



# 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. **Rest in Peace.**

Sat. 27th	7.00 p.m.	David Loughnane William + Christina Loughnane Pat + Monita Holland
Sun. 28th	11.00 a.m.	Barry + Cathy Noonan Anne McInerney Michael + Margaret Murphy
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

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Assistance 2021**  
 We know that Christmas can be a difficult time particularly in the current pandemic so with the assistance of the Redemptorists in Limerick we plan to provide Christmas Hampers again this year. If you wish to apply for a hamper please contact the Holy Rosary Conference Phone on 0863024238 before Friday December 3rd. Hampers will contain basic foodstuffs and will need to be collected.  
**Christmas Appeal:** We are not collecting foodstuffs this year but if you would like to donate to our Christmas Appeal we would very much welcome local vouchers for food, fuel, meat etc or cash donations which can be left in the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

## Prayer

This weekend we begin our preparation for the coming of Christ into our lives and our world. Our World and our Church is experiencing massive change. Its an important time for us all to deepen our prayer life, our faith.

As we work our way through this pandemic most of us wonder what kind of Church, what kind of society we will have after the crisis ends. It already seems clear that the Church we anticipated would emerge in about five years time, is already here and is rapidly becoming a reality in the majority of our Parishes and Dioceses.

Tomorrow's Church in Ireland will be a different Church and a smaller Church than before, but will it be a new church? So what are the hallmarks of a new way of being Church, being Christian? During these weekends of Advent we focus how to deepen some of the central practices. Today we begin with **prayer**.

**PRAYER** – the first place to begin is to identify the unique gift the Church has received and is called to share.

**Prayer** is the key to a renewal of our Church. Sometimes we wonder why our prayers aren't answered. Could it be its not enough to say the words. Have we been rattling off prayers without thinking what we are saying, without feeling, without meaning? We all have to find a more sincere way of how to pray. We have to listen and feel the words.

One of our recent popes Pope John Paul told us that if we could say the our Father with meaning it could change our lives – **like forgive me as I forgive others.**

And then we must **Believe, Trust and Thank God** for all our gifts.

**PRAYING THE MASS:** We talk about going to **MASS**. How do we pray it? How do I, the Priest pray it? The Eucharist is at the very heart of our faith.

Do we have to find a deeper way of praying it? People want to find **meaning** in it. They want to feel a **connection** with God. So maybe we all need to ask ourselves is Mass simply about fulfilling a duty or finding a deep connection with Jesus as I know many of you do particularly at the **Consecration – that Sacred moment.**

The next few weeks we will focus on  
*how we do Church in our own Parish and followed by a thought on what does it mean to be a Christian.*

*Fr. Harry*

## First Sunday in Advent

**Lord,**  
 on this first day of Advent, give us the grace to slow down.  
 Let us travel with the Wise Kings, following the rising Star and seeking advice as we travel.  
 As the journey begins Lord,  
 we place its destination in your hands and pray giving thanks and praise.




### The Advent Wreath

Advent wreaths are circular, representing God's infinite and eternal love. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolise

**Hope, Love, Joy and Peace**

Candle one (purple) represents **Hope**  
 It is often called the Prophets' candle.

Candle two (purple) represents **Peace**  
 It is often called the Angels' candle.

Candle three (pink) represents **Joy**  
 It is often called the Shepherds' candle.

Candle four (purple) represents **Love**  
 It is often called the Bethlehem Candle.

The central candle (white) of the wreath represents Jesus' light coming into our world.

**Mass Times this Week**  
 Tuesday, Wednesday + Thursday 10 a.m. Fri. 7 p.m.

**Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto**  
 Numbers Drawn 10 21 26 32  
**Next Jackpot €17,700**

**CANCELLED** Céilí at Cois na hAbhana on December 5th