



# 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 God's Love**

Sat. 23rd	Frank McAuley
Sun. 24th	Eileen Broe
	Sean Murphy
Sun. 31st	John + Brigid Begley

Fr. Harry will include all intentions at celebration of Mass privately. Parish Offices are to be closed to the public, but parish business can continue by way of telephone, e-mail etc. Call 087-2204820

### Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Virtual and Real, 2020 and 2021

Virtual pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will be on this Sunday at 3.00 pm. There will be a 5 minute video message from the diocese from 2.55-3.00 and the prayers throughout the Mass will be focused on the diocese.

**Pilgrimage 2021 a date for the diary Sunday May 23rd.**

### Prayer to Our Lady of Knock

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to our people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering his promise:

**"Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find."**

Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick or lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Pray for me now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.

## Journey Back to God

Twenty years ago, at the start of the new Millennium we were reminded that it was time for New Beginnings. We needed to change – the way we were living.

Many didn't. Now twenty years on we are reminded that a lesson from the Covid 19 experience is that humanity itself could be at an historic turning point.

There can be no question of going back to where we were, to where we called normal. New meanings are urgently needed to avert a large scale and dangerous future.

We have had examples of great goodness in people since the start of this pandemic. Thank God for that goodness.

There are many lessons to be learned. We must identify these and reflect on them – each one of us, individually and as a community.

But change will come when it begins with you and me. One of the great changes has to be – bring God back into our lives.

On this Ascension Day we are reminded - Jesus returned to His father through His Ascension. The Disciples worshipped Him. Then they went to the Temple (the Church), the place where the father had His dwelling place on earth, the place where we Christians are called to spend time together in prayer.

Our Churches have reopened this week for private prayer. Please God they will soon be reopened for weekend Masses, with us taking all the precautions.

The journey back to God has to begin for us all by giving a special place to Jesus in our lives.

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

## Tax Relief for Parish Donations

A sincere thank you to all who continue to support our Parish financially. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated at this very challenging time. The Parish benefits under a Scheme of Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities. Contributions that exceed €250 can help the Parish through this Scheme.

During the week letters were mailed to all who are eligible under this scheme. We would ask everyone who received a form will return the enclosed CHY3 form as soon as possible in the envelope provided to allow us to proceed with the claim. Please be assured all details concerning your contributions and PPS number are treated in strictest confidence. Since the Churches remain closed until further notice you may drop your contribution if you wish, through the letterbox at the Parish Office. Our main concern at this time is that everyone is safe and well. Thank you for your continued support.

## Trócaire

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most.

Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
4. Return your envelope/box through letter box at Parish Office.

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

## Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto

Numbers Drawn 1 8 16 32 **Next Jackpot €11,400**

Rota Next Weekend	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
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