

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Tues 9.00am. Wed 9.00am & 7.00pm Thurs 9.00am, Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *Lou Tormey.*

10.30am: *Paddy & Bridie McGowan & their son Fr Pdraig.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Deceased members of the Nolan family.*

10.30am: *Ben, Christine & Mark Hughes.*

Last weekend Collection: €1375 *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 McCann 10.30 am. Laura Hussey*
E.Ms. – Vigil: *Cathy Murphy 10.30 am: Michelle Feeney*

Feast Days

Feb. 14th.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten season, a time of preparation for Easter. This is a time to turn over a new leaf and repent. The three pillars of Lent are, prayer, fasting and alms giving. These three strands of Lenten observance are as ancient as Christianity itself. There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday, 9.00am & 7.00pm. Ashes will be distributed after each Mass. There will be Mass each day during Lent. Check the missalette for times.

Temperance

The word temperance, like the word fortitude, is perhaps another of those words that are not used much in ordinary conversation. But the idea of temperance is suggested in some words that are used in everyday speech. Balance is one of those words. We speak of wanting to live ‘**balanced**’ lives, of wanting our judgements to be ‘**balanced**’, our big decisions in life to be the result of ‘**balanced reflections**’ We speak of a person being unbalanced. We also speak of balanced diets. We try to balance our working lives with our family and personal lives. We know what people mean when we hear these phrases. Balance is something like the virtue of temperance. Are there any areas of our lives where we need to make adjustments so as to get the balance right. Something to think as we approach **Lent**.

Pioneer National Ball

The annual national ball is on Saturday April 6th in the **Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar.**; preceded by **Mass at 6.00pm** in the Cathedral of Christ the King.

World Day of the Sick

February 11th, (today, Sunday) the feast day of **Our Lady of Lourdes** is World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Commitment Ceremony

We welcome the boys and girls preparing for Confirmation and their families on this **Temperance Sunday**, the Sunday before Lent. As part of their preparation they are taking on some commitments today and for Lent.

Lourdes Collection

Church gate collection is on this weekend.

Mary’s Meals – Thanks

The recent church gate collection came to **€218.45** – thanks.

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

