

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 7.00pm. Tues. 9.00am. Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 7.00pm. Fri. 10.30am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil: *Paddy Mahon.*

10.30am: *May & Michael Barden & their daughter Rosemary.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special intention.* 10.30am: *No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €1040. *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: *Geraldine McVeigh.* 10.30 am. *Laura Hussey.*
E.Ms. – Vigil: *Al Yorke.* 10.30 am. *Michelle Ghee.*

Feast Days

Mar.17th Saint Patrick's Day

What distinguishes Patrick, our national patron saint, is the durability of his efforts. When one considers the state of Ireland when he began his mission work and how the seeds he planted continued to grow and flourish, one can only admire the kind of man Patrick must have been. The holiness of a person is known only by the fruits of his or her works.

Masses for St Patrick's Day

Vigil: *Thursday 7.00pm and Friday at 10.30am.*

Eucharistic Ministers: Vigil: *Cathy Murphy.*

10.30am: *Michelle Feeney.*

The Samaritan Woman

The Gospel story today tells of the gripping encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman, a woman who was despised even in her own community. As a Samaritan and as a sinner this woman was on the margins, not someone with whom a respectable Jewish rabbi would converse. And yet here is Jesus, engaging with her in this strange conversation about water. Pretty soon you realise he is not talking about water from the well, water that you drink. He knows that she thirsts for something deeper.

Jesus thirsts for those who have lost their way, for those who are lost in life, for sinners; he thirsts for their faith. The woman at the well has a thirst she does not recognize, the thirst for life, the thirst for truth, the thirst for God. This woman stands for us. And it is Jesus who promises to quench her thirst. Here, midway through Lent he promises to quench our thirst too.

There are so many unhappy people in our society, so many people searching, like the woman at the well. There are many like her, whose self worth and self esteem are poor, people who experience rejection, people who seem to have little purpose in life. To all of them and to all of us, Jesus says *“I know your thirst, and I offer you living water. Come to me, drink and be satisfied”*

Fr John Cummins

Alzheimer Society Support Group

The next monthly meeting of the society is on March 15th at 7.00pm in the Attic House, Ballinalee Road. To book, call Breda at 086 3802183.

The support group provides an opportunity to meet others in a similar situation and to access information and practical advice.