Sixmilebridge + Kilmurry Parish Newsletter

Pentecost - 20th May 2018

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

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

Sat. 19th 7.00 p.m.  Frank McAuley
Sun. 20th 11.00 a.m.  Ciss McNamara
Fri. 25th 7.00 p.m.  Paddy Casey
Sat. 26th 7.00 p.m.  Seamus O’Halloran (Months Mind)
Sun. 27th 11.00 a.m.  John + Bridget Begley

The Spirit We Need in Life
Today we celebrate the power of God working in our lives. Life is God’s gift to each of us. There are times when we experience difficulties and challenges in our lives. We see it all the time when we experience partings - as in a relationship and, of course, in death. The loss of a loved one, for whatever reason, can result in heartbreak.

Our Christian Faith can help us. When Jesus ascended into Heaven He told His followers He had to go. When He had gone those closest to Him locked themselves into a room, afraid of the world, totally lost, didn’t know what to do. But they prayed and their prayers were answered. He promised to send them the Holy Spirit - a new Spirit, new Hope - new sense of courage. They faced the world, they witnessed to Him. They lived the Christian Way, they gathered for prayer and to receive Him.

Thousands were converted.

In a few weeks time 80 children from our Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. During the ceremony the Bishop will pray:

Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding. The Spirit of Right Judgement and Courage, The Spirit of Knowledge and Reverence. Fill them with the Spirit Wonder and Awe in your Presence.

These are guidelines for living life - wisdom to know right from wrong. Courage to say NO, when others try to influence them for wrong. We wish them well and all of us at this time.

Safeguarding
All Clerics and Religious are Mandated persons. The Children First Act 2015 places a legal obligation on them, to report child protection concerns to Tusla - Child and Family Agency.

These mandated persons must also assist Tusla, on request, in its assessment of child protection concerns about children who have been the subject of a mandated report.

Peace for the Holy Land
The situation in Gaza is unsustainable. Electricity is only on for 4 hours a day, water in many areas of Gaza is undrinkable and medical supply is run out. Most of the two million people there have never been allowed to leave this tiny area. We will remember them in our prayers this weekend.

"The use of violence can never lead to peace."
Pope Francis

Ennis Parish, led by Fr Tom Hogan, will make a pilgrimage to Italy on October 15-22. Fly from Dublin to Bari in the heel of Italy and spend the first three nights at the shrine of Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo. This is a very special year as it is the 50th anniversary of the death of Padre Pio and the 100th anniversary of the appearance of the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, on his body. Then drive to Sorrento, visiting the town of Pietrelcina on the way. Padre Pio was born here and the whole town is filled with places associated with him. The last four nights will be spent in the resort of Sorrento. Perched on a clifftop, the town has unrivalled views of the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius. Boat trip along the Amalfi Coast to the town of Positano. The return flight is from the nearby airport of Naples to Dublin. For more information on this beautiful trip, please contact Mary on 087 1247669