



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

Fri. 30th	7.00 p.m.	Jack Lynch (1st Anniversary) Mary Lynch
Sat. 1st	7.00 p.m.	Pat + Anne Quinlan Joan Landy
Sun. 2nd	11.00 a.m.	Michael McMahon
Fri. 7th	7.00 p.m.	Mandy Hamill Jimmy + Catherine Mulready James + Mark Mulready Mary O'Flynn
Sat. 8th	7.00 p.m.	Joe + Marjorie Devanney
Sun. 9th	11.00 a.m.	Fr. Hugh + Andrew O'Dowd

**Eucharistic Ministers: Sixmilebridge next weekend.**  
**Saturday Team A Sunday Team D**

Memories are always special. Sometimes we laugh  
 by remembering the days we cried,  
 and we cry by remembering the days we laughed.

## That is Life

Be Thankful for  
**Nights** that turned into **Mornings**,  
**Friends** that turned into **Family** and  
**Dreams** that turned into **Realities**

## Citation on National Awards Ceremony

Last Thursday Fr. Harry was the recipient of a National Award in the R.D.S. Dublin for his outstanding contribution to rural and community development across Ireland.

He has been to the forefront of the revitalisation of a number of rural communities. He's responsible for encouraging communities across Ireland to participate in and determine their own future through a range of practical initiatives.

His work has led to the rolling out of a major rural development programme in Europe in 1991.

In 1998 he founded Céifin - purpose of which is to reflect, the base and direct values led change. His grasp of National and European policy is matched by his capacity to understand what is needed on the ground for ordinary people trying to improve the lives of their families and communities.

His vision, dynamism and his tireless commitment to building a viable future has contributed significantly to the development of this country and beyond.

He has published many books and also broadcast widely on radio and television.

## Fr. Harry's Response ... "I followed my Dream"

From a very young age I felt the pain of forced emigration when I witnessed broken hearted mothers and fathers cling to their son or daughter as they were having to let go - sometimes for ever. Experiencing that from within a small rural community, like Feakle, sparked something in me to commit myself to do something about it. It is why I brought a passion and commitment to the systems of family in communities at local level at the heart of my life's work. They represented deep connections for me - with my own inner self, others, creation, creator. And in a sense the call to be a priest afforded me the opportunity to follow my instincts.

In any walk of life there are no substitutes for passion and enthusiasm. I think I had them in spades for what I went on to do.

All the academic stuff, colleges and university only helped me focus on this work.

My practical experiences with families in soul-less urban housing estates and high rise flats convinced me that economics - a narrow form of it - can never measure the health of a society or the health of a family or community.

We all know a house is a basic necessity of life, but a home is a more important concept.

## **Brendan O'Regan (1917-2008)** **an innovator, entrepreneur and** **ultimately, one of the Great Men of** **20th Century Ireland.**

**The Sixmilebridge Historical Society Committee** in partnership with Shannon Chamber of Commerce cordially invites members of the public to the official unveiling of the Brendan O'Regan bronze statue by Irish Sculptor Seamus Connolly, on Monday, July 10th 2023 at 2 p.m. in the Sixmilebridge Town Centre Square. All are welcome.

## **National Grandparents Celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 23 July 2023**

**Irish Heart Foundation - Cardiac First Responder**  
 Huge gratitude is extended to the organisers and all who attended the End of Term Set Dancing recently in Kilmurry Hall. All proceeds from the night were donated to support training with the Irish Heart Foundation. As a result of this donation, there are now 18 members of the local community certified as Cardiac First Responders. Congratulations, Mile Buiochas and Best Wishes to you all.

**Annual Tractor Run** in Memory of the Late Mattie McInerney R.I.P. and Michael Flynn R.I.P., on Sunday 16th July, meeting at Mikey's grave in Mullagh at 1.15pm, leaving Mullagh Sportsfield at 1.30pm to Ennistymon Graveyard followed by an evening of entertainment at the Westbridge Bar, Miltown Malbay, €20 per tractor, proceeds to West Clare Cancer. Please support this worthy cause. Contact Mary T. at 086 1012857.

**Designer Minds** have 2 upcoming Summer Camps running in Shannon. Choose a Science Design & Technology Camp OR Art Camp (or try out both and receive a discount). For all boys & girls currently in Senior Infants up to 6th Class. Check Dates and Register online at [www.designerminds.ie](http://www.designerminds.ie) or call 087 631 0411

**Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto:**  
 Numbers drawn 5 16 19 21  
**New Jackpot €9,300**