



# 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 **Seamus Collins R.I.P.**  
Rosmanagher, who died last weekend. We extend our sympathy  
to all his family.

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

## Please join us for Mass via Webcam

Sun. 24th	11.00 a.m. via Webcam only	Kitty Devanny Marjorie + Joe Devanney Pewter Family Kitty + Mick O'Connell Mary Griffin
Sun. 31st	11.00 a.m. via Webcam only	Michael Gilligan Maureen Maxwell Pat Hassett Nora, Anne+Katie Brouder

During Level 5 Restrictions the Parish Office is closed to the public but business continues via phone or email.

## NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Sixmilebridge NS is now accepting applications for 2021/22 school year. Closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> January. Applications can be made on the school website at <http://www.sixmilebridgens.ie/>

Enrolment applications are now being taken for Junior Infants, September 2021.

Please contact [secretary@kilmurry-ns.ie](mailto:secretary@kilmurry-ns.ie) before January 29th for an application form.

## Contribution Envelope Boxes 2021

A very sincere 'Thank You!' to all who continue to contribute to our Parish financially especially at a time when the pandemic is wreaking havoc in our world. We really do appreciate your efforts.

As we are under Level 5 Restrictions we cannot distribute the 2021 contribution boxes yet as this would involve going door to door. Anybody who would like to contribute may do so by putting your offering in an envelope with your name and put it through the letter box in the Parish Office. For accountability purposes your donation will be recorded as usual. Thank you to all who are doing this and also to the people who gave donations at Christmas time.

Our Diocesan Office have set up a 'Donate' facility on their website if anybody wishes to use that. Killaloe Diocesan Website and follow instructions giving your name and the name of Parish as Sixmilebridge/Kilmurry. This donation will then be forwarded on this Parish.

We hope everyone stays safe and well.

**St. Vincent de Paul** would like to thank you most sincerely for your great generosity in response to our Christmas Appeal. Your donations of food vouchers, cash and cheques were very much appreciated and helped make a difference to a great many families this Christmas. A special thanks to the students and teachers of St Finnachta's School who donated over € 780 , the proceeds of their non-uniform day.

Thank you all for your very generous support.  
Helpline Number 086-3024238

**Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto**  
Numbers drawn: 3 17 26 31  
**Next Jackpot €20,000**

## Covid-19 Prayer – A Spiritual Reflection

**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and your neighbour as yourself.”**

God our Father you constantly call on us to drop our masks and show our true selves. As we put on our face coverings and watch others wear theirs, help us not to see in this action a hiding or covering of our true selves. Help us to see it as an image of who we really are; people called to do things for love of neighbour.

As I protect my neighbour by wearing my mask and they protect me by wearing theirs may our masks become symbols of mutual love.

You call us to walk with one another. And yet, in these times we are called to maintain a safe distance from one another. In the safe spaces created by social distancing, may we be enabled to see each other in a new way.

May the new perspective it creates enable us to take a second glance and see something new in myself, in others and in life.

May we take nothing for granted.

May we be surprised and enriched by what we notice from our new view on life. In this sense of space may we all be given the grace to grow in new and creative ways.

You call us to stretch our hands in friendship and love and yet we are encouraged not to touch and to keep our hands sterile. In the washing of our hands help us to be reminded that it is one hand that washes the other. Like our hands we too need the each other, we cannot do this alone. Help us to see that in our hands we hold the potential to do good and to harm. May this realisation enable us to use our hands in loving, caring, gentle and safe ways. While we might not be able to take another's hand, we might be able to help them lift their load.

It is more than a virus that has the potential to grow in these times. **Anxiety, Suspicion, Prejudice, Paranoia** and **Loneliness** can all thrive under the cloak of this pandemic. In those moments when we feel overwhelmed calm our fear. In those moments when we find it hard to keep a grip on reality help us to be grounded.

In those moments when we find it hard to trust and we feel unsure, give us the support we need.

And when we feel alone remind us of who those who truly love us and of your promise to be always with us as our friend and companion. Amen.

Fr. Michael Collins, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth