

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon: 9.00am **Tues:** 9.00am **Wed:** 7.00pm **Thurs:** 10.30am **Fri:** 9.00am

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Dr. Gerald and Maureen Donnelly. 10.30am. Paddy and Bridie McGowan / Seán, Sarah & Anne Marie Ryan and decess family members. Wed. 7.00pm Noel and Brigid Piggott*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Thomas Rock (Months Memory / George White & George White Jnr, John & Lena Scanlon) 10.30am Patricia & Peter Mimmagh.*

Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Una Keogh** (nee Toher) Drogheda, and formerly of **Cornollen**, whose funeral was Saturday. Una Keogh is a sister of Bridie Farrell, Corry. **May she Rest in Peace.***

Last weekend Collection's €1,259. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: John Barry	10.30am. Seán Devlin
E.Ms. Vigil: Deirdre Houlihan	10.30am. P. J. Bennett

Feast Day

Dec. 6th St Nicholas of Myra (Forth Century bishop in Turkey)
*He is the Patron Saint of children. In English speaking countries, St Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, **Santa Clause.***

Dec 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses for the Feast: Vigil: 7.00pm—Thursday 10.30am.

Do This in Memory

Our next "Do This In Memory Mass" is the Vigil Mass next weekend.

John The Baptist

John the Baptist: wild man, big hairy biker of the gospel, living his alternative lifestyle in the wilderness, wearing his homespun garb, surviving on his eco-friendly diet of bugs and locusts. With a drop of honey to sweeten his fare, un-kept and un-groomed. On the face of it, not exactly the kind of guy we might want our daughters to bring home. The challenging persona of **John the Baptist** reminds us not to fall into the trap of judging each other on external appearance.

No half measures for John, no watering down. Repent for him means metanoia (change of heart) doing somersaults, turning our lives completely around. In some areas of our lives we may be spinning off headlong in the wrong direction? Are some of our attitudes and behaviours holding us back from living peaceable and contentedly in the world, blocking our path to God, holding us captive within our own circle of selfishness?

What is it that we need to change in our attitude and behaviour? Which area of our lives need to be healed? What steps towards healing and wholeness might we take? Is there anyone within our circle of acquaintances who can help? Advent is a time to think of these things.

Cardinal J.H. Newman: 'to live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often'.

Santa Comes to Newtownforbes

He will arrive this Sunday evening at 5.30pm, to switch on the lights on the Village Christmas trees. Carol's will be singing and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall. Come out and welcome Santa.

Parish Pastoral Council

The December meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** is Tuesday at 8.00pm. In the Parochial House.

Parish Calendar 2017

The calendar is now on sale for 3

County Longford Social Services

The County Longford Social Services (Meals on Wheels) Church Gate Collection is on the weekend, **December 17/18**. Please support

St Christopher's Services

"Pop Up" Craft Shop in New Street, Longford until December 16th.

