

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 7.00pm: *Shane Brennan. 10.30am: Jane Amooty (months mind).*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Johnny McGoldrick (months memory)*

10.30am: *No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €1275 *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: Fionuala Carthy*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Martin Ross 10.30 am: Elizabeth Moore*

Feast Days

May 13th

Our Lady of Fatima

The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the summer of 1917, beginning on May 13th when the ‘Lady’ asked them to pray for sinners and an end to the first world war.

May 14th

St Matthias (apostle)

Matthias is the man who was selected to replace Judas.

May 15th

St Brendan

St Brendan was a Kerryman who was born in 486. He visited Scotland and reached the Hebrides. He founded a monastery in Clonfert (Galway) where he died in 578.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls of sixth class in Scoil Mhuire who celebrated their Confirmation today (Saturday).

Ascension

Leonardo da Vinci had started to work on a large canvas in his studio one day. Then suddenly he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to finish the work. The horrified student protested that he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which his master had begun. But **da Vinci** silenced the young student saying “*Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?*”

Jesus our master began to spread the **Good News** over two thousand years ago by what he said and did and especially by what he suffered. **Jesus** started the work and left us to finish the picture. This is the real meaning of the feast of the **Ascension**. We celebrate today the many ways the Lord works with us. It is not so much a feast of the **Lords’s** departure but a feast of his active and life giving presence among us.

Parish Pastoral Council

The monthly meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is on **Monday** next at **8.00pm**. A new **parish finance committee** has to be formed. Volunteers welcome. Any suggestions?

Wedding Bells

Congratulation and best wishes to **Sinead Macken**, Kilmore, Newtownforbes and **James McGivney**, Mullinalaghta, who were married in **St Mary’s church**, Newtownforbes on Saturday. We wish the newly weds every blessing in their future lives together.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the parish on Saturday next at **12.00 noon**.

The Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. This is a twenty four hour service.

