



# Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter

**Love is  
Never  
Lost**

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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. 14th	7.00 p.m.	Mark Hughes (Months Mind) Teresa Hughes
Sat. 15th	7.00 p.m.	Kathleen + Mick Corbett Tom Reidy Vincent Whelan Michael + Mary O'Halloran
Sun. 16th	10.00 a.m.	Bridie Kiely Christy Farrell
Fri. 21st	7.00 p.m.	Ann O'Meara
Sat. 22nd	7.00 p.m.	Jimmy, Ann + Jim Roughan Frank Keogh
Sun. 23rd	10.00 a.m.	Pat O'Reilly

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



**May we live  
Lord  
in your  
Love that  
never ends**

## The Sower of the Seeds

The Parable of the Sower of the Seeds is one of the classic parables. Parables seemed to be Jesus' preferred way of teaching. All parables, including today's have a few things in common: they are always puzzling: they are never obvious. You have to puzzle them in your head for a while before you draw out their meaning. With parables you always learn something about yourself and about God.

In this parable there are 3 states of loss and 3 states of gain. There is an immediate loss (the birds come immediately and eat the seeds). There is a gradual loss (the plants sprout but without roots they wither and die). And there is an ultimate loss (weeds choke them to death). We have all experienced losses in our lives: some were immediate, some were gradual, and some were permanent. The losses in this parable are analysed: we are told why the seeds did not grow, why they did not mature, and why they did not bear fruit. However, the gains of 30, 60, 100-fold are not analysed. I suppose it is easier to analyse what went wrong in our lives, even to assign blame, than it is to say what went right. Similarly, in our lives we need to keep sowing the seed, even when we want to give up because the odds are stacked against us. God's Word will not return to the Heavens until it bears good fruit in your life. When we are open to God, who sows with persistence and confidence, what will happen? We will experience another dimension of God - His great abundance.

Notice the bountiful crops of 30, 60 and 100-fold that Jesus talks about. I have been told that a good crop would yield a harvest of 4-5 times, not 30, 60 and definitely not 100 times. Now I am beginning to understand why God is so wasteful in spreading the seed. Go does not care that much about the seed that is wasted. Why? Because what does take hold more than makes up for what was lost.

On our part we are well into the growing season and so an agricultural parable like that of the sower and the seed fits well into our own experience. Is the seed of God's Word being wasted in our lives? He is absolutely extravagant in the sowing and how well His Word takes root depends totally on us.

**How are we doing in cultivating the soil of our lives  
this summer season?**

**Kilmurry Breakfast and Afterschool Club** will open in September 2023. Times: Breakfast Club: 8-8.50am  
After School Club: 1.30pm -6pm  
For further information please contact Michelle on 089-9404028 or email [playandlearnkilmurry@gmail.com](mailto:playandlearnkilmurry@gmail.com)

**Calling all Colaiste Muire, girls** who did their leaving cert in 1983 A class reunion is being organised for September 16th in Ennis if you would like to attend - we would love to see you! Contact Mary Howard at [maryhoward2009@gmail.com](mailto:maryhoward2009@gmail.com) for more details

**Killaloe Diocese Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place from 2nd to 7th October. 780euro full board. Limited seats available .  
Booking to Joe Walsh Tours 89 Harcourt Street Dublin 2 D02WY88 Tel: 01-2410800 [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie)

**National Grandparents Celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** Sunday 23 July 2023  
Bishop Nulty will lead the pilgrimage and the celebration of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at Knock Shrine. Music at the Mass: The combined choirs of Knock Parish directed by Una Nolan, Director of Music at Knock Shrine. Dana will sing the pilgrimage favourite Lady of Knock as well as her new hymn Light the Flame. **Children's Prayer Appeal:** Inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents and send it to Knock Shrine Museum. **Schedule for the day in Knock Basilica:** 2.30pm: Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. 3.00pm: Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary. **THOSE UNABLE TO JOIN US IN PERSON CAN TAKE PART ONLINE AT [WWW.KNOCKSHRINE.IE/WATCH](http://WWW.KNOCKSHRINE.IE/WATCH)**  
**The Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place this Sunday 16 July. Mass at 3pm with Anointing of the Sick beforehand at 2:30pm. Newsletters & Emblems available at PTAA stand in St John's Rest & Care Centre

**Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto:**  
Numbers drawn 2 4 5 19  
**New Jackpot €9,900**