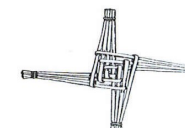


Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter



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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 extend our sympathy this week to Nora Quinn, Cappa South, on the death of her mother **Nora O'Sullivan** in Killarney. We remember all our loved ones and especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they Rest in Peace

Sat. 26th	7.00 p.m.	Kevin Whelan (Months Mind)
Sun. 27th	10.00 a.m.	Mary Griffin Mick + Kitty O'Connell Eileen Fitzpatrick Pat Cullinan John Lonergan
	11.00 a.m.	Marty + Mary Murray Pat + Kitty Togher George + Sheila O'Brien Denis Joyce
Fri. 1st	7.00 p.m.	John Keane (Months Mind)
Feb. 2nd	7.00 p.m.	Bridget Toomey Dan + Mary Ryan Kitty Gaffney Pat Kearney Martin Collins
Feb. 3rd	10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Kathleen + Eileen Pewter All Bereaved Parents



This Week: Mass: Monday -Thursday 10 a.m. Friday 7 pm.

Blessing of Throats in Sixmilebridge will take place after Masses on Friday and Saturday night and after 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

In Kilmurry Blessing of Throats will take place at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday morning before Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday 29th at 8pm.

If you did not receive a box of collection envelopes for 2013 and would like one, please contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2013

To celebrate Catholic Schools week both our schools will actively including special prayers and ceremonies throughout the week. As a community we are very proud of our schools and fortunate to have their ongoing development of values which are of vital importance to their children. The following are some of the activities taking place.

St. Finnachta's National School are busy as they prepare and celebrate Catholic Schools Week which takes place from Jan. 27th to Feb. 2nd.

A variety of events are planned throughout the week. Classes will have the opportunity to visit the Church. Children will learn prayers and songs and write their own prayers. All classes will have their sacred spaces blessed by Fr. Harry.

Junior Infants will host **Grandparents' Day** on January 30th The Children are busy learning songs and composing special prayers for their nanas and granddads and they are excited to welcome their grandparents into their classroom.

Other Classes will learn about the work of our priest Fr. Harry and our Bishop Kieran O' Reilly. A whole school assembly will also take place in our school hall and we are delighted Fr. Harry will join with us in our School Prayer Service.

In addition to above **Kilmurry School** are continuing their tradition of making St. Brigid's Crosses. Fr. Harry will call to the school on Friday Feb. 1st. Feast of St. Brigid and Bless the crosses.

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES LAUNCH

The updated Directory of Services for 2013 has been delivered to every home in the village and Parish. The Directory will be officially launched by **Caitriona O'Reilly, Chairperson** of the Parish Pastoral Council, during 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday 27th January. The organisations listed in the Directory would welcome new members, whilst people are encouraged to use the services of the businesses listed in the booklet.

Anyone who wants to play camogie with **Sixmilebridge Camogie Club** this year must register to do so. Registration will be held in Dressing Room of GAA Hall on Thurs 7th + Fri 8th Feb. 7.30 -9.00pm
Cost Individual €30 Over 18's €40 Family €100

S.A.A. Club lotto

Numbers drawn 3 4 6 7 Jackpot

€9,400

St. Brigid Feast Day 1st February

Patron of scholars, poets, blacksmiths, healers, cattle, dairy workers, new born babies and fugitives.

St. Brigid (c.454-524) founded a monastery in Kildare. Her life depicts her as an active nun, living with her community but often travelling either for evangelical or charitable purposes. Hospitality, alms-giving and care of the sick were her main preoccupation.

Brigid,

*You were a woman of peace,
 You brought harmony where there was conflict.*

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly

and to reverence all God has made.

You were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us,

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

Presentation of the Lord Saturday February 2nd or Candlemas Day.

Our Lady offered her Son to God in the Temple. As was the Jewish custom, she also offered pigeons, a sign of her purification. Simeon was happy as he took the child in his arms and thanked God. Anna was also in the Temple and she believed and praised God.

Candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.

The feast of St. Blaise is on February 3rd. He was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia. He cured a boy who was choking on a fish bone. He was martyred in 317 during the reign of the Emperor Licinius. Throats are blessed on this day.

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may you be freed from all sickness of the throat and from any other illness.

Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 2nd 7.00 p.m.	Donal Keane	B	B
Sun. 3rd 10.00 a.m.	Marie Neenan	Carmel + Collette	C
Sun. 3rd 11.00 a.m.	Claire Collins	C	B