



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 pray for **Baby Gabriel Rodrigues Dias R.I.P.** who was born into Heaven last Saturday and is buried in the Garden of the Angels in Ballysheen. We pray for his parents Herica and Diego and sister Geovana, 3, Owengarney Lodge.

We extend our sympathy to Mary Barron, Deerpark on the death of her mother **Imelda O'Connor R.I.P.** in Limerick and to Mary McNamara, Lodge Road, and Dolores Keogh, Castlecrine, on the death of their sister, **Bernie Allen R.I.P.** in Wales.

We remember all our loved ones and especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they Rest in God's Love

Fri. 11th 7.00 p.m. Bridget, Johnny + Brian Corbett
Sat. 12th 7.00 p.m. Lonergan + Keegan Families
Sun. 13th 11.00 a.m. Maisie, Dick and Anne Hogan

Mass Times:

Sixmilebridge : Friday + Saturday 7 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.
Kilmurry: Thursday 7 pm Sunday 10 a.m.



Congratulations!
to the 24 children
who received the
Sacrament of
First Holy Communion
on Saturday

The Mass

One of the significant outcomes from COVID 19 is that no one now attends Mass under social duress. Because of this maybe faith commitment to the Mass - its real meaning is likely to be more genuine. We thank God for all the people who continue to attend. There are signs too that people are reminding themselves of its importance. I hear some people say - the week is not the same when you don't get to Mass. Maybe we are given an opportunity now to think a little bit more about the Mass and the Sacredness of the Eucharist. We often emphasise the importance of a community 'gathering' - to pray, to worship, to meet with God and meet with one another. And it is all that. There is a deeper, more mysterious, more sacred meaning to it. Traditionally, and still, the silence, the quiet. When the Host and Chalice are raised at the Consecration draws us into a very special experience. Maybe, we all, priest and people might remind ourselves of these special moments. At the Last Supper, before He went to suffer and to die He assured us He would be with us for all time. He told us 'Do this in Memory of Me'. Every time at Mass He comes among us in a special way. We then are privileged for the opportunity to receive Him. The other vital part of the Mass is when He speaks to us in the Readings. There are some powerful messages in these. But we need to reflect on them. What is He saying to us today? I would like to come back to this again. In the meantime you might reflect on this yourself.

I am very aware that not everyone now believes in God. We urgently need to restore our faith in Jesus in our lives. These values are crucial to shape our lives and the lives of our children. We all need the power of God at this time.

Fr. Harry

Forgiveness

We are called to forgive; and that can be really difficult. You have been defrauded by the banks of your life's savings - can you forgive? You were abused as a child - can you forgive? You were done out of a job because another lied to get it - can you forgive? The answer is maybe 'no'. What then does God want? He asks us to open our hearts to the other so that we may forgive. Forgiveness is the deepest of God's desires on our behalf, and he hopes that we can forgive each other. Our hurts and burdens are heavy to carry through life. To forgive can release some of that weight. The person who hurt us may be dead, or may not even know or care that we are hurting. When we desire to forgive but don't know how, one way of looking for this strength is to pray for it. We often pray, 'Lord, make my heart like yours'. When we pray that we are praying to be forgiving people! Another way is to pray for the person. When we realise that as God loves me, he also loves everyone, we may find a spark or light of forgiveness in our souls. Out of this we may find the will to meet the other and talk to him or her, and find the grace of forgiveness between us. Forgiveness sometimes comes slowly. When God sees us wanting to be on the road to forgiveness, he gives us the graces we need to unburden ourselves and be able to love like him.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2020

Sunday 13 September at 3pm from Knock Basilica
This year due to covid-19 restrictions, the grandparents pilgrimage will be streamed online. We invite grandparents and their families everywhere to join us online at

www.knockshrine.ie/watch Further details are available at
www.knockshrine.ie

Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club Lotto
Numbers drawn: 15 18 26 30
Next Jackpot €16,200