



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.

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

Sat. 18th	7.00 p.m.	Tom + Michael McInerney
Sun. 19th	11.00 a.m.	Dawn Roughan
Mon. 20th	9.30 a.m.	Therese Dundon
Tues. 21st	9.30 a.m.	James + MaryAnn Rochfrod
Thurs. 23rd	7.00 p.m.	Thomas + Ellen Sheehan
Sun. 26th	10.00 a.m.	Bridget O'Loughlin
Sun. 26th	11.00 a.m.	Kitty Tuohy

Mass times this week: **Mon - Wed. 9.30 a.m. Thurs. 7 pm.**

Congratulations!

to Kate O'Grady, Eimear Wolf, Paraic Ryan, Diarmuid Quinn, Joseph Hogan and Cathal O'Grady - from Kilmurry National School who competed at the Regional Finals of the Intel MiniScientist Competition held in Leixlip recently.

S.A.A. Club Lotto

Numbers drawn were

1 19 27 29

€19,200

Jackpot Next Week

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 Mass Times

Christmas Eve:

Sixmilebridge: 6.00pm and 9.00pm
Kilmurry 7.30pm

Christmas Day:

10.00 am Kilmurry + 11.00 am SMB

Sunday 26th Dec:

10.00 a.m. Kilmurry + 11.00 am Sixmilebridge

Christmas: - Spiritual Preparation

Christmas is a special time when we can reach out to everyone, when old arguments can be repaired, when forgiveness can be given, when friends are contacted and when family members can be welcomed home. Money does not buy children's best memories: the gift of simplicity, of parents' time, interest and attention is the ultimate present.

Our preparation got off to a wonderful start on Tuesday night last. It was truly a special experience. Full Church, darkened lights, wonderful reflective music and prayerful atmosphere brought us into the Presence of God. In there we were reminded in our prayers to open our hearts and minds to identify something that was going on in our lives, and ask for help to rid ourselves of whatever that was. Joe O'Keeffe helped us through an inspiring talk. He reminded us that we can never offend God but we can offend or hurt one another through bitterness, jealousy, begrudgery or whatever is there and we can seriously know ourselves if we don't let go. So, in that prayerful, soul-full atmosphere we reflected, identified, pledged to rid ourselves of whatever was holding us back, told God we were sorry and went to one of the priests for absolution.

It was a memorable night. We thank God for it.

Rota for Christmas

SIXMILEBRIDGE:

Christmas Eve 6pm Mass:

Altar Servers: Caoimhe Ryan, Ciara Halpin, Eimear Wolf, Danagh McGrath, Elizabeth Quin, Leanne Myles.

Reader: Christy O'Connor

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary McNamara + Mary McNamara

Christmas Eve. 9pm Mass:

Altar Servers: Shawna O'Mara, Ciara O'Gorman, Aisling Wixted, Sophie Whyte, Keelin Lyons, Niamh Lyons.

Reader: Angie Togher

Eucharistic Ministers: Teams B + C

Christmas Day: 11 am. Mass

Altar Servers: Chloe Frost, Ciara Moloney, Edward Shannon, Padraig Shannon, Niall Donlon, Sarah Merriman.

Reader: Elaine Corbett

Eucharistic Ministers: Team D + A

Sunday 26th Dec. 11.00 a.m. Mass:

Altar Servers Team A.

Reader: Ita Tangney

Eucharistic Ministers: Team A.

KILMURRY:

Reader:

Eucharistic Min.

Altar Servers:

Christmas Eve 7.30 pm Mass:

Aoife Bannon *Anne Marie Sheedy*

Team E

Christmas Day. 10.00 am Mass:

Theresa O'Dea *Kay Hurley*

Team F

Sun. 26th Dec 10.00am Mass:

Josette Liddy *Noreen O'Regan*

Team C

If you are unable to attend on the above times, or are unable to find a replacement please contact the Parish Office.

Christmas: Celebration & Lament

Wishing a Happy Christmas is how we salute one another at this time. And we genuinely want that for everyone of you. However, we know, there are several kinds of loneliness that Christmas brings too. It might help to know that very few are immune to moments of it at this time.

It is a time that celebrates family togetherness and a time when the loss of family members is most acute. It is a time for coming home and a time when not being able to do so is felt extremely. Christmas is a time of celebration and lament. Christmas loneliness takes many forms and there are many reasons for it. So let our Christmas wishes be tinged with sensitivity and awareness of others.