

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *Philomena Doyle / Elizabeth McVeigh.*

10.30am: *Chris Brennan. Fri 9.00am: Tommy & Molly Sharkey.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Joe & Hugh Shannon (jnr)*

10.30am: *Peter Clarke (month's memory) / Pat & Kathleen Stenson / James & Kathleen Farrell.*

Last weekend Collection: €1605 (including the holyday) *Thanks.*

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: *Geraldine McVeigh 10.30 am : Laura Hussey*

E.Ms. – Vigiiil: *Al Yorke 10.30 am: Michelle Ghee*

Feast Days

Nov.14th **St Laurence O'Toole** (1123-1180)

He was abbot at Glendalough and first native archbishop of Dublin.

Nov. 15th **St Albert the Great** (1206-1280)

Nov. 17th **St Elizabeth of Hungary** (1207-1231)

Queen at fourteen, widowed and exiled at twenty, she was a woman of prayer and service to the poor.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community, Jude Peter McIntyre, Lisnaboe, on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and on his family.

Stay awake – Be ready

Wouldn't it be great if we could compete in a marathon by borrowing the necessary speed, strength and endurance from a world class runner? What if we could get slimmer and smarter by having other people diet and study for us? We could let someone else do all the training, and we could cash in on his or her hard work and preparation.

Obviously there are some things we cannot borrow from others. We cannot borrow another person's intelligence, integrity, or character, to name a few. We may benefit from these qualities in other people, but we cannot make them our own by simply wishing it so.

In today's Gospel all ten virgins were waiting for the bridegroom, but only five had thoughtfully and carefully prepared to meet him. The five foolish virgins wanted to meet the groom, but their preparations were not sufficient, and they could not borrow preparedness from the five wise.

We all want to meet the Lord with our lamps burning, but are we properly prepared?

Roy Goetz

Shane Brennan 5K

After an absence of 3 years, the **Shane Brennan 5K** will be run on **St Stephen's Day** at 1.00pm. (see poster in the side door porch). This will be the **20th** edition of the event which started in **2006**. The designated charity this year is **DEPAUL** Longford. *'homelessness has no place'* More details later.

Shane passed away on 16/5/2005. May he **Rest in Peace.**

Gamblers Anonymous

Founded by **Jim Willis** in 1957, this organization helps people with a gambling problem. Call **087 748 5878**, Dublin (10am-10pm) or **086 349 4450** (Galway) or **083 2025899**.

The Samaritans

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

