

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: No special intention. 10.30am: Elizabeth Neary / Eileen McGee

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

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Last weekend Collection: €1045.00. Thank you.

Thanks also to all the parishoners who have returned the weekly, Easter dues and Pentecost dues envelopes over the last few months, through the letterbox. Your contributions are always welcome at all times. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil:	10.30am:
E.Ms. Vigil:	10.30am:

Feast Days

July 29nd

St Martha

Martha, sister of Lazarus and Mary, is a woman of faith who made her profession of faith in Christ as the Son of God and in the Resurrection.

July 31st

St Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

From the north of Spain, Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits, of whom Pope Francis is a member. His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory.

Aug.1st

St Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

He founded the Redemptorists Congregation, a religious order in 1732. At the university of Naples, he received a doctorate in civil and canon law at the age of 16. He later became a reforming bishop of Naples. He preached popular missions as the Redemptorists still do today.

Wisdom of Solomon

If you had just one wish, what would you ask for? Win the lottery? A holiday abroad? A vaccine to kill Covid-19? According to modern experts whatever you choose was probably based on one of three basic human hungers- money, pleasure or power. These they say is what makes the world go 'round.

One man who broke the mould is found in today's first reading. God tells Solomon, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you" What does he ask for? Wisdom. "Give me an understanding heart... so that I can distinguish right from wrong"

Notice Solomon didn't ask to be smart but to be wise. Wisdom is more than intelligence; it goes much deeper. Some of the brainiest people in the world aren't wise at all. They have the brains but they do not know what to do with them. Many people with modest IQ have real down-to-earth wisdom.

It is this wisdom that helps us to distinguish right from wrong. Wisdom knows that no amount of money can buy a meaningful life. It enjoys pleasure, but keeps it in its place and subordinates it to a higher good. This is what Jesus, in the gospel calls a buried treasure, a pearl of great price, more precious than anything in the world.

First Friday Calls

The last First Friday calls were done on Friday March 6th. with no house calls since then, due to the Lock Down. The protocol regarding priests calling to homes has now changed somewhat. The priest may now visit a home and bring Holy Communion if a member of the household request it. If you would like such a visit on the first Friday (August 7th) or at any time please contact Fr McGovern at 043 3346805 or 086 3550875.

Covid 19 Support Line

Alone is the name of a support line for older people who have concerns relating to the outbreak of Covid 19. Professional staff are available to answer queries, and give advice & reassurance when necessary. This service is open 7 days a week, 8.00am-8.00pm. Phone 0818222024.

