

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: John & Eileen Quinn. **10.30am:** Donald Smith (Month's memory) / Hugh McCann (Month's memory) / Michael & Eva McCann / Thomas Lyons / Billy & Jack Byrne.

Mon 7.00pm: Alice & Laurence Lockwood.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: No special intension **10.30am:** Patricia & Peter Minagh / Noel & Brigid Pigott / Margaret & James Byrne.

Last weekend Collection: €1262. 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 Marie Williams **10.30am :** Laura Hussey
E.Ms. – Vigil: Carmel O'Shea **10.30 am :** Bernie Reilly

Feast Days.

Dec 3rd

St Francis Xavier (1506-1552)

Spread the faith in **Goa** on the west coast of **India** and in **Japan**.

Dec 6th

St Nicholas (Bishop, 4th century)

Noted for his gift-giving, **St Nicholas** became by a twist of the tongue to be known as **Santa Clause**.

Dec 7th

St Ambrose (340-397)

First Friday

Friday next is the **First Friday**. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times.

Advent

Some years ago a bus driver reached an unusual record. In 23 years he driven a bus over 9000.000 miles without a single accident. When he was asked how he had done it, he gave this simple answer: '*watch the road*'.

In todays Gospel **Jesus** gives the same answer in several ways: '*Be vigilant at all times*' '*Stand erect,*' '*Watch yourself, or your hearts may become coarsened with drunkenness and debauchery*' This is not only good spiritual advice for the Advent season but also a good rule for daily life as well.

Like the Roman god **Janus**, who had two faces, one looking at the past year and the other looking into the future, Christians during the Advent season are to look at the past events of the first coming of **Jesus** into the world and expectantly look forward to his second coming in glory.

Sundaypulpit.com

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting in the **Parochial House** on **Monday** at **8.00pm**.

Weekly Envelopes

The weekly Sunday envelopes for **2025** are now nearly all distributed. As well as the weekly **Sunday** envelopes there are six **priests dues** envelopes (**Shrove, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, November** and **Christmas**). There is also an envelope for outside the parish collections, **Lenten Alms Peter's Pence** and **Holy Land**.

A sincere word of thanks to all those who help distribute the envelopes each year.

Knock - All Night Vigil

Bus leaving **Ballymahon St.** at **7.30pm** on Saturday **Dec. 7th**.

The Samaritans

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

