

CLONGUISSH 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: Tommy & Mary Kathleen Doyle. **10.30am:** Hannah & Michael Mullervy & Bernard Earley / Glen Thorne.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Tony Corcoran.

10.30am. Mick & Mae Barden / John & Brigid Ghee.

Last weekend Collection: €1.384. **Thank you.**

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Geraldine McVeigh **10.30am.** Cathal Sorohan
E.Ms. Vigil: Anne Duke **10.30am.** Elizabeth Moore

Feast Day

July 11th

St Benedict (480-547)

St Benedict is the Patron Saint of Europe. He founded the famous monastery at Monte Cassino.

July 14th

St Camillus De Lellis (1550-1614)

He started life as a soldier and was converted at the age of 25. Later he became a priest and worked for the sick with his companions, the Servants of the Sick. He also founded hospitals. He is patron saint of nurses. The Camillians have a house in Killucan, Co. Westmeath. The Annual Novena is from July 13th – 16th (See notice board for details)

Public Rosary

The Fatima Centenary public rosary will be recited in front of St Mary's Church, Newtownforbes on Thursday July 13th at 4.00pm. All are welcome.

Rest for Your Souls

Pope Francis had some strong words of advice recently for priests. As he ordained ten men to the priesthood, he said in his homily: **'A priest who has perhaps studied much theology and has achieved one or two advanced degrees, but has not learned to carry the cross of Christ, is useless: he will be a good academic, a good professor, but not a priest. Please, I ask you in the name of Christ and of the church to be merciful, always: do not saddle the faithful with burdens they cannot carry- nor ought you so burden yourselves.'**

He must have been thinking of the extract from **Matthew's Gospel** that we hear today, where Jesus talks about the exact opposite of laying burdens on people- he promises to take them away, and to lighten our load.

Jesus isn't saying that the Christian life is always going to be easy, that there will not be burdens or crosses to carry, or that we should not hold ourselves to high standards. Rather he is reminding us that when we find ourselves overburdened- tired, frustrated, afraid, overwhelmed, disheartened- help is at hand. He invites us to come to him, and to unload our troubles onto him. He is a place of rest for our weary souls. With Jesus on board, our minds and hearts will be lighter, and we can get on with our tasks with renewed energy and zeal.

Triona Doherty, Intercom Magazine.

Knock Shrine Counselling Service

This is an opportunity to discuss difficult or challenging life issues in a caring and confidential environment, one to one. No appointment necessary. **Times:** Thursday 10.00am-5.00pm, Friday 2.00pm-5.00pm, Saturday & Sunday: 11.00am-5.00pm.

Readers Rota: Mass readers please collect new rota in the sacristy

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**.

Bingo: This Sunday at 3.00pm in Paddy Joe Murphy Hall.