



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 extend our sympathy to ...

Nancy Spirtos Mt. Ievers, on the death of her brother

Michael Tuohy R.I.P. in Wexford.

Ciaran Griffin, Inis Orga, on the death of his father

Vincent Griffin R.I.P. in Feakle

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

Fri. 10th	7.00 p.m.	Loneragan + Keegan Families
Sat. 11th	7.00 p.m.	John O'Brien
Sun. 12th	11.00 a.m.	Sheila O'Flynn
		Imelda O'Connor (1st Anniversary)
Sat. 18th	7.00 p.m.	Colm Reidy (1st Anniversary)

First Holy Communion will take place on Tuesday 14th + Thursday 16th September in Sixmilebridge and on Wednesday 15th in Kilmurry.

We will continue to observe extreme caution in complying with all Health and Safety Guidelines. Each family will be assigned **ONE** seat on arrival and please remain there until end of Mass. You will be directed by a steward to come to the front of the altar as a family on receiving Holy Communion. Please use hand sanitisers provided at the Church doors when entering and exiting the Church. You will be directed from your seat as soon as Mass is over.

We ask all adults to please wear a Face Covering in the Church. Toilets will not be in use only in case of emergency. Please do not leave any items on seats when you leave the Church.

We hope this will be both a spiritual and happy occasion for everyone.

Statement of Bishop Fintan welcoming the beginning of the Process in Preparation for upcoming Synod

I wholeheartedly welcome the Preparatory Documents for the Synod on the theme of Communion Participation and Mission which we received from Rome yesterday. Pope Francis has asked that the whole People of God, in every parish, diocese or other Church grouping be invited to participate in a process of listening together to what the holy Spirit is saying to the Church so that we can make pastoral decisions that reflect what God wants for the Church at this time.

This time of listening and discerning at local level will take place in our own diocese of Killaloe and every diocese across the world from October 2021 to April 2022. It is my intention to enable as much participation as possible in this process. The aim is *"not to produce more documents"* but *"to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for our common mission."* (Preparatory Document No. 32)

Just as Jesus reached out to all, everyone, Pope Francis is inviting all the baptized to participate in this process. He asks that special care be taken to include those who are most vulnerable and those who experience marginalization. Pope Francis insists that no-one should be excluded from sharing their perspective and experience.

The challenges we face as Church communities are reflected in the searching themes proposed for reflection as part of our synodal process. The themes include questions about inclusion and who is part of our Church and is not? Who finds themselves on the margins of the Church and why? We are to reflect on how we promote free and open communication and on how we speak what is important to us on the society around us? We are to consider how our prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire our journey together? How is co-responsibility exercised in our Church communities in decision-making and in setting pastoral priorities for the future? How are lay ministry and practices of team ministry promoted? We are asked to reflect on how our way of journeying and discerning together can be improved? All of these questions we are to address in a spirit of prayer and discernment.

Addressing these very challenging questions will help us to become a more synodal and open Church. I look forward in the coming weeks and months to being part of this journey with as many people as possible.

An Open Meeting will be held in the Bridge Active Building on Tuesday 14th of September at 7pm regarding **Sixmilebridge Playground**. All are welcome to attend.

Coffee Morning for Milford Hospice on 23rd September at Sean + Pat Lonergan's, Ballysheen, Sixmilebridge from 11 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. All are welcome.

Clare Older People's Volunteer of the Year Award 2021

The search is on again to recognise those who give their time, energy and skills to help others in the local community. For nomination forms for the Clare Older People's Volunteer of the Year Award 2021 please contact Helen on (065) 6846240 or email: hmoloney@clarecoco.ie Closing date for receipt of nomination forms is Friday 1st October.

Burren Weekend Retreat 24-26 September

Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren? Experience the silence and beauty of this unique landscape through walking mindfully on ancient pathways or limestone pavements. Get to know some of the rare flora and appreciate our rich faith heritage in one of the many ancient sacred sites. Further information Noirin 087 945 9151 or Mary 087 970 1130

National Learning Network - need extra learning support with further education, NLN are now recruiting for their full-time QQI Level 3 & 4, Retail, Tourism, Digital Technology or Career Start Courses. Contact their Francis Street Ennis Campus on 065-6864560 or text 0877110918 or email: clare@nlm.ie. COVID 19 Precautions in place.

Bualadh Busk this Saturday in the Square in Sixmilebridge at 6.00 p.m. Featuring **Jamie Lundy**. This is the final session this Summer. Thank you to all who helped to liven up our village.