

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Mary Costello (Month's memory) 10.30am. No Special intention.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Pat & Margaret McCormack.

10.30am: Peter & Patricia Mimmagh.

Last weekend Collection: €1515.00. 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: Clodagh McCann. 10.30 am: Anne Devlin.

E.Ms. - Vigil: Al Yorke. 10.30am: Michelle Ghee.

Feast Days

Dec. 13th St Lucy

St Lucy was martyred in 304 in Sicily during a period of anti-Christian persecution. St Lucy is the patron saint of sight.

“O St Lucy, preserve the light of my eyes so that I may see the beauties of creation, the glow of the sun, the colour of the flowers and the smile of the children. Amen”

Dec. 14th St John of the Cross (1542-1591)

He was a poet and a man of prayer and a spiritual writer. He was responsible for reforming the Carmelite religious order.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community, Alex Gerard Fitzgerald, Caislean Breac, on Friday. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and on his family.

Joy

This Third Sunday of Advent is supposed to be ‘A day for joy’, but where’s the joy in this mid-winter Sunday? Where’s the joy in the tiresome shopping, not to mention the threat of the Covid19 and storm Barra.

What is Joy? How is it different from happiness? Happiness is what we feel when everything is going well and smooth. Happiness is more dependent on our outward situations – our health, fortune, work, etc. But **joy** is being at peace with whatever situation we may face whether it is a happy or sad situation. **Joy** is that assurance that though everything may not always go right, life still makes sense. A person who may be suffering from a chronic illness may understandably not feel happy but she/he can still remain **joyful** because of the love and care of those people around her/him or because of her/his faith and trust in God.

If the true spirit of Advent does not transform us to be better; if it does not bring us forgiveness and healing to our hurts and pains or even consider forgiveness as an option to improve our relationships – then there is no point to rejoice this Sunday. **(Gaudete Sunday)** We hope in God and **joy** may follow.

Fr Cary Reniva

Christmas Mass Times

There will be **four Masses** for the celebration of **Christmas**, as there was last year. This makes it safer and more comfortable for everyone.

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm & 7.30pm. Christmas Day: 9.00am & 11.00am.

St Vincent de Paul

There are envelopes at the church doors for anyone who would like to donate to the **Longford** branch of **St Vincent de Paul** Christmas appeal. You never know who is in need at this time of the year.

