

Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish

Beannachtai nafeile Padraig

The 14th Clare (Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry) Scouting Group will take an active part at the 11.00a.m. Mass in Sixmilebridge today.

Investiture will take place after Mass.



Opening Prayer

Dearest Jesus
 Teach me to be generous
 Teach me to love and serve you
 as you deserve
 to give and not to count the cost
 to fight and not to seek for rest
 to labour and look for no reward
 save that of knowing that I do your Holy Will.



Scout Prayer for Peace

O God we join with the scouts
 throughout the world
 to pray for Peace.
 Grant that through scouting
 we may come to understand each
 other better and learn to live
 together in harmony. Amen



Dochas Linn Naomh Padraig

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 Aspal mor na hEireann,
 Ainm oirdhearc gleigeal,
 Solas mor an tsaol e.
 D'fhill le soisceal gra duinn
 Ainneoin blianta 'ngleibheann.
 Gra mor Mhac na pairte
 D'fhuascail cach on daorbhroid.
 Sleibhte, gleannta, maigh'e
 S'bailte mor na nEireann:
 Ghlan se iad go deo duinn,
 Mile gloir dar naomh dhil.
 Iarr' muid ort, a Phadraig,
 Gui orainn na Gaela,
 Dia linn la 'gus oiche
 's Padraig aspal Eireann.



Hail Glorious Saint Patrick

Hail, glorious Saint Patrick,
 Dear saint of our Isle,
 On us thy poor children
 bestow a sweet smile;
 and now thou art high
 in thy mansions above,
 on Erin's green valleys
 look down in thy love.

**On Erin 's green valley (3)
 Look down in thy love.**

Ever bless and defend
 The sweet land of our birth,
 Where the shamrock still blooms
 As when thou wert on earth,
 And our hearts shall yet burn,
 Where so ever we roam,
**For God and Saint Patrick
 And our native home.**



The 14th Clare Scout Group Sixmilebridge and Kilmurry would like to welcome you all to our group Mass and to celebrate with us St Patricks day.

While we on this island celebrate our national Feast Day with our families and friends, our thoughts are with the people of another island, Japan, who are today mourning the loss of so many of their loved ones.

2011 is a very special year for our Scout Group as we celebrate 30 years of continuous scouting in this parish.

From humble beginnings and the fore-thought of a couple of people and 12 children with no funds and little equipment we have grown into a strong and active group with over 100 children and 30 leaders. Meetings are held each week giving a programme of fun, learning and activities to the youth members.

Beavers start out on their scouting journey doing what children do best learning by doing. They compete in non competitive activities arts and crafts, quiz, cinema and day trips. At the end of 2 years they join the cub section.

Cubs are introduced to the out of doors their programme consists of hiking, track and trail, water activities and they also go away for week-end camps. They compete in all County events and have represented Clare in many national events.

The scout troop continue the good work started in beavers and cubs and learn to become more independent, learning 1st aid, cooking and caring for themselves and others on camp. They get to enjoy all that nature has given us, building campsites, hiking mountains. They also spend a week camping during the Summer.

In addition to our weekly meetings the group participates in community and parish life. Many of you will have tasted our cooked sausages after Easter Vigil Mass, and endured with good grace our carol 'singing' all for a good cause as it raises funds for our own senior citizens to help send them on a week's holiday. We have carried flags, built altars for the very popular Area Masses, picked up rubbish and donated and helped plant trees, given shelter at many sporting events. All these activities are done under the watchful eyes of a dedicated group of leaders who volunteer their time and energy every week.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us down the years and we look forward to many more years of scouting in the Parish.

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort and restore me,
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



St. Patrick's Day is traditionally a day when we celebrate Ireland and what it means to be Irish. We remember in our prayers those who have emigrated. St. Patrick first encountered Ireland as a migrant. Thus, it is fitting that on the Feast of our National Patron, we again seek to highlight the needs of the many Irish emigrants spread throughout the world. Today too we remember in a special way those emigrants whose journey has been a difficult one, particularly the elderly Irish in Britain, our undocumented in the United States and Irish prisoners overseas.