

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues: 7.00pm **Wed:** 9.00am **Thurs:** 9.00am **Fri:** 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Williams, Cissy and Kitty Nolan. **10.30am.** Special Intention.

Tues: 7.00pm. Special Intention. **Thurs: 9.00am.** Margaret Owens.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Agnes and Joe O'Brien. **10.30am.** No intention.

Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Brigid Vaughan**, Kilmacannon, whose funeral was on Tuesday, also for the happy repose of the soul of **Joe Byrne**, Deanscurragh, whose funeral was on Wednesday. May they Rest in Peace.*

Last weekend Collection €1,347. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Clarice Barry **10.30am.** Laura Hussey

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

Feast Days

Feb 6th St Paul Miki and Companions (Japanese Martyrs -1579)

Feb 7th St Mel

St Mel is the Patron of our Diocese along with St Ciaran. He dates back to the 5th century. He was a nephew of St Patrick.

Feb 11th Our Lady of Lourdes

Today is World Day of Prayer for the sick.

Commitment Ceremony

Confirmation class will celebrate their Commitment Ceremony at the Vigil Mass next weekend.

Salt of the Earth

One of the great compliments that can be paid to someone is to say that he or she is ‘**the salt of the earth**’. Such people are decent and kind, they can be relied upon in times of difficulty, and they give generously of themselves to others. Salt tends to get a rather negative press these days. We are told that too much salt is not good for you. Yet, in the world of Jesus, salt was a very precious commodity. It was the primary means of preserving food, and to give it taste. It is that very positive assessment of salt that is reflected in declaring someone to be “**the salt of the earth**”

In the gospel reading today, Jesus turns to his disciples and says to them. ‘**You are the salt of the earth.**’ This group of disciples were the beginnings of the church. We are the church today, and Jesus, addressing us in today’s gospel reading saying to us, ‘**You are the salt of the earth**’ We are being reminded of our identity, the identity we share as people who have been baptised into Christ, who are members of Christ body. It is as if Jesus is saying to us, ‘Remember who you are; do not sell yourself short; take yourself seriously.’

Like salt, we are to preserve what is best in each other and in our world. Insofar as we bring out the best in each other, and nurture all that is good in our midst, we are indeed ‘**salt of the earth**’.

Jesus Our Teacher—Martin Hogan

Parish Pastoral Council

The monthly meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is on Tuesday at 8.00pm. in the Parochial House.

Knock Pilgrimage to New York

A special pilgrimage to New York from Knock will take place from 8th—14th of May to celebrate the re-internment of the remains of **John Curry**, the youngest of the Knock witnesses, from Long Island to Old St. Patricks in Manhattan. Further info. 01 2410800.

Lourdes Collection

The Lourdes Invalid Fund Church Gate Collection is next weekend 11/12th February. Please support.

Fr Seán Casey

Fr Casey is the celebrant of the Masses this weekend. Fr McGovern is the celebrant in Drumlish/Ballinamuck

