

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am. **Tues.** 9.00am **Wed.** 9.00am **Thurs.** 9.00am **Fri.** 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Bridie Oates (Months memory)*

10.30am: *Eileen McGee / Matthew Thompson*

Fri. 9.00am *Katie Feehily*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Tommy & Mary Kathleen Doyle. 10.30am: Hannah & Michael Mullervy & Bernard Earley*

Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul; of **Peggy Whyte**, Briskil, whose funeral was on Wednesday. **Rest in Peace.**

Last weekend Collection: €1.267. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Anne McCann* **10.30am.** *Sean Devlin*

E.Ms. Vigil: *Garry Hughes* **10.30am.** *Patricia Donegan*

Feast Day

July 3rd **St Thomas (Apostle)**

St Thomas is said to have preached the gospel in India where he was martyred.

July 4th **St Elizabeth of Portugal (1271-1336)**

July 6th **St Maria Goretti (1890-1902)**

Maria Goretti was stabbed to death during a rapist attack. She was 12 years of age.

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times.

Even a Cup of Cold Water

There is a story about a Jewish rabbi who used to disappear into the forest on the evening of every Sabbath. His congregation presumed he was going into the forest to commune with God in prayer. One Sabbath the congregation chose one of its members to follow the rabbi into the forest. They were hoping that in this way they might gain some insight into the rabbi's prayer. He followed the rabbi. Deeper and deeper into the woods the rabbi went until he came to the cottage of an old woman who was very badly disabled. Once there, the rabbi cooked for her, carried her firewood and swept the house. Then when all the chores were done, he returned immediately to the synagogue and began the prayers. When the member of the congregation who had followed him returned to the village, the people asked him: **'Well, did our rabbi go up to heaven as we thought he would?'** **After some thought, the one who had followed the rabbi replied, 'Oh no. He went much higher than that'**

In the gospel reading today **Jesus** says that anyone who loses his life for his sake will find it. Jesus states the paradox that we find ourselves by giving ourselves away. The manner in which we give ourselves away may be hidden to others, as in the case of the rabbi in the story.

In the gospel reading **Jesus** declares that if anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of the little ones among his disciples, they will most certainly not lose their reward. Giving a cup of cold water to someone who needs it is **not** going to make the headlines. Yet, **Jesus** holds up this small act as having eternal consequences.

Readers Rota

A new readers rota for the second half of the year is ready. Readers please call to the sacristy to collect it.

Safeguarding Newsletter 2017

Please take home a copy of the 2017 Safeguarding Newsletter. The Newsletter has a foreword from **Bishop Francis Duffy** and it outlines the latest developments in child safeguarding in the diocese. The safeguarding person for the parish of Clonguish is **Yvonne Ni Murchu** 087 2642665.

All Night Vigil: Our Lady's Manor, Mostrim, Fri. 9.00pm.

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