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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Walter Jackson his son Andrew / Pat McCann and deceased family members. 10.30am: Mary Duke / Pat McGuinness.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Michael Mahon and deceased family members / Peg, Sean and John Houlihan and deceased family members / John and Brigid Campbell, Pat and Kathleen Reilly.*

10.30am: *Jane Amooty. Mon. 7.00pm: John & Mary Reilly.*

Last weekend Collection: €1642. 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 7.00pm. *Geraldine McVeigh 10.30am: Fionuala Carthy*
E.Ms : Vigil : Garry Hughes. 10.30am: Sarah McCormack

Feast Days

April 10th

St Martin 1

Martin 1 was made Pope in 649. He died a martyr for defending the faith in 655.

First Holy Communion

*A reminder that **First Holy Communion** is being celebrated in our parish on **Saturday May 9th at 12.00 noon.** We keep the boys and girls and their families in our prayers.*

Lough Derg

*Lough Derg opens on **Sunday May 3rd** with one day retreats - reflections. (see notice board) The three day **pilgrimage** begins on **Friday May 29th**, and continues until **Saturday August 15th.***

Church Choir

Founded in 1926, our church choir is a 100 years in existence this year. To mark the occasion a special commemorative Mass will be celebrated at 10.30 next Sunday. All are welcome, past and present members and former choir directors and organists. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Paddy Joe Murphy Hall.

“He who sings, prays twice”. *“This proverb is attributed to St Augustine. The saint meant that singing adds to our praise and worship of God – that our voices are gifts with which we can make music to the Lord. Sung prayer expresses the joy of the heart, the happiness resulting from one who has encountered Jesus Christ and experienced his love. Sung prayer reaches its high point in the sacred liturgy, the public worship of the Church.”*

Bishop James Conley

Fleadh Cheoil Longfoirt

Newtownforbes is hosting the **Co Longford Fleadh Cheoil** next weekend. Highlights of the weekend will include a **historical and heritage** walk starting at the old secondary school at 4.00pm on Saturday. A storytelling and poetry reading afternoon in the **Loft hair salon** on Sunday from 2.00 to 4.00pm. All are welcome. The Mass at 10.30 will also include traditional Irish music.

Mass of Remembrance – St Lomans

A Mass of remembrance will be celebrated in **St Paul’s Church, Mullingar** on **Wednesday April 22nd at 2.00pm** in memory of the people buried in **St Loman’s** cemetery from 1907 – 1970.

Mission Appeal

Br Brian Johnson of the **Franciscan Brothers** monastery, Clara, Co. Offaly will speak about the missionary work of the Franciscan Brothers in Kenya and Uganda at the two Masses, the weekend of April 25/26 about the missionary and take up a collection.

