

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am. Tues 9.00am. Wed. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Daniel Hopkins / Shane Brennan

10.30am: No special intension

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Brigid McGee. 10.30am No special intension

Last weekend Collection: €1,155 .00. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Clodagh McCann</i>	10.30am. <i>Anne Devlin</i>
E.Ms. Vigil:	10.30am. <i>Patricia Donegan</i>

Feast Days

May 14th St Matthias

According to the Acts of the Apostles, during the days after the Ascension, Peter stood up and declared “Now that Judas has betrayed his office it is necessary for another to take his office. Lots were drawn, and the lot fell to Matthias. He became one of the Apostles.

May 19th Dedication of St Mel’s Cathedral

Baptisms

*We welcomed into the Christian community last weekend, **Roisin Anne Marie Kiernan**, Leitrim, Newtownforbes and **John Joseph Brady**, Lismore. We pray God’s blessing on the newly baptized and their parents.*

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated next Saturday at 12.00 noon.

There is a total of 35 boys and girls receiving their First Holy Communion this year.

Ascension

The feast of the Ascension does not simply mark the end of Jesus’ earthly life; it opens up for us a path to God. **Where Jesus has gone, we hope to follow**

As Pope Francis puts it, “the Ascension does not point to Jesus’ absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now ...present in every space and time, close to each one of us. We are never alone: the Crucified and risen Lord guides us”

It is that very presence of Jesus that gave the disciples, and gives us, the strength for mission. Immediately before he is taken into heaven, Jesus issues his final and most important instruction: “**Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news to all creation.**” And after he goes the disciples straight away set about the task. Far from being suddenly absent, we are told the Lord is now working with them in a new way. The Ascension is less a loss than a transition, a promise that Jesus will always be with us.

Triona Doherty

Message from Bishop Francis

The Eight Amendment to the constitution is a guarantee that our laws will protect mothers and unborn babies. Without ‘The Eight’ some babies in the womb will be regarded as less valuable than other human lives. A society that treats some human lives as less valuable than others is putting the most vulnerable & dependent at risk. ‘The Eight is about letting live, let’s keep it.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Padraig McGuinness**, Cahanagh, and **Brenda O’Sullivan**, Bantry, Co. Cork, who were married in **St Finbarr’s Church**, Bantry on Saturday last. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.

World Meeting of Families- Wedding Anniversaries

Already a number of couples have indicated that 2018 is a significant wedding anniversary for them. A special celebration will take place at the **vigil Mass of Saturday June 16th at 7.00pm**. We hope the new date suits everyone.

Bingo: Bingo is on today in the **Paddy Joe Murphy Sports Hall** at 3.00pm. The usual great prizes are on offer.

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