



# 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**

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Sean Lynch**, Moygalla and Limerick who died during the week. We extend our sympathy to his family and to the Lynch family in Moygalla.

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

Sat. 31st	7.00 p.m.	Bridget Toomey Geraldine Chaplin
Sun. 1st	11.00 a.m.	Mary Nihill
Fri. 6th	7.00 p.m.	Bereaved Parents
Sat. 7th	7.00 p.m.	John Frost Pat Kearney
Sun. 8th	10.00 a.m.	Joan Skeahan + Deceased Family
	11.00 a.m.	Mary + Patrick Moore Ann Hogan



## Mass times during the Week:

Tuesday and Friday 7.00 p.m. Wednesday + Thursday 10 a.m.

Friday next is the **First Friday in February**. Fr. Harry will visit sick and household during the week. If anyone would like Fr. Harry to call please let us know through the Parish Office.

The Feast of **Saint Blaise** is celebrated on Tuesday next 3rd February. He was bishop of Sebastea in Armenia. He was martyred for the Christian Faith in 317. He is reputed to have saved a young boy who was choking on a fish bone. Because of this, he is the patron saint of throats. Candles are blessed in his honour and throats are blessed to protect us from illness during the year. The following is the prayer said by the priest:

**By the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all illness of the throat, and from every other disease, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Mass will be celebrated in Sixmilebridge Church on Tuesday at 7pm. Candles will be Blessed before Mass and Blessing of Throats will take place after Mass.



## Lá Fhéile Bríde



St. BRIGID'S DAY

AN OIS TEACH AN CARRAIGH

1st FEBRUARY



St. Brigid was born in a quiet village named 'Faughart' set upon a hill overlooking Dundalk Bay. She was born about the year 454 A.D. St Brigid, with her closeness to nature makes her very appealing to all people. Those who are concerned about the environment and the future of the earth are inspired by the reverence she showed for all creation. She is being invoked to heal our wounds and green our earth. St. Brigid was also the foundress of monastic life in Ireland. As abbess of the monastery in Kildare she played a significant role in society and in the church of her time. She was a model of equality and is a powerful symbol of womanhood revealing in many ways the compassionate and feminine face of God. Renowned for her emphasis on hospitality and caring for the sick and elderly, she is invoked as the patron of scholars, poets, blacksmiths, cattle, healers, dairy workers, new born babies and fugitives. The very distinctive St. Brigid's Cross, made from rushes, has become a symbol of peace and protection and a blessing for home, and hearth. Legend holds that Brigid made her first cross from rushes she picked from the floor as she visited a pagan chieftain who was dying. While sitting by his bed she began to weave the rushes into the shape of a cross and tell the stories of her Christian faith. The cross became a symbol of peace and protection, protection of animals and protection from fire and disease and a blessing for home and hearth. Crosses were exchanged too in times of clan feuds as a sign of reconciliation. From that time Irish people have never ceased to weave these crosses. These rushes represent our hopes, our dreams, our gifts and our efforts in working towards a more caring society.

## Prayer to St. Brigid

You are a girl of generosity.  
 You are a woman of courage.  
 Brigid, give us Courage.  
 You were nurse to the sick.  
 Brigid, give us Tenderness.  
 You were comfort to the aged.  
 Brigid, give us Energy.  
 You lit a fire that never quenched.  
 Brigid, give us Welcome.  
 You built a Church with finest oak,  
 Brigid, give us Prayer.

As once you took in hand the wild rushes of the field and folded them in the manner of a cross, so now inspire us to be creative and to take the things of daily life and mould them into something beautiful for God.

**Parish/Pastoral Council Meeting** next Tuesday night February 3rd at 8.00 p.m.

**SMB GAA Bingo** Monday nights start time 8.45pm  
 New revised pay out starting on Monday 2nd Feb  
 Your support is much appreciated.

**'Understanding Grief'** a one day workshop exploring the impact of loss and the process of grieving, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb from 11 ~ 4.30 pm in Ennis. Call Pauline 087 6383988  
**San Giovanni, Medjugorje & Assisi:** 19th - 28th August, 3 nights San Giovanni, 2 nights Assisi, 3 Nights Medjugorje. Bus travel from Miltown Malbay via Ennis to Dublin. Call Mary O' Loughlin 065-7084000 or Fr. Pat Larkin 087-2300627

**Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club LOTTO**

Numbers drawn 9 21 26 28  
**JACKPOT**



Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 7th 7.00 p.m.	Aisling	B	A
Sun. 8th 10.00 a.m.	Linda	Tom/Aoibhe	A
Sun. 8th 11.00 a.m.	Elaine	B	A