



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

Sat. 2nd	7.00 p.m.	Mary + Jim Egan
Sun. 3rd	11.00 a.m.	Tom O'Callaghan
Sat. 9th	7.00 p.m.	Johnny Flynn Bill + Eileen McNulty Michael + Mary O'Donoghue
Sun. 10th	10.00 a.m.	Elizabeth Kirby Roche + Kehoe Family R.I.P. Mary Grace McMahon



**Mass times: Tues - Thurs 10.00 a.m. Friday 7.00 p.m.**

**Parish/Pastoral Council Meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m.**

Local Conference of **St. Vincent de Paul** are looking for new volunteers to join the group. Training will take place on 22nd + 23rd May. Call 086-3024238 email: svpholyrosary@gmail.com

## Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,  
 Hold me firmly lest I fall,  
 I am nervous when I am walking,  
 and to thee I humbly call.  
 Guide me over every crossing,  
 Watch me when I'm on the stairs,  
 Let me know you are beside me,  
 Listen to my fervent prayer,  
 Bring me to my destination,  
 With you safely - every day,  
 Help me with each undertaking  
 As the hours they pass away.  
 And when evening falls upon me,  
 And I fear to be alone,  
 Take my hand, O Blessed Mother  
 Please stay with me in my home.



## The May Eve Gathering

This was a special gathering. We focused on the significance of May Eve - in Celtic Times and now. We retold and recalled the Celtic story. The land had and has a special place in the story of generations of Irish people. Between 1845-1848 the potatoes failed. There was nothing to celebrate and with them went a lot of the old beliefs, traditions, customs. Many more survived. But with technology, television, travel, prosperity many of these died and in their dying we lost a lot of what was precious in our civilization like ...

**Valuing the land, fields, hills, lakes, rivers, trees** for themselves. They connect to a God-given inheritance which is precious. A lot of life in nature.

**Valuing too the animals** which in themselves have a serious value. They are to be respected valuing one other - as neighbours.

We celebrated all of these on Thursday evening. We thank God for all of them and for giving us a beautiful fine evening in the middle of a wet, cold, winds week.

A big crowd, of all ages, assembled on the side of a hill looking out across to the Cratloe, Broadford, East Clare hills.

The hill we were on is part of the Reilly family farm. We thank Pat - the two Marys and all the O'Reillys for rising to the occasion once again - remember the slatted house gathering? - that was O'Reillys too.

We thank all the people who put so much into the preparations.

We Bled the land, horses, cattle, sheep, hens.

The gifts and the reflections interspersed through the Mass connected us to it all.

The Kilmurry Choir, Musicians - Pat + Brendan - always enhanced the whole occasion. I could go on but not without underlining the tea, the chat, the stories way into the dark.

*There was meaning in all this. There was a sacredness in it.*

*Thanks to all.*

**Trócaire** We are very aware of the awful suffering the people of Nepal are experiencing as a result of an horrible earthquake. 5000 dead, R.I.P. and thousands more injured and homeless. Trócaire are heavily involved in rescue operation there. We have an opportunity to support these unfortunate people at this time in our contribution to Trócaire. If you could return your offerings either envelope or box to the Church as soon as possible.

## Bridge Utd 150 Club Draw April Winners

€300 – Bobby Toomey:€150 – Barry & Tine Downes:  
 €50 – Dolores Tuohy We would like to thank our members for their continued support. New members welcome please contact Finbar on 086875018

**BUILDING OF HOPE PROJECT** Would you like to volunteer for two weeks in Africa? The Building of Hope, are running an information night open to all interested individuals, in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis on the 15th of May, Friday evening at 8pm. Meet some of our volunteers and enjoy some nibbles.

**Bealtaine Craft Display - Sixmilebridge ICA** are showcasing a large range of handmade crafts in the Sixmilebridge Library for the month of May.

Please drop in to see and enjoy the many and varied crafts displayed.

## Settling Old Scórs the DVD

Who can forget the very successful and entertaining Settling Old Scórs concert. The long awaited DVD of this concert is now available for sale from Centra, the Post Office, P.J. Ryan's Garage

In thanking our Beaver Scouts last week for cleaning our Church Grounds we neglected to acknowledge the ongoing work of our Tidy Towns Committee. Thank you to **ALL** who help in any way. It is appreciated.



**Wedding Congratulations!** to ...

Bernadette Griffin + Mark Tonge  
 Daragh O'Loughlin + Lydia Williams



**Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club LOTTO**

Numbers drawn 9 14 17 20  
**JACKPOT**

**€5,200**

Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 9th 7.00 p.m.	Angie	C	B
Sun. 10th 10.00 a.m.	Carmel	Noreen/Carmel	B
Sun. 10th 11.00 a.m.	David	C	B