

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.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: John Houlihan (Months Memory)

10.30am. Peter Murphy / James Byrne.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Betty and Jim McGarry and deceased family members / John McLoughlin. **10.30am:** Thomas and Mary McGoey and deceased family members / Laurence Lockwood.

Last weekend Collection's €1,011 Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Clodagh McCann **10.30am.** Margot Gearty

E.Ms. Vigil: Deirdre Houlihan **10.30am.** P J Bennett

Feast Day

Sept. 13th St John Chrysostom (Died) 407)

Sept. 14th Triumph of the Cross

Legend has it that St Helen, Mother of the Emperor Constantine went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places associated with his Christ. She found three crosses. A dying woman touched one of them and was healed. This one was deemed to be the one Christ died on—the true cross.

Sept. 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

Sept 16th Sts. Cornelius (Pope) and Cyprian (Martyr)

Clonmacnois

The Pattern Day is on in Clonmacnois today Sunday 11th September. Mass at 3pm.

Lost and Found

The three parables of things lost and found emphasises the unending forgiveness of God and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and a huge celebration when the lost is found.

In the third parable of the **Prodigal Son** there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually '*came to his senses*'. We might pray today that God shows us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to '*come to our senses*'.

As with all parables, we are left thinking and wondering, disturbed even, A sheep and a coin we can rejoice over, but when it is a person who has done us harm, hurt us in some way, it is a much deeper and painful process. The **elder brother** in the third parable feels hard done by, is deeply hurt, full of anger and resentment. Luke being the excellent storyteller that he is, does not tell us the outcome of the story; it is for us to finish for ourselves. **The elder brother has two options:** he can walk away full of resentment or he can try to let go of the anger he feels towards his brother. The latter is a more difficult path but it is the only one that leads to life, no matter how painful the journey may be. The father stands there pleading for the elder brother to come in.

'Forgiveness isn't about releasing someone from accountability for his actions.' It is about us letting go of our anger and resentment.'

Intercom- Jane Mellett.

Parish Pastoral Council

The monthly meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 8pm, in the Parochial House.

Longford Hospice Coffee Morning(s)

(1) At the home of Phil & Geraldine McVeigh, Leitrim, on Thursday next at 11am

(2) Parish Hall, Thursday next 11.00am—3.00pm.

Active Retirement: Every Thursday from 2—4pm in the Parish Hall. Over 50s very welcome.

Irish Wheelchair Association—Thanks

The recent church gate collection came to €317. Thanks to all who contributed.

Bingo—today in the P J Murphy Memorial Hall (Sports Complex) at 3pm. Usual prizes.

