



Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter

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Rebuilding Our Church

We begin this second advent piece by posing the question "What is happening our Church" and even more important what will it be in the future? A lot is now written on these questions. Every parish, every diocese is now called on to get involved in this search. Last weekend we began with the reflection and an emphasis on **Prayer**. Irish Catholicism will be renewed when parishes become schools of prayer – **DEEP, SINCERE, MEANINGFUL**.

Prayer is the key to a renewal to our church and a deepening to our faith. This is important to keep in mind as we try to cope with the many challenges that now require a response.

In his first pastoral letter for Advent, as catholic Archbishop of Dublin, Dermot Farrell does not hold back. He says "we are living through dark days. We confront immense challenges not least that the dominant culture is hostile to faith, while there is much in the story that discourages and even repels many people."

After prayer the next important step seems to be – **Honesty, Open Mindedness, Clear Thinking**. Many hard decisions cannot be avoided, it's a time of great change. But there remains hope for those who are committed to the Church. There is still a strong nucleus for people who are calling for change and are prepared to get involved in a process now begun at every level in our church. There is a lot in the Christian story which can solve many of our problems today. But it calls for radical change in our Church. The process has begun, and that beginning includes listening to the lives of people. The rebuilding can only happen from the ground up, from you and me, from within every parish and within every diocese.

Forgiveness – Absolution

All prayerful preparation for Christ's coming at Christmas begins with **Repentance**.

At the start of every Mass and every time we pray the Our Father we ask God for forgiveness "as we forgive others". When we do this honestly and sincerely we find peace of mind. **God Forgives**. At the weekend of **December 11th /12th** at the start of all Masses we will have a General Absolution (Sacrament of Confession for all those present.) We ask God for forgiveness tell him we're sorry and then administer the Sacrament of penance.

If some people want private Confession I will be available between 6 and 7 pm in the Baptistry Area of the Church Friday Dec 10th, 17th

Fr. Harry

Second Sunday in Advent

God of Peace,

Show us Your wisdom in time, that we may grow to expect Your action on Your time. Teach us to be gentle and patient with ourselves. Make us receptive to Your timing in others. Help us see the long view when we are caught in the frustration of waiting. Amen.



As we are very much aware Covid 19 is still circulating amongst us and we are asked to continue adhering to all the guidelines given to us by NPHE and our Government. We are asked to limit our contacts and follow the advice we are given.

Our Churches are in keeping with these guidelines. We ask you to please observe these by ...

-Using **sanitiser** at the doors
-Wearing **face mask**
-Observe **seating arrangements**. Seats are clearly marked for everyone's safety.
-Please **take newsletter home** with you and not leave on seat or at door.
-Toilet facilities are for **emergency only**.
-Eucharistic Ministers will come to seats during **Holy Communion**. Please stand if you wish to receive.
-Please observe social distancing at the doors when leaving the Church and please **do not** congregate in the Church or at the doors after Mass
-The Churches are sanitised regularly.

If everyone makes a little effort it will help.

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto

Numbers Drawn 7 13 20 24

Next Jackpot €18,000

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. **Rest in Peace.**

Fri. 3rd	7.00 p.m.	Geraldine Deegan Joe + Bernadette O'Halloran
Sat. 4th	7.00 p.m.	Tom + Breda Murphy Annette Fawl Aggie, John + Ger Murphy
Sun. 5th	11.00 a.m.	Deceased Members G.A.A. Club Kevin McNamara Betty White
Fri. 10th	7.00 p.m.	Arnie Murphy (Months Mind)
Sat. 11th	7.00 p.m.	Cyril Shannon (Months Mind)
Sun. 12th	10.00 a.m.	Betty, James + Catherine McNamara Clune Family
	11.00 a.m.	John + Patrick Mulready



Feast of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday 8th December Mass times this week:

Sixmilebridge:

Tuesday 7.00 p.m.
 Wednesday 11.00 a.m.
 Thursday 10.00 a.m.
 Friday 7.00 p.m.

Kilmurry:

Wednesday 10.00 a.m.