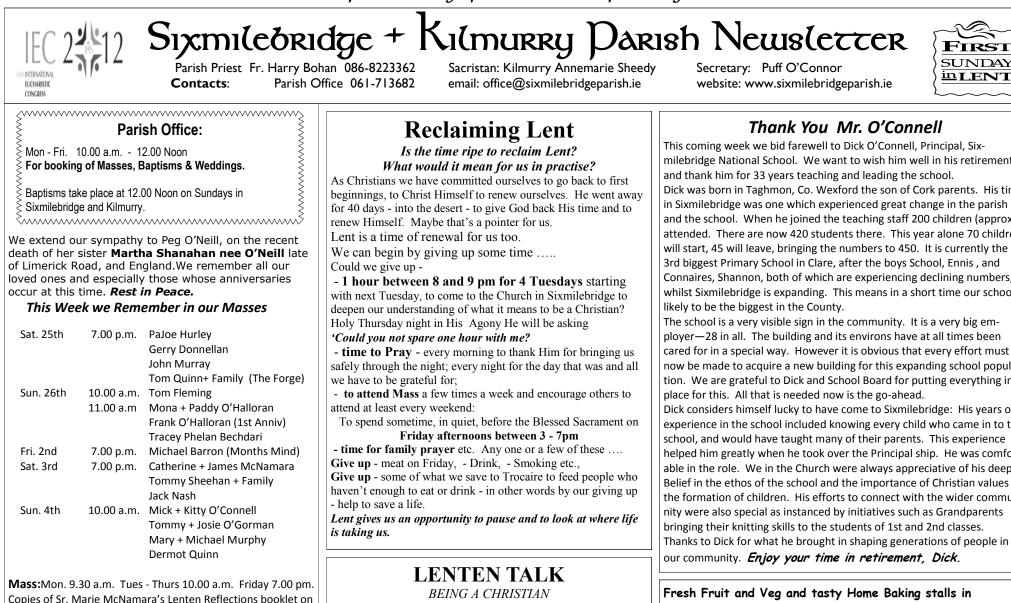
First Sunday of Lent - 26th Fedruary 2012



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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN? **BISHOP DONAL MURRAY**

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

€13.000

5.A.A. Club lotto Numbers drawn were 4 6 12 15 Jackpot Next week

milebridge National School. We want to wish him well in his retirement 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

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

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 Thanks to Dick for what he brought in shaping generations of people 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	В	В
Sun. 4th 10.00 am	Marie Neenan	Martina + Tom	E
Sun 4th 11.00 am	Marie Cooney	В	В