

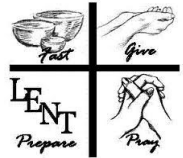


Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter

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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

In Loving Memory

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Flan Gleeson R.I.P.** Sixmilebridge and Kilkishen who passed away last weekend. We extend our sympathy to all his family, friends and neighbours. We also extend our sympathy to Pauline Murray, Oakwood, on the death of her sister **Margaret O'Connor R.I.P.** We remember all our loved ones and especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Rest in Peace.**

Fri. 4th	7.00 p.m.	Tommy Sheehan + Sheehan Family Kieran Maxwell (1st Anniversary)
Sat. 5th	7.00 p.m.	Pat Quinton Jim Millane Tommy + Josie O'Gorman
Sun. 6th	11.00 a.m.	Noel McCormack Henry Kerin
Sat. 12th	7.00 p.m.	Denis Hogan Maureen + Gerry Donnellan Conor Donnellan
Sun. 13th	11.00 a.m.	Patsy McCarthy Angela Swords

Mass Times this week:

Tuesday, Wednesday + Thursday 10 a.m.
 Friday 7 p.m.

Congratulations! to all the children in second class in both our schools on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the week.

Our Lenten Journey

Our Lenten journey this year has begun. It coincides with the disastrous and frightening scenes from Ukraine. Our hearts and prayers go out to those people. We have had two years of the pandemic / global virus. As we are experiencing the end of that hopefully and now the beginning of a war. Huge proportions and certainly some people are immediately effected but this could be also for the wider world.

We must always work for Peace and make sacrifices for peace. Pope Francis has invited us all to unite in prayer and fasting during this Lenten period. He invites us all in this time of fasting and prayer in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

As a community of believers could we set aside special times in our homes and here in our Church?
 Could we now consider special time for community prayer ?

Lent Campaign and Ukraine

The crisis in Ukraine is a devastating humanitarian disaster, which people in Ireland are responding to with deep compassion. The most effective way to provide support to the people of Ukraine is to donate money to humanitarian agencies that are working on the ground in Ukraine and Poland, like Trócaire. Trócaire is working with Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Poland, who are supporting people both within Ukraine and people who have managed to cross the border. They are providing shelter and essential supplies, including food, blankets, and hygiene supplies. However, Trócaire has appealed that we do not forget the many millions of people who are already facing similar crises around the world and who risk being left with no support as the world focuses on Ukraine.

Millions of people in countries such as South Sudan, Somalia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo are displaced by conflict and some are facing famine. Trócaire's Lenten campaign supports people living through these forgotten crises. Trócaire also has a separate and specific appeal for Ukraine.

We highly recommend that members of the public express their kindness and compassion to people fleeing conflict everywhere by making their donations to Trócaire's Ukraine appeal in addition to their donations to Trócaire's Lenten appeal.

The generosity of the people of Ireland is deeply appreciated. Every cent and euro donated to Trócaire will be used to support people who are facing a deep crisis and to ensure no one is forgotten.

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club BINGO is Back Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Hall Monday March 7th at 8.45 p.m.

One of the Clubs greatest social outlets on a weekly basis for young and old is back. It's now time to get marking those books and meet up with all those from our Parish and neighbouring parishes and further who have been great supporters of our Bingo over many years. Spread the word.

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto:
 Numbers Drawn 9 14 23 35 **Next Jackpot**
€20,000

Sixmilebridge Parochial Hall

The Sixmilebridge Parochial Hall will re-open on **Sunday March 20th** after 11.00 a.m. Mass. A decision was taken by Parish Council in 2018 to renovate and upgrade the hall to modern day standards.

The hall has been through many changes and uses over the last 150 years.

It was the original school for many in our Parish.

It became a parttime home to a **Bank** on the **Fair Day**, to a **Dance Hall**, to a **School again**, to a **Creche**, to a **Radio Station**, to a **Hub for Tidy Towns**, while also hosting many more events.

Up until about 1980 it was the only public place of gathering for meetings and social events.

The Parish would like to take the opportunity to thank all involved in this project from Engineers, to Contractors and Volunteers.

We look forward in anticipation to many new chapters in the future of this historical building.

To coincide with the re-opening we are honoured to have a

Photographic Exhibition by Pat Higgins

We are grateful to Pat for his huge collection of photographs that he has taken through the years. Some of these are in his book **Images Through Time**. Copies of which are still available. It is indeed a treasured collection of past and present images of the Parish. These pictures have been sponsored and will remain in place permanently in the Parochial Hall.

Please call in and visit the old and the new
Sixmilebridge Collection on March 20th