

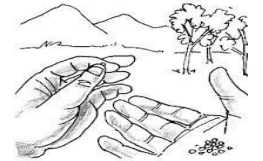


Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter

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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

In Loving Memory

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

May they Rest in God's Love

Sat. 18th	Vincent Whelan
Sun. 19th	Tom Reidy
Sun. 26th	Anne O'Meara

Fr. Harry will include all intentions at celebration of Mass privately. Parish Offices are to be closed to the public, but parish business can continue by way of telephone, e-mail etc. Call 087-2204820

MASS TIMES WHEN WE RETURN

Sixmilebridge will have 4 Masses.

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 7 p.m.
1 on Sunday Morning at 11 a.m.

Kilmurry will have 2 Masses.

Thursday evening at 7 p.m. and on Sunday Morning at 10.00 a.m.

These arrangements will take some time to get used to and we ask you to please bear with us as we return. We must remember we are still in a pandemic situation. We must all take responsibility for our own safety and if you are feeling unwell we ask that you do not attend Mass. Our main concern is that we all remain safe and well.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help.

Section from Pope Francis' homily on the Feast of Peter and Paul 2020

Today we need prophecy, real prophecy: not fast talkers who promise the impossible, but testimonies that the Gospel is possible. What is needed are not miraculous shows - it hurts me when I hear it said: *"We want a prophetic Church."* Well, what do you do for the Church to be prophetic? We need lives that show the miracle of God's Love. Not forcefulness, but forthrightness. Not palaver, but prayer. Not speeches, but service. Do you want a prophetic Church? Start serving and be silent. Not theory, but testimony. We are not to become rich, but rather to love the poor. We are not to save up for ourselves, but to spend ourselves for others. To seek not the approval of this world - that of being good with everyone - no, this is not prophecy, but we need the joy of the world to come. Not better pastoral plans that seem to have their own efficiency, as if they were Sacraments, efficient pastoral projects, no, but we need pastors who offer their lives: lovers of God. That is how Peter and Paul preached Jesus, as men in love with God. At his crucifixion, Peter did not think about himself, but about his Lord, and, considering himself unworthy of dying like Jesus, asked to be crucified upside down. Before his beheading, Paul thought only of offering his life; he wrote that he wanted to be *'poured out like a libation'* (2 Tim 4:6). That was prophecy. Not words. That was prophecy, the prophecy that changes history.

UPDATE ON RETURNING TO CHURCH FOR MASS

In view of the fact that Phase 4 of the current Covid 19 guidelines are now paused until August 10th we are staying with the same regulations pointed out to us by the Irish Medical Council. Indoor gatherings are still at 50 and outdoor are 200. We are now at a very delicate stage of Covid 19. One example is we learned during the week that 51 people were waiting on test results in the Regional Hospital Limerick. We must continue to keep the safety of our people as our number one priority.

In light of all this we have decided to continue with our postponement of Mass arrangements until we can all safely meet when 100 can gather indoors. This gives everybody the opportunity to come to Mass when it is safe to do so.

**However, we will have two outdoor Masses on ...
Sunday 26th July outside both Churches.
10.00 a.m. in Kilmurry and 11.00 a.m. in Sixmilebridge**

Small Beginnings

Everything starts small. The mustard seed was a tiny seed that grew into a flowering bush; it was not mustard as we know it, but only a bush to give beauty and shelter. It can remind us of the beauty of creation, and of the caring shelter we can give to others. It is also a reminder that each of us began as a seed in the mother's body, and grew with the plan of God. The love of God grows like that - it begins small with birth and with baptism, and then grows wide so that we share our love of God. It is the same with marriage - love begins and then grows so that children and grandchildren and others may shelter in love. Love grows when love is given, in our immediate circle, and in our care for the wider world. Good friendship and love spreads out to many.

The Kingdom of God grows as we try to grow love, peace, justice and compassion. The shelter of the mustard bush is the mercy of God, encouraging us to be an 'oasis of mercy' (Pope Francis). The Kingdom of God grows with the help of God, and without this help, our efforts are in vain.

**"Faith can move Mountains,
but we must keep Digging"**

Thank You

**Thank You to all who
continue to support our
Parish each week.
Your donations are
gratefully appreciated.**

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