



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

Sat. 2nd	7.00 p.m.	Bridget Toomey
Sun. 3rd	10.00 a.m.	Tom + Bridget Fleming
	11.00 a.m.	Bereaved Parents
Fri. 8th	7.00 p.m.	Sr. Bridget O'Halloran (90th Birthday)
Sat. 9th	7.00 p.m.	Johnny Frost
		Mary Nihill
		Pat Kearney

Mass times - Tuesday - Thursday 10 a.m. Friday 7 p.m.

Saturday 2nd February - The Presentation of the Lord
 Candlemas Day. Candles are Blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Feast of St. Blaise Patron for sore throats and sick cattle. He was a physician before becoming a Bishop. The Blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." Blessing of throats will take place this weekend.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Wednesday 6th Feb. 8 p.m.

In Loving Memory

This weekend our Bishop Fintan and Diocesan Secretary Fr. Ger are grieving the loss of their friend, classmate and colleague **Fr. John Cummins R.I.P.** Parish Priest in Abbeyleix. Fr. John was killed in a freak accident at his home on Wednesday. Our sympathy to all his family, friends, colleagues and parishioners.

We will also remember the families of the victims of the tragic accident in Donegal this week. **R.I.P. John, Micheál, Daniel and Shaun.** And all who are killed on our roads.

Christian Values for Real Life

We have had and are having a series of meetings with Parents, Children, Parents and Grandparents and Children during these weeks. It's about Parish, Community, Schools, Parents working together in an effort to pass on our Christian beliefs and values to the next generation. We are involved in this at a time when so many aspects of Irish life have changed dramatically. For those who believe in promoting Catholic values it's been tough. We find ourselves pushing against a tide which threatens to swamp us. It is vital we find creative and imaginative ways of responding.

Children are as enthusiastic as ever they were.

They love religion class and the feed back for religious programmes such as 'Grow in Love' is very positive.

The question is, can you teach faith?

You can certainly teach religion but if it is not seen in action - in the home, in the community - it cannot develop into something real, meaningful and lifelong. Responding to change is not easy but necessary.

The input of Parents is essential to grow in faith in a meaningful way.

The fact is the present generation of Parents together with the local Christian Community are now challenged to take responsibility for the spiritual development of young people by word and example.

If there isn't a serious response to this challenge our society will experience a spiritual vacuum. Where there is a vacuum other influences will only be happy to fill it.

Meeting for Parents of First Communion Class
 Kilmurry School Monday 4th February.

First Confession - Sixmilebridge Tuesday 5th at 7 p.m.

First Confession - Kilmurry Wednesday 13th at 7 p.m.

Mass of Healing and Anointing to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan on Monday February 11th at 2.30 p.m. in SS John and Paul Church Shannon.

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto

Numbers drawn 2 14 23 27 **Next Jackpot €4,200**

Scór Celebrating 50 Years

If you were a past winner in Scór and would like to be part of a celebration Concert on February 9th Call.. Sean 087-9770361 P.J. 086-8207613 See SMB G.A.A. Clubify

Safeguarding Training. Parishioners and all involved in various Church ministries involving young people and vulnerable adults are required to be Garda vetted and have completed a one day Safeguarding Training every three years. The next Safeguarding Training Day for this area will take place on Saturday 2nd March in the Oakwood Arms Hotel, Shannon. To book a place email c.yates@killaloeodiocese.ie or collect a form in the Parish Office. In addition to this all Eucharistic Ministers now require Garda Vetting once again. Forms will be available before and after all Masses next weekend 9th /10th February. If you wish to complete your vetting form on the night please bring 2 copies of ID: Passport, Driving Licence with photo and or utility bill showing your name on it.

Town/Village Centre Paint Scheme 2019. Clare County Council has established a specific Paint Scheme for towns/villages in the county. For 2019, Sixmilebridge has been selected by the relevant Municipal District Committee to benefit from the scheme. The aim of the Scheme is to improve the visual appearance of a town or village and to enhance the general area to make more attractive places in which to live and visit. Closing date for receipt of applications is February 6th

A Prayer for those who Live Alone

I live alone dear Lord, stay by my side,
 In all my daily needs, be thou my guide.
 Grant me good health for that indeed I pray.
 To carry on my work, from day to day.
 Keep pure my mind, my thoughts my every deed
 Let me be kind, unselfish in my neighbours needs.
 Spare me from fire, from flood, malicious tongues.
 From thieves, from fear, from evil ones.
 If sickness or an accident befall,
 then humbly Lord, I pray, be thou my call.
 And when I'm feeling low or in despair,
 Lift up my head and help me in my prayer.
 I live alone dear Lord, yet have no fear
 because I feel your presence ever near.



Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 9th 7.30 p.m.	Mike	A	A
Sun. 10th 10.00 a.m.	Anna	Chris/Martina	D
Sun. 10th 11.00 a.m.	Orla	B	A