

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 7.00pm, Tues 9.00am, Wed. 7.00pm. Thurs 10.30am, Fri 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Tommy Nevin & parents / Mary McGrath / Noel Quinn (months memory)* **10.30am:** *Brendan Harris.*

Thurs. 10.30am: *Deceased members of the Sisters of Mercy and staff.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.0pm: *Peter and Mary Gallagher.* **10.30am:** *Phil Gallogly.*

Last weekend Collection: €1655 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: <i>Geraldine McVeigh</i>	10.30am. <i>Olga Hanly</i>
E.Ms. – Vigil: <i>Al Yorke</i>	10.30 am. <i>Michele Ghee</i>

Feast Days

Aug. 14th **St Maximilian Kolbe**

A Polish Franciscan, who sacrificed his life in Auschwitz in 1941 when he volunteered to take the place of another prisoner.

Aug. 15th **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory” This was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

Aug.17th **Our Lady of Knock**

‘This day we sailed on’

When Christopher Columbus was sailing to discover America, he wasn't quite sure where he was going or what would happen along the way. All sorts of things did happen: the crew mutinied, the food went bad, the water went low, and there were terrible storms. And he recorded all these things in the ship's log, but he finished each day's entry with one sentence, ‘**This day we sailed on**’ That's almost like a parable for life, sometimes you wonder where it's all heading and all kinds of things happen but you keep going, ‘**This day we sailed on**’

That's what saves the world and it's people, day by difficult day, doing the best they can in the face of all kinds of trials. In today's gospel Jesus tells us he is the “*Living Bread that's come down from heaven*” He is the living bread that sustains us on the journey of life.

Knock Novena

The National Novena to **Our Lady of Knock** takes place from **14th to 22nd** of August. This nine day programme offers you the opportunity to take time for personal prayer and reflection. The theme for this year's novena is “*Whispering with God*’ How do you pray? Ceremonies are at **3.00pm & 8.00pm** each day.

On Thursday **August 15th** the homilist is the Australian Jesuit and author of many books, **Fr Richard Leonard SJ**. The theme of his homily is “**Keeping Mary Close**”

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The pilgrimage is on Sunday **September 1st**, starting with the anointing of the sick at **2.30pm**. This is followed by Mass at 3.00pm and then the open air rosary procession

The Samaritans

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

