

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 12th 2025

Fr. Ciaran McGovern. Tel: 043-3346805

Website: www.clonguishparish.ie / eMail: clonguishparish@gmail.com

Web Cam: churchtv.ie/newtownforbes

MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Tues 9.00am Thurs 9.00am Fri 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Jimmy & Alice Quinn.* **10.30am:** *No special intention.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention.*

10.30am: *William Keighran / Bernard Sullivan.*

Last weekend Collection: €1470 *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: *Clodagh McCann* **10.30am:** *Anne O'Brien*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Cathy Murphy* **10.30 am:** *Michelle Feeney*

Feast Days

Oct 15th

St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Teresa entered the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. Teresa was a woman for others. Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites. She founded half a dozen new monasteries in Spain.

Oct 17th

St Ignatius of Antioch

St Ignatius, bishop of Antioch (Turkey) died a martyr in Rome in 107. He urged the early Christians to unite around the Eucharist and their local bishop.

Oct 18th

St Luke

He wrote the third Gospel sometime between the year 70 -85. St Luke's Gospel is often referred to as the Gospel of Mercy. Luke emphasizes Jesus' compassion and patience with the sinners and the suffering. His is the Gospel of the poor, as reflected in the stories of The Good Samaritan and The Prodigal Son, only found in St Luke's Gospel.

Gratitude

Today's Gospel tells the story of the cure of the ten lepers. Once healed, nine of the ten lepers can't wait to get back to their families, from which their disease had excluded them. Who would blame them. It was very natural, they were so happy.

However, one of ten, a **Samaritan**, '*turned back*' praising God at the top of his voice and when he reached **Jesus** he threw himself at **Jesus'** feet, thanking him. He alone recognized that in his healing he had been blessed by **God**; he alone saw beyond the gift to the giver, **God**. He saw his healing with different eyes to the other nine, with the eyes of faith. **Jesus** says '*No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner*' He alone of the ten was truly a man of faith in God.

This story encourages us to see all of life with the eyes of faith, recognizing that the many good things, the blessings, that come our way in life have their source in **God**.

The healed leper inspires us to respond in gratitude, to praise and thank God with all our heart.

Choir – New Members

Our choir needs new blood. "*They who sing, pray twice*" If you are thinking of joining our church choir have a chat with **Derek**, the organist who will fill you in on what's involved.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

A reminder: **adoration** each **Wednesday** from **7.00pm – 8.00pm**.

Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. This is a twenty four hour service. The **Samaritan** confidential line needs **volunteers**. No experience or qualifications are needed. Training and support will be provided. Email **Athlone.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org**.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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