

# CLONGUISH 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:** Edward Carroll & deceased family members.

**10.30am** Mel Tighe (Months Memory) / Lily Robinson.

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** Phyllis & John Clarke. **10.30am:** Jody Concanon.

**Last weekend Collection: €1180. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil:** Margaret Kilbane. **10.30am:** Patricia O'Brien.

**E.Ms. Vigil:** Anne Duke. **10.30am:** Liam Belton.

### Feast Days

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**St Kieran**

*Kieran was well travelled. Baptised on the continent, he returned to Ossory (Co Kilkenny) where he founded a monastery and became a bishop. This was around the time of St Patrick.*

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**St Perpetua (203).**

### Confirmation Commitment Ceremony

*Welcome to all the boys and girls, their teachers and their families who have come to make their commitment at the **10.30am Mass** in preparation for their Confirmation which will be celebrated on **Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm.***

### Stations

*Anyone who would like to host a **Station Mass** for their area during Lent please contact Fr McGovern.*

### First Friday

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

## The Stations of the Cross

The devotion of the **Stations of the Cross**, popular during Lent and Holy Week, goes back to the earliest centuries of the church. Many people wanted to walk the land where Jesus lived and trace his path from the **Garden of Olives** to the hill of **Calvary** and through to the tomb in a garden. Yet many couldn't get to Jerusalem, or if they could, only once in a lifetime on pilgrimage. They desired to follow literally in the footsteps of **Crucified Master and Risen Lord**. This led to the ritual devotion of walking the Way of the Cross based on the scriptures usually in their local church or sometimes outdoors.

Over time, depending on who designed the devotion, pieces were added that were not in the Scriptures. Someone named **Veronica** added herself in, it is thought, as part of the devotional practice. She is not mentioned anywhere in the gospels.

Christians found it difficult to stand up to evil and resist sin, so they added the three stations of Jesus falling, though the bible does not record that he did so. And because of the great devotion to the **Mary**, they added a station where **Mary** holds the body of her lifeless son, Jesus, in her arms before placing him in the tomb, the **Pieta** (a Michelangelo masterpiece).

Many other stations were added as well, sometimes totaling twenty or more, as the faithful sought ways to personalize and experience the way Jesus walked on the earth, especially during the season of **Lent** and **Holy Week**.

### Trocaire

Trocaire boxes may be collected at the church doors. Please take home a box and support the work of **Trocaire**.

### Festival of Faith

This Festival of Faith is on each **Thursday** in **St Mel's Cathedral** at 7.30pm for the next two weeks. This Thursday is a Mass of healing and the speaker at the Mass is **Aoife Gallagher** and the title of his talk is "*Coping with loss through suicide*"

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The dates are **May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The cost for the fully inclusive. Five nights is **€749**. To book please contact **Joe Walsh Tours**, 143 Lower Baggot Street Dublin 2. **Phone- 01 2410812**.

