

CLONGUISSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Paddy Joe, Anne and Gerard Murphy / John Curley.*

10.30am. *Kathleen Killian / George McAvey.*

Tue.: 7.00pm. *Libera Macari.* **Wed:** 9.00am. *Special Intension.*

Thurs: 9.00am. *Margaret & Paddy Joe Quinn & deceased family members.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Philomena Doyle.*

10.30am: *This is a Memorial Mass for all the deceased of the parish since this time last year. At this Mass a candle will be lit in memory of each of the deceased. Family members may take it home after Mass / Deceased members of Ralph family.*

Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Margaret O'Hara**, Newtownforbes Village, whose funeral was on Thursday. May she **Rest in Peace.***

Last weekend Collection's €1,541 (Including Holy Day). Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Confirmation Class* **10.30am.** *Ann O'Brien*

E.Ms. Vigil: *Geraldine Halpin* **10.30am.** *Michelle Ghee*

Feast Day

Nov 10th **St Leo the Great (Pope died 451)**

Nov. 11th **St Martin of Tours (335—97) Patron of France.**

Station: *A Station Mass will be celebrated for the Lismoy area at the home of **Denis and Margaret Kennedy** on Friday Nov. 18th at 8.30pm.*

Bishops Pastoral Letter

Today the Church in Ireland is blessed, in that many of the faithful of all ages are involved in specific activities of their local parish - liturgical ministries such as distributing Holy Communion, proclaiming God's Word by reading at Mass and altar servers, and in a wide range of other activities including baptismal preparation, parish pastoral councils, parish finance councils and administration, choirs, safeguarding, school management, stewarding and in reaching out to those in various kinds of need. In the near future, I hope to offer two new possibilities, of a voluntary nature, to people already involved and to those who might wish to participate in new ministries in our parishes. These are the two ministries of Parish Catechist and a Permanent Deacon.

Parish Catechist: The first pastoral initiative I wish to introduce is the ministry of Parish Catechist. The role of the Catechist is to work alongside parish clergy, in particular with parents of candidates for the sacrament of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and also in other programmes and initiatives that help people of all ages to deepen their faith. This course, which begins in 2017, will take place in Longford and will be offered by the Maryvale Institute, International Catholic College, Birmingham.

The Permanent Diaconate: The second initiative is the introduction of the Permanent Diaconate. Deacons are men – Married or single – who are ordained to serve the people of God, in a voluntary part-time capacity, in a threefold ministry: **Ministry of Charity**, the **Ministry of the Word** and the **Ministry of the Altar**. Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate will have a good knowledge of the Gospel, a well-established spiritual life, and a proven willingness to serve others. The minimum age for admission to the Permanent Diaconate is twenty-five. The maximum age is sixty years.

I invite those who wish to become Parish Catechists and those who feel a call to the Order of Deacon to contact their local priest.

+Francis Duffy, Bishop: 6th November 2016.

Clonguish GAA—Mental Health Programme

“Sport your Mind”. Part 1 “Youth Mental Health” Information evening for coaches and parents. Ralph Room, Tuesday November 8th 7.30—8.30pm. **Part 2:** Tuesday Nov. 15th. @ 7.00pm.