



Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter



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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.

We extend our sympathy to Peg O'Neill, on the recent death of her sister **Martha Shanahan nee O'Neill** late of Limerick Road, and England. We remember all our loved ones and especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Rest in Peace.**

This Week we Remember in our Masses

Sat. 25th	7.00 p.m.	PaJoe Hurlay Gerry Donnellan John Murray Tom Quinn+ Family (The Forge)
Sun. 26th	10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Tom Fleming Mona + Paddy O'Halloran Frank O'Halloran (1st Anniv) Tracey Phelan Bechdari
Fri. 2nd	7.00 p.m.	Michael Barron (Months Mind)
Sat. 3rd	7.00 p.m.	Catherine + James McNamara Tommy Sheehan + Family Jack Nash
Sun. 4th	10.00 a.m.	Mick + Kitty O'Connell Tommy + Josie O'Gorman Mary + Michael Murphy Dermot Quinn

Mass: Mon. 9.30 a.m. Tues - Thurs 10.00 a.m. Friday 7.00 pm.
 Copies of Sr. Marie McNamara's Lenten Reflections booklet on sale in the Sacristy. Price: €2

Note from Sixmilebridge School

The Principal of Sixmilebridge National School, Mr. Dick O'Connell will retire on Wednesday 29th February after 33 years in the school. We propose to mark this special occasion on Tuesday 28th February in Sixmilebridge GAA Hall at 12.30 p.m. Parents, children, past pupils and everyone in the Community are welcome to attend. We hope you will join with us in wishing Mr. O Connell a long and happy retirement.

Reclaiming Lent

*Is the time ripe to reclaim Lent?
 What would it mean for us in practise?*

As Christians we have committed ourselves to go back to first beginnings, to Christ Himself to renew ourselves. He went away for 40 days - into the desert - to give God back His time and to renew Himself. Maybe that's a pointer for us. Lent is a time of renewal for us too.

We can begin by giving up some time

Could we give up -

- **1 hour between 8 and 9 pm for 4 Tuesdays** starting with next Tuesday, to come to the Church in Sixmilebridge to deepen our understanding of what it means to be a Christian?

Holy Thursday night in His Agony He will be asking '**Could you not spare one hour with me?**

- **time to Pray** - every morning to thank Him for bringing us safely through the night; every night for the day that was and all we have to be grateful for;

- **to attend Mass** a few times a week and encourage others to attend at least every weekend:

To spend sometime, in quiet, before the Blessed Sacrament on

Friday afternoons between 3 - 7pm

- **time for family prayer** etc. Any one or a few of these

Give up - meat on Friday, - Drink, - Smoking etc.,

Give up - some of what we save to Trocaire to feed people who haven't enough to eat or drink - in other words by our giving up - help to save a life.

Lent gives us an opportunity to pause and to look at where life is taking us.

LENTEN TALK

*BEING A CHRISTIAN
 WHAT DOES IT MEAN?*

BISHOP DONAL MURRAY

Tuesday February 28th at 8.00 p.m. Sixmilebridge Church

S.A.A. Club Lotto
 Numbers drawn were **4 6 12 15**
Jackpot Next week



Thank You Mr. O'Connell

This coming week we bid farewell to Dick O'Connell, Principal, Six-milebridge National School. We want to wish him well in his retirement and thank him for 33 years teaching and leading the school. Dick was born in Taghmon, Co. Wexford the son of Cork parents. His time in Sixmilebridge was one which experienced great change in the parish and the school. When he joined the teaching staff 200 children (approx) attended. There are now 420 students there. This year alone 70 children will start, 45 will leave, bringing the numbers to 450. It is currently the 3rd biggest Primary School in Clare, after the boys School, Ennis, and Connaires, Shannon, both of which are experiencing declining numbers, whilst Sixmilebridge is expanding. This means in a short time our school is likely to be the biggest in the County.

The school is a very visible sign in the community. It is a very big employer—28 in all. The building and its environs have at all times been cared for in a special way. However it is obvious that every effort must now be made to acquire a new building for this expanding school population. We are grateful to Dick and School Board for putting everything in place for this. All that is needed now is the go-ahead.

Dick considers himself lucky to have come to Sixmilebridge: His years of experience in the school included knowing every child who came in to the school, and would have taught many of their parents. This experience helped him greatly when he took over the Principal ship. He was comfortable in the role. We in the Church were always appreciative of his deep Belief in the ethos of the school and the importance of Christian values in the formation of children. His efforts to connect with the wider community were also special as instanced by initiatives such as Grandparents bringing their knitting skills to the students of 1st and 2nd classes. Thanks to Dick for what he brought in shaping generations of people in our community. **Enjoy your time in retirement, Dick.**

**Fresh Fruit and Veg and tasty Home Baking stalls in
 The Mart Yard every Saturday morning from 10.00 a.m.**

Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 3rd 7.00 pm	Peg O'Neill	B	B
Sun. 4th 10.00 am	Marie Neenan	Martina + Tom	E
Sun 4th 11.00 am	Marie Cooney	B	B