

CLONGUISSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon.: 7.00pm Tues.: 10.30am

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Tommy Nevin / Conor O'Reilly 10.30am. Michael Warren / Mary McGrath.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Mary and Peter Gallagher. 10.30am: No special intension.

Mon. 7.00pm.: Tommy & Kathleen Allen

Last weekend Collection: € Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Margaret Kilbane 10.30am Anne O'Brien

E.Ms. Vigil: Garry Hughes 10.30am. Elizabeth Moore

Feast Day

August 14th

St Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941)

A Franciscan priest in Auschwitz he sacrificed his life for another prisoner who had a wife and family. "I would like to take that man's place so that he can go free" he said.

August 15th

The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

On November 1st, 1950, pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith. "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory"

Masses for the Feast of the Assumption: Mon. 7.00pm Tues. 10.30am.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The pilgrimage is on Sunday September 3rd. Mass is at 3.00pm.

Be Adventurous

In today's gospel reading, Peter goes one better than most in terms of being adventurous. He steps out of the boat and begins to walk towards Jesus across the water. Walking on water is not something any of us would attempt. Yet, at a more symbolic level, Peter's walking on water can be an image of our lives from time to time. There are times when we feel that the ground on which we stand is not all that solid. We sometimes say, for example, 'I'm not sure where I stand' or 'I'm not sure of my ground' when we are perplexed or unsure of something. Most of the time, we try to avoid these kinds of experiences that leave us feeling vulnerable. We often feel the urge to seek out solid ground and stay there at all costs.

Today's gospel reading invites us to reflect on the ways that the Lord may be calling us to take some new steps in our relationship with him. It may be an invitation to grow in our understanding of our faith through reading or reflection, or to use our gifts in a new way in the parish community or to take our family responsibilities more seriously. It might take the form of a call to become more prayerful, or a call to take some step to become reconciled with someone from whom we have been estranged for a long time.

He does not leave us to our own devices. He with us every step of the way.

Martin Hogan -Christ our Teacher.

Knock Novena

This annual novena begins tomorrow and continues to August 22nd. The theme for this year's National Novena is 'Live Life to the Full'. Ceremonies take place twice daily at 3.00pm and 8.30pm. (Sundays and holidays 2.30pm) There are workshops at 12 noon and 6.00pm. each day.

C A S A – Caring and Sharing Association

C A S A are seeking new volunteers from September 2017 to June 2018. If you have five hours on a Sunday to give once a month and you are 16 years or over, they would like to hear from you. C A S A 's aim is to provide a social outlet for adults with physical and intellectual disability in our community. For further information call 086 1296305.

Blood Donation Clinic: Longford Arms, August 15,16, & 17. 4.30-8.00pm.