

CLONGUISSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Joe and Agnes O'Brien* 10.30am. *No intention.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *No Intension* 10.30am. *John Burke.*

Last weekend Collection €1,389. *Thank you.*

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Confirmation Class</i>	10.30am. <i>Seán Devlin</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Anne Duke</i>	10.30am. <i>Liam Belton</i>

Feast Days

Feb 14th St Valentine's Day

Feb 14th Sts Cyril & Methodius (Ninth Century)

In 1980 St John Paul 11, as Pope, named them additional Co-Patrons of Europe.

Feb 17th The Seven Founders of the Servite Order (Thirteen Century)

Theology of The Body for Teens

Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body is a unique programme, inspired by St. John Paul 11's revolutionary *Theology of the Body*, which reveals to teens their value as a person; their bodies, their sexuality, and their individual call to love. This programme is being offered to TY, 5th and 6th years students over ten Sunday evenings in the Family Centre, St. Mel's Road, Longford. **Commencement on 19th February. Parental consent required.** To register or for further information email tobteens@gmail.com or telephone 085 8297780.

Going Deeper

This Sunday we have a third extract from the Sermon on the Mount in St Matthew's gospel.

It can appear at first glance to be a series of moral statements and rules from Jesus. On closer reflection we can see Jesus' message here is the call for each of us to **'go deeper'**. The Scribes and the Pharisees followed the letter of the law but without depth or sincerity. Jesus is clear that he has not come to demolish the law, **rather, this whole passage is a call to a more profound reflection on our lives**; not ticking boxes but moving towards a deeper change of heart in dealings with others.

Jesus gives many examples of how people might do this: warning against **the hypocrisy of offering gifts and rituals at the altar when we may have huge anger and resentment towards another.**

Is the real sacrament not in reconciling that relationship first? Which offering is more life-giving? Is it not enough to **'not murder'**, but we must watch our anger which can lead to violence. Jesus is calling on people to watch their thoughts which can lead to serious actions like murder and adultery.

When we encounter Christ, the grace that this experience bring can make us aware of what is not ok in our lives. We are called to a radical conversion, a change of heart. And so, we read today's passage with our hearts, not our heads. It may help to recall a time when you felt God's grace bringing you to a deeper realisation about your life.

Jane Mellet (Intercom Magazine)

Parish Finance Committee

The meeting of the Parish Finance Committee is on Monday 13th at 8.30pm. in the Parochial House. **Agenda:** The audited accounts for 2016.

Senior Citizens Party

Raffle raised €255. All of which was donated to St Christophers.

Casa Church Gate Collection

Longford CASA Church Gate Collection is next weekend.

Bingo: Clonguish monthly bingo is on Sunday in the P J Murphy Memorial Sports Hall at 3.00pm. The usual great prizes are on offer.

