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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: *Deceased members of the Hannify family*

10.30am: *Bernadette, James & Michael O'Reilly.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm : *Bernie Crossan / Carmel & Brendan Forkan.*

10.30am : *Michael Barden.*

Last weekend Collection: €1120. *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 7.00pm: *Anne Marie Williams.* **10.30am:** *School (6th class)*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Cathy Murphy*

10.30 am: *Michelle Feeney*

Feast Days

Jan 15th

St Ita (died in 570)

Born in Waterford she founded a convent in Killeedy, Co Limerick that attracted many young girls.

Jan 17th

St Anthony (251-356)

St Anthony who is often referred to as the 'father of monasticism', lived a life of solitude, but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits. He died in solitude at the age of 105.

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Readers

Please call to the sacristy to collect the St Paul Sunday missal for 2026.

Baptism

Our baptism, like that of **Jesus**, was both a gift and a commission. In bestowing favour upon us, God at the same time calls us to be his servants. On the day of our baptism, we are commissioned as servants of God, after the example of **Jesus**. As God endowed **Jesus** with the **Spirit** so that he could bring true justice to the nations, at our baptism we were endowed with the same **Spirit** for the same purpose.

In the power of the **Spirit** we are called to live in that same just way that **Jesus** lived. In the words of the first reading, baptism calls us ‘*to serve the cause of right*’. That will involve for us, as it did for **Jesus**, taking care not to ‘*break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame*’

Those who are crushed for whatever reason, whose flame is barely flickering, are deserving of our greatest care and attention. We show that we really appreciate the gift of our baptism when we support the vulnerable and strengthen the weak in our families and communities.

Martin Hogan

Commitment Ceremony

Next Sunday, the boys and girls preparing for their **Confirmation** will have their Commitment ceremony. Confirmation is on Thursday **March 5th** at **3.00pm**. The children are also encouraged to think about taking the **Pledge** and talk about it at home. The **Pledge** means taking no alcoholic drink until they are **18**, and staying drug free at all times.

Adoration

There is Eucharistic Adoration each **Wednesday** from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. All are welcome to this very special time of prayer.

Samaritans

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

St Mel's Family Centre Meeting times – **Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 1pm; Wednesday and Saturday at 8pm; Sunday @ 11.30am**