

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Last weekend Collection: € *Thank you.*

	Next Weekend
Readers – Vigil:	10.30 am
E.Ms. - Vigil:	10.30 am

Feast Days

Nov.: 1st **All Saint's Day**

“The ultimate object of veneration of the saints is the glory of God and the sanctification of man by conforming one's life fully to the divine will and by imitating the virtue of those who were pre-eminent disciples of the Lord”

Remembrance of the dead and prayer for the bereaved

Next Sunday November 1st at 3.00pm the bishops and priests of Ireland will lead a short service of prayer to dedicate the month of November to “remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved”

Bishop Francis Duffy will lead a Service of Remembrance in St Mel's Cathedral on Sunday next, November 1st at 3.00pm. It will be livestreamed on www.longfordparish.com and Crossan Cable channel 84.

Lists of the Dead

You are invited to place your Lists of the Dead in the box in the church sanctuary.

First Friday

There will be no home visits this First Friday.

‘Remember in November’ –

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Francis Duffy

November is a time to remember and pray for family members, colleagues, neighbours and friends who have died since this time last year. Those who have gone before us, those who were so much present with us, so central to our lives, have left us with a deep sense of loss. We look for peace, for healing of heart, and for hope.

This year is particularly difficult for those who have been bereaved since March. Those profound feelings of loss have been heightened by not being able to be present at the time of death and by the absence of the familiar family and community supports.

Sacraments

We have been without the free-flowing schedule of Masses and sacraments for over seven months now. Our priests and parishioners have made great efforts to keep our churches open and safe and welcoming, for this we are thankful. Although we have moved online and on television, for Mass it is not the same. In his message for World Mission Day 2020, **Pope Francis writes**, *‘Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God’*

We long so much to be back in church, with the support of a gathering, and the meaningful participation of being present with others, an expression of who we are and what we believe in.

Hope based in Jesus ensures all will be well

We have the reassurance of the Lord that all will be well. He will strengthen our ability to lift ourselves and others with resolve and hope during this terrible time. We resolve to do our very best to ensure maximum safety ; hope based in Jesus' promise to be with us ‘until the end of time’ (Matt 28:20) In his **Urbi et Orbi** address of March 2020, Pope Francis said *‘In the midst of isolation we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side’* The risen Lord is with us
+Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

Covid 19 Support Line

ALONE is the name of a support line for older people who have concerns relating to the virus **Covid 19**. Professional staff are available to answer queries, and give advice and reassurance when necessary. This service is open 7 days a week, 8.00am to 8.00pm. Phone 0818222024.

