



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 pray for the repose of the soul of **Laurence Doyle**, ex McGreggors and O'Callaghans Mills who died during the week.

We extend our sympathy to Bernie Woulfe, Kilmurry, on the death of her father **Denis Mulcahy** in Dublin.

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

Fri. 3rd	7.00 p.m.	Seamus McEvoy
Sat. 4th	7.00 p.m.	John Quane
Sat. 11th	7.00 p.m.	Dansy Reddan Eileen + Bill McNulty
Sun. 12th	10.00 a.m.	Mary Grace McMahan
	11.00 a.m.	Johnny Flynn



Mass times this week:

Fr. Harry will be on **Retreat from Sunday until Thursday.**
Communion Liturgy Tues + Wed at 10.00 a.m.
Mass 10 am Thursday and 7pm on Friday.



Killaloe Diocesan Policy Safeguarding Children.

"Children are amongst God's greatest gifts. They are to be loved and nurtured by parents and by each and everyone of us. We have a most solemn and sacred duty to keep our children safe from harm and to cherish their well being." All of us share the serious responsibility and privilege of trying to ensure that children grow up in an environment where they are treasured, respected and loved and are free from danger of any form of abuse. The Diocese of Killaloe values and promotes the involvement of its young people and children in the life of the community. We want our young people to be respected and, included and have a voice. We aim to create an environment where children are confident they are safe. The Diocese is committed to working with the statutory authorities in the task of safeguarding children. For more information contact: www.killaloediocese.ie

21st Area Gathering

There is no doubt our future as a people lies in re-building from the ground up and for several reasons - economic, social, spiritual. We need one another. We are healthier and happier when we are involved, giving a little bit of our time to make things better.

Connecting with one another, with nature, with our past, our culture, our God, was once again the theme of last Tuesday evening for our 21st Area Gathering. We gathered on a hill looking South West to Kerry, North West to Galway, East to Maghera. It was on Pat Meehan's farm. The preparations were huge and special - The people from around Kilmurry and surrounding areas got involved. Young people prepared the history, the story of a people and a past. Tools and implements from the past were gathered. They included a one horse mowing machine, a slane, a churn. Symbols of our history such as a bucket of spring water, thatch, Ash plant for herding, old grocery book, fishing rod, home-grown crops - spuds, carrots, cabbage, local fresh eggs, home-made butter.

The Mass itself reflected all of these connections. About 500 people gathered. It was May Eve and so we Blessed the land, the animals - cattle, horses, ass, goats, hens. The Kilmurry choir and the young musicians sang and played us through the Mass. A lone piper introduced it all with a rendering of 'Faith of Our Fathers'.

After all that we adjourned to the slatted house specially prepared for the celebration. There was food and tea for everyone and a cake which had to be specially cut to celebrate our 21st Area Gathering. Again we had music, song and story with Mike Glynn mesmerising us all with stories of long ago. We went deep into the dark of night, chatting, enjoying one another's company. A huge fire in the corner lit up the night and the making of the butter was a huge attraction.

One man said to me - "the young people are enjoying this" but so were we all - young, middle and not so young.

Thanks to all and a special thanks to Pat Meehan.

Justice Corner

We thought it might be important to introduce a short piece on the overall Irish situation in our newsletter each week. We call it the **Justice Corner** because we want to underline the urgent need to ease ourselves back from an over dependency on Government, Banks, E.U, and to emphasise what more we can continue to do for ourselves.

Right now there is a deep sense of something "not right" in the fabric of Irish life. In this time of anxiety, bewilderment and sometimes denial there is a call to Christians to come together, to reflect on Christian values and to bring practical support and encouragement to one another. In this column each week we will outline some facts and figures which will help us understand the importance of this.

Fodder Up to 2000 bales have been shared out amongst the farmers as a result of the response from the Airport Authorities to the request to allow a few hundred acres to be cut and baled. This has been hugely helpful in alleviating the problem of fodder shortage.

Sixmilebridge GAA Club Lotto: Numbers drawn were 7 14 18 20 Jackpot next Monday night is **€12,000**

Milford Hospice Fundraiser: The total sum raised for "The Black Pudding Night held recently in The Mill Bar was €4,861.20. The organisers thank sincerely, the sponsors and everybody who contributed generously for this worthy cause.

Bridge Utd 150 Club Draw April Winners: €300 - Daniel Reddan, €150 Martin O'Connell, €50 Caroline Rynne. Next Draw in the Mill Bar Saturday 25th May We would like to thank our members for their continued support. New members welcome please contact Finbar on 086875018

Old Mobile Phone Appeal: Clare special needs parent support group are collecting old mobile phones in exchange for ipads. For every 185 old phones collected a child can get an ipad. If you can help contact 0851101947

Rota Next Weekend		Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 11th	7.00 p.m.	Mike Glynn	A	B
Sun. 12th	10.00 a.m.	Theresa O'Dea	Kay + Annmarie	B
Sun. 12th	11.00 a.m.	Joe O'Keefe	A	B