

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *George White & George White Jnr, John & Lena Scanlon.*

10.30am: *James Killian (Months Memory)*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Nan Faichney / Pat & Margaret McCormack*

10.30am: Marie Heavey

Last weekend Collection: €1,342. **Thank you.**

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Colleen McHale.* **10.30am:** *Mary Ginty*

E.Ms. Vigil: *Geraldine Halpin* **10.30am:** *Liam Belton*

Feast Days

Dec. 12th **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*This is a very important feast day in Mexico. **Guadalupe** is a village near Mexico City where **Mary** appeared 1531*

Dec. 14th **St John of the Cross (1541-1591)**

John of the Cross was a Spaniard, Carmelite priest, a mystic and a poet.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: Mass at **9.00pm** - Christmas Day *Masses:* **9.00am and 11.00 am.**

Parish Calendar

Clonguish Parish Calendar for 2018 is now available in the local shops, and in the sacristy. It only costs **€3.**

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian Community, **Thomas Joseph Hopkins,** Cleghill. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized, and his parents.

John the Baptist

John the Baptist was an interesting individual. We are told he dressed a bit strangely, had an odd diet and spent a lot of time in the desert. Yet it seems he was very popular with the people of Judea and **'all the people of Jerusalem'** went out to hear him. He must have been a very dynamic speaker and one in whom people found hope an inspiration. Who are these attractive messengers for us today? Who brings us good news and hope? Whose message makes sense for us? Who do we flock to hear?

Today we might think about who did **God** send to you while you were in your own wilderness? **Who gave you encouragement or comfort, gave you reason to hope, to hang in there.** These 'John the Baptists' are messengers of the light. They are all around us in times of need. Sometimes we are the ones called upon to be a messenger of light for someone in need.

The good news of the gospel today is that even in times of desolation there is hope. ***See, I am sending a messenger ahead of you.....***

Jane Mellet Intercom Magazine

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Roisin Walker,** Leitrim, Newtownforbes and **Dermot Hughes,** Carrickedmond, who were married in St Mary's Church, Newtownforbes, on Saturday last. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the years ahead.

Longford Social Services

The Longford Social Services church gate collection will be taken up next weekend. Longford Social Services provide **transport** for the elderly to hospitals and also provide **Meals on Wheels.** Please support.

Shane Brennan 5K

The Shane Brennan **5K Race and Walk** is on as usual on St Stephen's Day. The proceeds this year go to **Multiple Sclerosis,** Longford branch.

Congratulations

Well done to **Clonguish U21** footballers on winning the County Championship on Sunday last. The year 2000 was the last time Clonguish won the U21 Championship. Well done to all involved.

Bingo

Bingo is on today with the usual great prizes on offer, starting at 3.00pm