



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. 23rd 7.00 p.m. Annie + Dan O'Connor
 Barry Quinn
 Paddy Keogh
 AnnaMae Quilligan
 Stephen Brown

Sun. 24th 11.00a.m. Jack + Chrissie Chaplin
 Tues. 26th 7.00 p.m. Nancy Mulready (1st Anniversary)
 Sun. 31st 11.00 a.m. Anthony + Mai Cusack + R.I.P Family



Mass Times: Mon + Wed 10 am. Tuesday 7 pm

Thoughts of an Ass

I stand lonely and rejected. My coat needs brushing and my feet are sore from neglect. There is not much to eat, little shelter from the weather and few bother about me.... **I am only an Ass.** They say I am no longer useful: That I am stupid and slow. My name is often used to describe others who are also considered to be fools.... **but I know better.** When pursued by Herod's ruthless soldiers, the Baby Jesus with His Mother and St. Joseph had to flee to Egypt...
He chose me to carry Him.
 I took Him to safety and, when the danger was over,
I brought Him safely home.
 When he rode into Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday over two thousand years ago, He chose me to carry Him – and on my back left the sacred mark of His Cross for all future generations. When he could have called upon all the noblest beasts of the earth or upon his legions of angels standing ready to do His bidding....
He chose me.
 In these important events of His earthly life, the Creator and Lord of the Universe chose a simple little donkey to carry Him.
With all creation at His command – My Lord chose me.

HOLY WEEK

What does it mean to be a Christian? Why is it called HOLY? Because it reminds us that our Faith was bought at a great price. This week we recall the facts that He was **Betrayed** by one of his own, that He was **Denied** by the one He appointed as 1st Pope, that the crowd who hailed Him **called for Him to be crucified**, that he was **mocked and spat upon**, that He was physically **Bruised + Beaten, Nailed to a Cross**, between two **thieves**.
 But in spite of all of that he was able to **Forgive**, to show how important **humility** and **simplicity** are by washing feet, and to **Rise** above it all in the **Resurrection**.
The Way of the Cross is the way of being a Christian. There is no **Christianity**, there is no Spirituality, there is no **Rising Up**, no true happiness without suffering.
No Gain without Pain

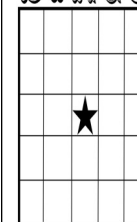
We were reminded in our Lenten Talks, we have to dig deep to find real life. There are no easy solutions. We wont find them in escapisms of any kind. The Power of inner strength, the Power of Resilience is a power rooted in the very basics of Christianity.
 It is worth reflecting a little this week on what it means to be a Christian? Our new Pope Francis stressed that it is about **Jesus** and the **Cross, Humility, Simplicity, Compassion, Tenderness, Forgiveness**.
 Jesus came into the world at a time of crisis - to give the world a way of life based on very human values; Patrick lit a fire as a symbol of new light. Francis, the new Pope seems to have come at a time when we need to be reminded of the importance of getting back to first beginnings.
 Hopefully the ceremonies this week will help us :
 Monday - **Reconciliation - Repentance**
 Thursday - **Washing the Feet**
the importance of The Eucharist.
 Friday - **The Centrality of the Cross**
 Sat + Sun: **Rising up - Light, Water, Baptism**

G.A.A. Club Lotto

Numbers drawn 1 20 21 24

€11,000

BINGO



SMB G.A.A BINGO

Bingo each Monday night at 8.45 pm
 Over the last number of weeks the Bingo has seen a considerable drop in attendance having resulted in a new revised weekly payout. We have a prize fund in excess of €1700 each night.

Kilmurry School Fundraiser Fashion Show at Oakwood Hotel Shannon on Friday 29th Mar at 7pm. Tickets €15. Contact 087-9719796

Bridge Utd. Schoolboys/Girls Summer Camp Launch on 6th April. Affiliation in Courthouse 4 - 6pm. Fundraising event in Mill Bar later in evening. €5 cover charge.

Sixmilebridge Angling Club are holding their annual Easter Monday angling competition on the 1st of April at Castle Lake. Fishing from 11 to 4, Juniors and seniors.

Busy Bees Preschool, Kilmurry. Enrolling now for Sept. 2013. FREE Pre-school places under the ECCE Scheme. Hse approved Contact Mary on 0868103566 / 061367059, [mol-lyocallaghan@eircom.net](mailto:lyocallaghan@eircom.net) for more details.

Bridge Kids Easter Camp for Boys and Girls aged 3-5 and Senior camp aged 5 plus running from 25th – 28th March and 2nd to the 5th April. Activities include Craft Mania, Sport Tournaments Drama and Music. Contact 061 713028 . Community discounts available .

Liam Lawton Easter Tour Concert in Glór Theatre on Tues. 30th April Tickets: Glór at 065-6843103 Book early.

Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 29th 7.00 p.m.	Donal Keane	A	B
Sun. 30th 10.00 a.m.	Gwen Quinlivan	Martina + Tom	A
Sun. 30th 11.00 a.m.	Claire Collins	C	B