It is their level of honesty that largely determines the nature of the family ethos. Parents who hide from their own selves and from others create a family culture where "**how others see us counts more than the truth**" **Street angel, house devil** is a label that spells trouble in the house. Could we make a serious effort this Christmas to be honest with ourselves and with the people we live with. Lets ensure we make every effort to make it a happy time. It is not all about "**me**" It's a time for making others happy.

### Christmas Wishes

*I'm wishing everyone in the community a happy and peaceful Christmas. We thank all those who participated in so many ways in our efforts towards ongoing developments of our concept of Christian Community. We are also grateful to all those who have shown their appreciation for these.*

*Fr. Harry*

### A Prayer for 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 and 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.**



### Mart News

After a long and difficult negotiation a deal has been agreed with G.V.M. to purchase the Mart on behalf of the farming and wider community. This is, of course, subject to a number of conditions and farmer approval. There will be a public meeting of farmers and others to discuss this early in January. **This is good news.**

Sixmilebridge **Readers of the Word** are asked to collect their missals and new rota in Sacristy after Masses.

**Black Pudding Night in Mill Bar St. Stephen's Night In aid of Clare Crusaders + Childrens Crumlin Hospital + Irish Wheelchair Association.**

Tickets available from ....

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Copies of **Annual Newsletter** have been sent to each house in the Parish. A limited number are available in GP room after Mass.

	Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 1st	7.00 pm	Donal Keane	A	A
Sun. 2nd	10.00 am	Brian Carey	Carmel Morey	D
Sun. 2nd	11.00 am	Sean Corbett	A	A