



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 Noel Keaney, Mt. Levers, on the death of his mother **Nora Keaney R.I.P.** in Galway.

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

Sat. 1st	7.00 p.m.	Mary Keogh John O'Brien John, Patrick + Seamus Keogh
Sun. 2nd	11.00 a.m.	Kathleen + Billy Earls Ita Tangney
Tues. 4th	7.00 p.m.	Special Occasion Intention
Fri. 7th	7.00 p.m.	Bridget + Johnny Corbett

Mass: Wednesday +Thursday 10 a.m. Tuesday + Friday 7 p.m.

Special Occasion Mass

On next Tuesday evening September 4th at 7 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in Sixmilebridge Parish Church for a very special occasion.

Vincent O'Brien is embarking on a preparatory year of studying for the Priesthood for the Diocese of Killaloe. Vinnie will be hugely missed in our Parish but we wish him well. We invite you all to come to this Mass and keep Vinnie in our prayers as he takes on this new ministry to serve God.

Back to School Prayer:

Gracious God, as the Summer begins to fade, new possibilities lie on the horizon. Bless all of those who are beginning or returning to our schools. Be with us as we begin a new school year. **Amen.**

Important Dates for 2019:

First Communion:	May 11th - Sixmilebridge	11 a.m.
First Communion:	May 18th - Kilmurry	11 a.m.
Confirmation:	May 25th - Sixmilebridge	11 a.m.
	Kilmurry	3 p.m.

Reflections on the Papal Visit

Pope Francis recognises the need for change in the Church even though he meets with resistance from within. But he persists: *"I prefer a Church which is bruised and hurting because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."* His pastoral initiatives are evident in his frustration with rules that lack compassion.

A point easily overlooked in Church life: God cannot be confined within our buildings no matter how fine or limited and controlled by human rules. There is a need for the Church to step beyond the comfort zone of sacred buildings and solemn liturgies and engage gently with people in the market place of everyday life as Jesus did. *"Example moves the world more than doctrine."* He says.

Last Sunday's Gospel has a cautionary word for anyone who expected too much from the Pope's visit. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum but not everyone is comfortable with what He is saying, including many of His followers. We are told they *'turned back and no longer went about with Him.'* Then He turned to His closest followers and asks ...

"Do you also wish to go away?". Peter answers *"Lord to whom can we go?"*. *"You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe that you are the Holy One of God"*.

The same question is asked of us today. Just as in Jesus time people are free to stay or leave.

Peter was determined to stay with Jesus at that time, but when things got tough in Holy Week he denies Him, but Jesus never gave upon him which gives us hope.

Peter is a significant man in the history of the Papacy, which like him has had its successes and failures. But in the past week Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of **hope** in an Ireland of confusion and despair. That ability to hope *"is the greatest gift that God could make to a person"*.

But the visit also highlighted the importance of action.

It's a time for all of us to identify what action each one of us has to take now in order to rediscover what Christ and Christianity really mean to us.

And it must be based on .. **Humility and Truth**

If there is to be change it must start with each one of us, each home and each local community

Catholic Grandparents Association Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage September 9th 2018, Knock Shrine 2.30pm. All welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio - Combined Choirs of Knock Parish - The Tuttle Family - Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'

Cake Sale Sunday 2nd After 11 a.m. Mass In Square Outside Church in Sixmilebridge in aid of Sixmilebridge Senior Camogie.

Art Classes resume in the Cozy Cottage on Monday 10th September 7 to 9 p.m. Contact Martha 086-8467836

Sixmilebridge Youth Club Theatre will present **"Puss in Boots" in Pantomime - February 2019.** Registration Tuesday 4th Sept in Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Hall anytime between 8 and 9 p.m.

All new members welcome provided you are in 6th class or older. Also welcome back existing and former members who may have taken a break.

Parent/Guardian should sign parental consent form on registration night if possible. Annual membership is €15 per person €20 per family. No weekly charge. Contact 086-8814721

St Senans RFC mini & underage players registration and family fun day taking place on Sunday 9th Sept from 11am.

Macra Meet Up in The Pumhouse Bar, Kilmurry, Friday 7th September at 9pm. New members always welcome especially anyone interested in the upcoming bowling, quiz, gaelic football and soccer competitions. 086-8779329

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto.
Numbers Drawn 7 13 23 35 Next Jackpot €4,200

POST OF CHOIR DIRECTOR IN THE CATHEDRAL, ENNIS:
 The Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul, Ennis, is seeking to appoint a Choir Director. Contact Fr. Tom Ryan V.F. 065-6824043 before 14th September.

	Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat.	8th 7.30 p.m.	Tracey	C	A
Sun.	9th 10.00 a.m.	Aoife	Aideen/Aoibhe	A
Sun.	9th 11.00 a.m.	Elaine	D	A