

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Tommy Williams. 10.30am: No special intention.

Fri: 7.00pm: Patrick Costello. (Month's memory)

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Kevin Quinn / Joe Shannon / Ben & Christine Hughes.

10.30am: Eileen Wright / Paddy & Bridie McGowan & their son Fr Padraig / Jim McDonnell / Betty Rogers & deceased members of the Rogers & Doherty families.

Last weekend Collection: €1005. 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: Andrew Hanly

E.Ms. - Vigil: Anne Duke 10.30am: Joanne Quinn

Feast Days

Feb: 14th SS Cyril & Methodius

These two brothers from Thessalonica in Greece, lived in the ninth century. They were declared patrons of Europe by Pope John Paul II in 1980.

Feb: 14th St Valentine

Valentine was a Christian priest in Rome who assisted martyrs during the persecution under the Emperor Claudius II

Feb: 17th St Fintan

This seventh century Irish saint is associated with Co Laois. He founded a monastery at Clonenagh.

The Beatitudes

Today we hear from St Luke reporting on the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount. Luke highlights four of the eight found in Matthew's gospel. The Beatitudes are not meant to replace the Ten Commandments. Rather, the Beatitudes add depth to our understanding of God's law and gives us direction that helps us to find the right path to follow in life.

Does that mean each of us should give away all our possessions and live a life of poverty? Are we to go around with sorrowful faces, all the time? The answer is obviously no!

Through the years and up to our present time there have been saints who lived radical lives, from St Francis of Assisi to Mother Teresa. By giving up all their possessions, they provide us examples of what it means to live the Beatitudes to the fullest. The Beatitudes wake us up to the fact that our possessions, our gifts and talents, are to be put at the service of others. Warnings are intended to prevent us from following the wrong path, the saints show us the right path.

Robert L Morris

Happy Valentine's Day!

Bob attended a seminar on interpersonal relationships and became convinced that he needed to do a better job of showing appreciation to his wife. So, on his way home from work he picked up a dozen red roses and a nice box of chocolates. He was eager to see how excited his wife would be at this example of appreciation. As Bob walked through the door with a big grin, he met his wife in the hallway – and she burst into tears. "What's wrong darling?" Bob asked. "It's been a terrible day!" She exclaimed. "First, Tommy tried to flush a nappy down the toilet. Then the dish washer stopped working. Sally came home from school with her legs all scratched and now you come home drunk!"

Scoil Mhuire Enrolment

Parents who wish to enroll their child in Scoil Mhuire, the local primary school, for next September, should do so now. School Phone number - 043 3345220.

