

# 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: *Lou Tormey. 10.30am: No special intention.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Betty Rogers & deceased members of the Rogers & Doherty families. 10.30am: John Burke & Jim McDonnell.*

Tues. 9.00am: *Eileen Wright & deceased family member.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1485. 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: *Confirmation class. 10.30 am: Frank Quinn.*

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

### Feast Days

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> SS Cyril, (monk) & Methodius (bishop)

*The brothers, Cyril and Methodius lived in Thessalonica in Greece in the ninth century. They are honoured as apostles of the Slavic people and in 1980 Pope John Paul II declared them Patrons of Europe.*

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> St Valentine

*St Valentine was a 3<sup>rd</sup>- century Roman saint. His relics are in a shrine in Whitefriar St Church in Dublin. Today, he is recognized as the patron saint of love, couples and happy marriages.*

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> St Fintan

*St Fintan is mostly associated with Co Laois where he died in 603.*

### Baptism

*We welcomed into the Christian community, Lachlann James Finn-Murray, Clonguish Court. We pray God's blessing on his family.*

## But I Say his to you .....

In this Sunday's gospel reading, **Jesus** outlines a new moral code for his followers, which is different from the **Ten Commandments**. He says **our hands** become agents of sin according to what we touch and how we touch, in lust or greed or violence. **Our eyes** become agents of sin according to what they look at. When Jesus recommends mutilation of eyes and hands, he is not speaking literally, because we have more sins than body parts. Besides if all offending body parts were removed, our minds – the source of all sins – would still be intact, causing us to sin by thoughts and desires.

So, **Jesus** teaches us that, just as a doctor might remove a limb in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us to commit grave sin or which leads to spiritual death. These warnings are actually about our **attitudes, dispositions and inclinations**. **Jesus** recommends that our **hands** become agents of compassion, healing and comfort and that our **eyes** learn to see the truth, goodness and beauty around us.

Fr Tony Kadovil

### Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Lourdes pilgrimage fund collection is this weekend. Put a little extra, if you can, into the basket. The pilgrimage is from **June 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>**.

### CASA – Church Gate Collection

CASA (caring and sharing association) provides a social outlet for adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. Their church gate collection is next weekend.

### Mary's Meal's – Thanks

The recent church gate collection came to **€575**. Thanks to all who contributed.

