



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.**

This Week we Remember in our Masses

Sat. 31st	7.00 p.m.	Martin & Brigid O'Neill + Family Dawn Roughan Tommy, Ellen & Joe Sheehan
Sun. 1st	11.00 a.m.	Agnes Murphy (Months Mind)
Thurs. 5th	7.00 p.m.	Bernard Broe
Fri. 6th	11.00 a.m.	Jimmy & Chrissie Casey
Sat. 7th	7.00 p.m.	Mary & Jim Gallagher Bernie & Tommie O'Reilly
Sun. 8th	11.00 a.m.	Billie Kiely

Mass times during the week:

Wed. 10.00 a.m. Thurs 7.00 pm. Fri. 10 + 11 am.

Next Friday is the 6th January and the
 Feast of the Epiphany.

Vigil Mass on Thursday at 7pm Sixmilebridge.

Friday 10.00 a.m. in Kilmurry and 11am Sixmilebridge.

Weekly Collection Boxes 2012

During the coming week every house in the parish will
 receive a box of envelopes for the weekly and various
 collections for 2012.

We take this opportunity to thank all who continue to
 support the Church financially and we encourage people
 to use the envelope provided for the coming year. This is
 the only means of fundraising we have in our Parish and
 we would appreciate your support. Your donation is
 strictly confidential.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Fri 3 - 7 pm.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The following are a few extracts from an article in the Irish Times of
 Tues. 28th. "As we embrace 2012 many of us will be living in fearful
 anticipation of how we might address the struggle to survive amidst
 rising costs, unemployment and a recession that has no end in sight.
 For those of us who were caught up in the so-called Celtic Tiger era
 there may be, finally, heightened awareness that things can really get
 out of control when we take our eye off the ball. No longer can we take
 anything for granted or rely on authorities to make the correct decisions
 for us. Instead we have to live within certain constraints.

As a society we have to make difficult decisions now to try to claw our
 way back to some sense of balance. We now have an opportunity to
 pause, recognize all the waste and observe how we have created a very
 unequal society.

What messages have we been delivering to our children? We wanted
 them to be more confident, more assertive and avail of every opportu-
 nity. But perhaps we forgot to tell that not everyone can be a celebrity or
 a great footballer or become a millionaire.

Some of them never heard the word 'no' and found this confusing as
 they bullied their way through school." Etc., the article continues and
 then

"We must find a new spiritual understanding to give us a better sense of
 ourselves as human beings".

Despite extreme hardships our ancestors tried their best to make soci-
 ety a little better. There is no end to the opportunities.

"acceptance is a good place to start. We need to take responsibility for
 how we live. We have to face a reality that we hoped would disappear.
 No longer can we buy our way out of difficulties. We cannot expect the
 Government to hand out doses of happiness but we can learn to hand it
 out to ourselves.

Create time to think. Enjoy the silence of your mind. Be more creative.

Avoid going down the road of negativity and blame.

Let 2012 be the year for real change both of heart and direction.

Let us start wit a new voice and let others hear your voice.

Let us all strive for a better 'community' .

Everyone in this community matters."

In wishing one another a happy New Year let us pledge to contribute to
 that happiness for someone by giving, sharing and listening a little more
 to the needs of others.



MARY
 The Mother of God

Imagine how bewildered Mary must be.
 She has just given birth to her baby in a
 cattle shed. This little baby, she has
 been told, is God's own son. And now
 some local shepherds have turned up
 with a most extraordinary tale

– how an angel of the Lord had appeared to them and told them
 of the birth of the saviour, and that they would find him in a sta-
 ble. Mary watches as the shepherds pay homage to her child, and
 listens to them as they glorify and praise God. No wonder Mary
 ponders these things in her heart. It must have been all so hard to
 take in, to make sense of. Here she is, a teenager from an average
 background, and she is the mother of God's Son. Here she is, nurs-
 ing her new-born in a miserable outhouse, and strangers are com-
 ing to pay him homage. Overwhelming as her situation may be,
 Mary does not panic. She does not back away from God's will for
 her. On the eighth day, she and Joseph take the child to be circum-
 stanced, and they give him the name which the angel had told her
 to give him. They call him Jesus.

Mary is fulfilling God's plan for her.

She does what God has asked her to do.



Wedding Congratulations!

to

Ann O Dowd + Rory Mac Gowan

who were married on Friday in Sixmilebridge



	Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat.	7th 7.00 pm	Angie Togher	C	B
Sun.	8th 10.00 am	Gwen Quinlivan	Kay	C
Sun.	8th 11.00 am	Joe O'Keefe	B	B

S.A.A. Club Lotto Jackpot 2.1.2012 €11,400