

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.
& 7.00pm. Sat. St Patrick's Day 10.30am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Rosemary Barden / Aidan Leddy. Sun. 10.30am. Jody Concannon.*
Thurs. 9.00am: *James & Margaret Byrne. Fri 7.00pm:* *Peter, Bridie & Breda Toher. Sat. 10.30am:* *Ben Hughes (Months Memory)*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *John & Annie Murray. 10.30am. Jimmy & Mary Farrell / Vera Gormley.*

Last weekend Collection: €1,010 .00. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Sonia Flynn</i>	10.30am: <i>(New reader needed)</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Anne Duke</i>	10.30am: <i>P J Bennett</i>
March 17, St Patrick's Day -	
E.Ms. -- Vigil: <i>Garry Hughes</i>	Sat. 10.30: <i>Liam Belton</i>
Readers: Vigil: <i>Colleen McHale</i>	Sat.10.30am, <i>Fionuala Carthy</i>

Feast Days

March 17th St Patrick (415-4930)

Today, we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint. Masses for St Patrick's Day: Vigil Friday at 7.00pm and Saturday at 10.30am.

Confirmation Retreat

*We wish every blessing on the boys and girls who are going to Ballintubber Abbey, Co. Mayo, on Tuesday, for their Confirmation Retreat. They will celebrate their **Ceremony of Light** on Thursday at 7.30pm. and **Confirmation** will be celebrated on Friday April 13th.at 3.00pm.*

Rejoice!

Today, the 'middle Sunday' of Lent is known as **Laetare Sunday**. The name comes from the opening antiphon of the Mass, 'Laetare Jerusalem' or '**Rejoice, O Jerusalem**'. We tend to think of Lent as a time not to rejoice, but a few small signs of joy are permitted at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose coloured vestments for the priest instead of the Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. Listen to the words of St Paul: "**You are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it**" Many of our efforts during Lent are aimed at improving ourselves, being more generous with our time or more attentive to the needs of others. What changes do I need to make to be '**God's work of art**'?

In St John's gospel we hear: "**The person who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God**" One question we might ask is- Am I living a truthful life? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I think or do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? How might I step out into the light this Lent.

Liturgy Group

A meeting of the parish liturgy group will be held in the Parochial House on Wednesday next at 9.00pm.

Mission Appeal

A member of the **Missionaries of Africa**, also known as the **White Fathers** will speak at the Masses next weekend, the fifth Sunday of **Lent**, about the work of their missionaries, and envelopes will be left in the seats if you wish to contribute to their work.

Mother's Day

As always on the fourth Sunday of Lent we celebrate Mother's Day. Best wishes to all mothers, and as for all our deceased mothers may they **Rest in Peace**.

Bingo today-Sunday

Paddy Joe Murphy Sports Hall at 3.00pm. Great prizes on offer.

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