

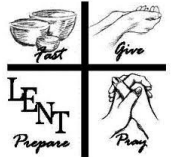


Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter

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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 pray for the repose of the souls of .. **John McNamara, Clugga,** and **Patsy McCarthy, Cappa Lodge,** who died during the week. We extend our sympathy to their families, friends and neighbours.

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

May they Rest in God's Love

Sat. 21st	7.00 p.m	Margaret Murphy Katie, Michael + Tom Morey Biddy O'Grady John McNamara Annie + Dan O'Connor
Sun. 22nd	10.00a.m	AnnaMay Quilligan Tony, Eileen + Richard Quin Grace Family
Sat. 28th	7.00 p.m	Jimmy + Nancy Cusack
Sun. 29th	11.00 a.m.	Jack + Chrissie Chaplin

We will continue to pray for all who are affected by COVID-19 and we ask Almighty God to restore them to good health and to keep us all safe in His Love.

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto

Numbers Drawn 1 6 13 28

Next Jackpot €8,700

Our Community Response to a Global War

War has become the favourite metaphor to describe the Corona Virus Pandemic. And it's a world war. That's the way the President of France described it during the week when he announced the French lockdown. Chancellor Merkel has described the crisis as the most serious challenge Germany has faced since the Second World War. Any lingering doubt about the scale of the challenge here in Ireland was dispelled by our Taoiseach in his broadcast to the Nation on St. Patrick's night. He stressed - this will get worse. It's a world sitting a hidden enemy. It's a huge challenge.

It has inspired an extraordinary sense of solidarity of (we) at all levels and all kinds of services and organisations. We must be extremely grateful to our health services and the people involved for the efforts they are making in leading the Governments medical response to the war here in Ireland. A huge national effort to expand and focus on these services is underway. I think when Leo Varadkar spoke about the heroism of workers on the front line in a whole range of services - he was expressing the views and appreciation of almost everyone here in the country now.

But we are all the time being reminded that the worst effects of the virus can be offset by each one of us on the ground - individuals, families, communities. In the last few weeks we have all learned a lot about ourselves, who we are, our dependency on each other and the assurance that our togetherness will help us to get through this crisis.

We pride ourselves on efforts made to develop the concept of community. Historically it was at its best when people were poor. When we are well off - materially we become more and more independent and isolated from each other. Ironically, we are now called to distance ourselves from each other but for the sake of each other.

We are now called on in a very special way to hear and heed the advice of people who know best - like washing the hands, sneezing - coughing into the elbow, keeping a two meter distance from the person you are talking to. But we also remind ourselves that an hello and a smile are not cancelled, nor is a phonecall to somebody living alone or isolated, nor is a good turn of any kind especially to the people who are vulnerable, nor is a little patience with people who are doing their best for us.

And now, more than ever, its important we pray for ourselves and each other.

Don't forget when we emerge from this many people will be poorer materially but maybe stronger socially and spiritually. We are human beings - we live in one another's shadow.

**The answer to this Pandemic lies with the community ,
 with the Government and with God.
 "By our deeds we are known"**

Fr. Harry Bohan

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,

We thank you for the Love of the Mothers you have given us..

Whose Love is so precious that it can never be measured.

Whose patience seems to have no end.

May we see you loving hand behind them and guiding them.

We ask you to Bless them with your own special Love.

We pray

for those who are grieving the loss of their Mother

for those who have experienced the wonder of

an adopted Mother's Love

for families separated by war or conflict.

Lord, give them your special Blessing.

We remember with Love and Gratitude

All our mothers living and dead

on this Mother's Day.



When This is Over

When this is over, May we never take for granted
 A handshake with a stranger, full shelves at the store,

Conversations with neighbours, a crowded theatre,

a Friday night out. The taste of Communion,

A routine check-up, A school rush each morning,

Coffee with a friend. A stadium roaring,

Each deep breath. A boring Tuesday,

Life itself.

When this ends, May we find that we have
 become more like the people we wanted to be,
 we were called to be, we hoped to be.

And may we stay that way better for each other

Because of the worst.

Laura Kelly Fanucci

Rota Next Weekend

Readers

**Eucharistic
 Ministers**

**Altar
 Servers**