



# 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.**

Fri. 22nd	7.00 p.m.	Private Intention
Sat. 23rd	7.00 p.m.	Christina McDonald Jack + Christina Nash Michael + Mary Begley PJ O'Loughlin
Sun. 24th	10.00 a.m.	Jim Pewter
	11.00 a.m.	Jim Tiernan Sophia O'Connor
Sat. 30th	7.00 p.m.	Mickey, Theresa + Pat Quinn
Sun. 31st	10.00 a.m.	Joanne Young

*On Friday 22nd October, Sixmilebridge N.S. bade a very fond farewell to Loretta O'Connell on her retirement. Loretta taught at the school for almost her entire career and during that time she has made an extraordinary contribution to the lives of many people. Her gentleness and kindness towards others make her a very special person.*

*Loretta worked in a variety of teaching roles and also held the position of Assistant Principal. She always demonstrated an extraordinary attention to detail and a relentless pursuit of high standards in everything that she did. We will miss Loretta very much and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.*

## **Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto:**

Numbers Drawn: 14 18 19 32

Next Jackpot: **€16,500**

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This World Mission Sunday we are encouraged to deepen our personal encounter with the Lord who calls and loves us, and to reflect on our own personal contribution to sharing Good News. We are invited to remember the needs of the universal Church in our prayer, to pray for missionaries and an increase in missionary vocations, and to reach out with greater love, generosity, and courage to those on the peripheries of our family, our church, our society, and our world today.

In our Parish here we thank the Apostolic Works Society for their continued work each year in fostering the Missions.

***May the compassionate love of God touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.***

### **Bishops special appeal on 6 and 7 November to support Trócaire's work to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in East Africa**

Bishops noted with deep concern the increase in the number of people worldwide threatened by humanitarian crises, which are driven by the triple threat of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict and climate change. Bishops expressed particular support for the people of East Africa, where up to 30 million people in Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, Kenya, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo are currently face life-threatening food shortages. Trócaire, as the overseas development agency of the Bishops' Conference, is currently addressing this and many other crises worldwide. Bishops will ask parishes throughout Ireland to undertake a special Church collection on 6 and 7 November to invite the public to support Trócaire in its work to alleviate this humanitarian crisis in East Africa. Bishops also discussed that in the countries where Trócaire works, less than 5% of the population have been vaccinated for Covid and infection rates are up to 50%. An additional 200 million people have fallen into poverty globally as a result of the Covid crisis. Bishops highlighted that wealthier countries, while protecting their most vulnerable citizens, also have a moral responsibility to ensure that the populations of developing countries have equal, rapid and effective access to Covid vaccine coverage.

**Sixmilebridge Youth Club** Registration Night for new and former members takes place on **Tuesday 2nd November 7.30pm** in **Sixmilebridge GAA Hall** All new members are welcome, provided you are in 6th class or older. We also welcome back existing & former members who may have taken a break. Annual membership is €15 per person or €20 per family - there are no weekly charges. Contact: **SHARON MAXWELL 086 392 0455**

## Recent Advice to Parishes on Covid-19 Precautions

Recent announcements, regarding the easing of Covid-19 restrictions offer at least some hope that the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is behind us. Among our hopes as we approach the month of November and the Season of Advent is that more of our parishioners will feel confident in gathering again with their parish community, especially for the Sunday Mass.

Any changes should be guided by public health advice. Advice received recently from the Irish government includes the following:

*As the capacity of Places of Worship and numbers attending varies greatly, we ask each parish to consider what they are comfortable with and what best suits their congregation. This will be particularly relevant for funerals/special ceremonies, with large congregations in attendance. Attendees on these occasions should not be permitted to stand in the aisles or doorways and hand-shaking and the use of condolence books/sharing of Booklets etc should continue to be avoided. Choirs or soloists performing in Places of Worship should be limited in line with the size/capacity of the venue, and should adhere to 2 metre social distance from other singers, the choir master, the congregation and any other individuals in the setting (as they will not be wearing face masks during performances).*

We are advised that Covid-19 will remain a threat, and so we will all need to be respectful and protective of the well-being of others, taking sensible precautions and allowing space to those around us.

The Sunday Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as the People of God. Although throughout the time of pandemic numbers in churches were small and it was necessary at times for people to connect and pray with the community by virtual means online, it is in being present with each other to offer worship to God that we truly express our nature as a community of faith. It is a joy to see the time approaching when this can happen in complete freedom and we all can fulfil our joyful calling to worship as One Body, One Spirit in Christ.

**While Covid case numbers are still too high we will continue to adhere to same restrictions in both Sixmilebridge and Kilmurry.**