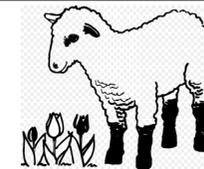


Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter

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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 Rest in Peace.**

Fri. 16th	7.00 p.m.	Vincent Whelan
Sat. 17th	7.00 p.m.	Jimmy, Ann + Jim Roughan Tom Reidy
Sun. 18th	11.00 a.m.	Mary + Michael O'Dwyer
Fri. 23rd	7.00 p.m.	Ann O'Meara
Sat. 24th	7.00 p.m.	Frank Keogh
Sun. 25th	10.00 a.m.	Christy Farrell
	11.00 a.m.	John + AnnaMay Quilligan Kathleen Tangney (Months Mind)

A Reminder to Everyone ... As COVID-19 case numbers are rising we ask you to please keep your number of contacts low and observe social distancing when out and about. We all need to make a special effort at this time. Our prayer is for everyone to stay safe and well.

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto

Numbers drawn: 7 15 20 28 - **Next Jackpot €12,000**

A Prayer for the Coming Week

Dear God, please protect those we love through this week.

Give them patience to work through problems and wisdom to make decisions that are wise.

Give them strength to face the challenges life brings. Help them to grow together through hardships and keep Your peace in their heart.

Please keep us safe and guide us through the week.

Seeking the Lost

If we see someone who is lost, we naturally want to help them. Those who were lost got Jesus into action, like the shepherd and the lost sheep of the time.

Jesus always knew and recognised his own sheep. They had a personal sort of relationship, where every sheep was special.

Jesus loved all the sheep, particularly the lost one. He would go looking for them with a heart of love to find them. One by one.

He searched for them with **compassion**.

This is the big word of the Kingdom of God.

Compassion is received and offered in personal knowledge.

Compassion is entering into the world of another, joyful or sad, so that we feel with them.

We may not know exactly how others feel, but we can enter into their mood and the tones of their life.

We need to always discover the person in God and among each other. We can live in a very impersonal world if we allow it.

Remembering can help us to be compassionate.

**"A kind gesture can reach a wound
 that only compassion can heal"**



Dear God,

Please give us ...

Strength when we are weak.

Love when we feel forsaken.

Courage when we are afraid.

Wisdom when we feel foolish.

Comfort when we are alone.

Hope when we feel rejected.

and

Peace when we are in turmoil.

Amen.

First World Day for Grandparents and Elderly Next Sunday 25th July

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021 on the theme

'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20)

"Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has reminded us to value the many gifts of grandparents and the elderly. In his theme chosen for this inaugural year **I am with you always**, the Holy Father is highlighting that promise of closeness that generations share with each other.

Not only are our young people called to be present in the lives of older people, but so too grandparents and elders have a mission to encourage young people on their faith journey.

Our little domestic churches are always enriched by the inclusion of grandparents and elders.

In the text of his inaugural message Pope Francis expands on this theme and assures us that he has been close to all those who have felt isolated and alone in recent months and that, even at the darkest of moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that **'He is with us always'**.

Pope Francis tells us that these angels sent to console us will at times have the face of our grandchildren, while at other times, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us."

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is being celebrated for the first time this year as part of a special Year on the Family to mark the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*.