

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm. **Tues.** 9.00am. **Thurs** 9.00am, **Fri.** 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm. *Eilish Mulligan (month's memory)*

10.30am: *Mary Gorham.* **Tues** 9.00am: *Jim Ross.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention.* **10.30am:** *No special intention.*

Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Michael Donegan, Lisnaboe, whose funeral was on Tuesday. May he Rest in Peace.

Last weekend Collection: €1270 *Thank you.*

On Line contributions

IBAN: IE34 AIBK 9321 4026 9364 22 (BIC: AIBKIE2D). *The Parish of Clonguish A/C is with the A I B bank, Longford.*

Next Weekend

Readers – Vigil: *Anne McCann* **10.30 am:** *Patricia O'Brien*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Cathy Murphy* **10.30 am:** *Michelle Feeney*

Feast Days

Oct 2nd

Guardian Angels

The concept of an angel assigned to look after each of us is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on scripyure. Jesus' words to Matthew support this belief "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look on the face of my heavenly Father"

Oct 4th

St Francis of Assasi (1181-1226)

Oct 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

October has been designated the month of the rosary.

Rebuilding the Church

In the year 1205 as he knelt in the crumbling church of **San Damiano**, Assisi, in deep prayer, a voice came to **Francis** saying "*Francis, go repair my house which is falling into ruin.*" Not only did **Francis** take this as a reference to the ruined **San Damiano** structure, which he did then rebuild with his own hands, but to the larger whole of the **Catholic Church**. Through his simple piety and spirituality, he became a force of renewal that continues to bear fruit today.

Ten years ago when **Pope Francis** took the name of the saint of **Assisi** it quickly became clear that he too felt a call to rebuild and repair the wounded 21st century **Catholic Church**. He soon outlined his agenda; "*We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.*" In his life and teaching **Pope Francis** seeks to ensure that all of the baptized have an ongoing role to play in the rebuilding and repairing of the Catholic Church.

During an outdoor Mass on the **Hill of Slane** on August 6th Archbishop **Eamon Martin** said "Wouldn't it be wonderful if people said of us, believers; '*You, person of faith, you respect the dignity of all life, you are a responsible steward of God's creation; you care for the poor, the homeless; you weep for abused people; you are compassionate to those addicted to drugs and alcohol; you are a forgiving and merciful person; you make sacrifices and yet you are happy in yourself*'"

These are the building blocks of the church of the future.

Tuesday is the feast day of **St Francis of Assisi** which brings to an end **The Season of Creation**.

Paul Clayton-Lea

The Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is 116 123. This is a twenty four hour service.

