

Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter

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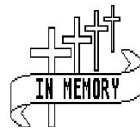
Mon - Fri. 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 Noon

For Booking of Masses, Baptisms & Weddings.
Baptisms take place at 12.00 Noon on Sundays in
Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry

We extend our sympathy to Áine Donnellan, Ardane, on the death of her father **John O'Sullivan R.I.P.** last weekend.

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

Sat. 17th	11.00 a.m.	All Deceased local Scout members
	7.00 p.m.	Dan + Mary Ryan + Kitty Gaffney Claire Collins + Annie Hennessy
Sun. 18th	11.00 a.m.	Maureen Donnellan (Months Mind)
Fri. 23rd	7.00 p.m.	Annie + Dan O'Connor
Sat. 24th	7.00 p.m.	Patrick + Brigid O'Neill Christy Murphy Michael, Katie + Tom Morey Biddy O'Grady Haulie Hannon Patrick + Mary Moore
Sun. 25th	11.00 a.m.	Geraldine Browne



Mass: Tuesday - Thursday 10.00 a.m. Friday 7.00 p.m.

Thank you!

A very special **'Thank You'** to all our Scouts/Leaders for always taking part in a very special way in our St. Patrick's Day Mass every year. Really appreciate all the work you do in such a quiet way all year through.

Next weekend we begin our journey through **Holy Week** and into **Easter Sunday**. Palm Crosses will be available at all Church doors and will be Blessed at the beginning of each Mass.



The Flame of Faith

Last Tuesday morning as usual we had the children's (First Communion Classes) in Church for Mass. Mass was celebrated in honour of St. Patrick. I was all set to tell them a few things about him. 'Twas a lovely sunny morning. They were in great form. I asked them 'why?'. They told me - **"the Sun is in the sky, the birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, the grass is growing, the cows are back in the fields, - it's Spring, and Spring had lifted their spirits"**. I then asked them whose Saint are we celebrating this weekend and they told me - **"its St. Patrick"**. I asked them who was he and why was he so important that after 1700 years we in Ireland still celebrate him. They went on to tell me why - **"because he came to Ireland as a slave - then went back to where he came from - but returned because the Irish people had never heard of Christ. He told them the Christian story. As a result they not only became Christians themselves but they spread the message in many parts of the world"**.

The message I got from the children on Tuesday morning was they are so happy to be preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, and they were also so happy to talk about Patrick and the importance of bringing the story of Christ to Ireland.

Are the children telling us something about our own relationship with Jesus today. The faith that Patrick brought was kept alive by generations of Irish people. That faith survived through persecution and poverty. It helped people to cope with life, through thick and thin. They regarded it as a treasure, they appreciated it as a gift. They handed it on. Our children are obviously enthusiastic about the faith Patrick brought to the people of Ireland and the flame he lit. Isn't it important that we adults - parents included should keep that flame alight.

Senior Citizen's Party
 this Sunday at 2 p.m.
 in G.A.A. Hall

Hope everyone has a great time



St. Patrick's Day is traditionally a day when we celebrate Ireland and what it means to be Irish. We remember in our prayers those who have emigrated. St. Patrick first encountered Ireland as a migrant. Thus, it is fitting that on the Feast of our National Patron, we again seek to highlight the needs of the many Irish emigrants spread throughout the world. Today too we remember in a special way those emigrants whose journey has been a difficult one, particularly the elderly Irish in Britain, our un documented in the United States and Irish prisoners overseas.

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort and restore me.
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



Community Games: Poker Classic: P.J. would like to thank Jack & Deirdre for their premises & beautiful hot food. Pat who ran off the game in such an orderly fashion. Carmel & Jill who organised the raffle. Everyone who took part. Those who gave Prizes & Donations. As a result €1352 will go to Crumlin Children's Hospital. Locals were well represented in the St Francis Credit Union Clare Community Games U13 & U16 Chess competitions on Sunday 11th Mar in St Flannan's College. U13 team Bronze medals beating Lisdoonvarna/Doolin/Kilfenora/Kilshanny in the quarter final.

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto

Numbers Drawn
 2 3 16 20

Next Jackpot = €15,600

St Finnachtas N.S Split the Pot

This weeks winner
Gerry Liddane.
 Well done. Please continue to support this great fundraiser for our local school.

Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 24th 7.00 p.m.	Tracey	B	A
Sun. 25th 10.00 a.m.	Aoife	Aideen/Aoibhe	A
Sun. 25th 11.00 a.m.	David	D	A