

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Tues 10.30am. Thurs 9.00am Fri 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil: *Mary McGrath.*

10.30am: *Brendan Harris / Tommy Nevin & parents.*

Mon. 7.00pm: Tommy and Kathleen Allen.

Tues. 10.30am: Deceased Sisters of Mercy & staff.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Peter & Mary Gallagher./ Patrick & Mary Gregg.*

Sat: 8.30pm: *Teresa Farrell. 10.30am:* *Philomena Gallogly.*

Last weekend Collection: €1660. *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. Patricia O'Brien*

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

Feast Days

August 14th **Maximilian Kolbe** (1894-1941)

*“I would like to take that man’s place, he has a wife and children” so said **Kolbe**, a Franciscan priest in **Auschwitz**. He died a martyr’s death. He was canonized in 1982.*

August 15th **The Assumption**

Masses for the holyday -Monday (Vigil) 7.00pm. Tuesday 10.30am.

Baptisms

*We welcomed into the Christian community on Saturday last **Ben William McGowan** (Cloncoose) and **Noah Francis Connolly** (Briskil) We pray God’s blessing on the newly baptized and their families.*

“Do not be afraid”

It is said by scripture scholars that the words “*Do not be afraid*” or “*Fear not*” are repeated **365** times in the scriptures – one for every day of the year. We like to believe that God wishes us freedom from fear and worry so much so that he reassures us again and again.

Fear is a powerful emotion. Fear causes physical symptoms – increase blood pressure, heart rate, sweating and shallowness of breath. We experience a rush of adrenaline and stand poised ready for “**flight**” or “**fight**” Doctors tell us that the stress of prolonged fear can severely damage our health.

That was the reaction of the disciples when they were caught in the storm on the lake in today’s **Gospel**. As fishermen they were at home on the lake. Yet a sudden change in the wind left them crouching in fear. They were so confused that they didn’t recognize **Jesus** when he came to their rescue.

In a very hot climate, a gentle breeze can be wonderfully refreshing, just as a strong wind at sea can be terrifying. The **Lord** is with us in those gentle times, just as much as in those disturbed times when we feel we are sinking. Our prayer will be different in each situation.

After the storm had passed, we are told that the disciples bowed down before **Jesus**, in relief and said “*Truly you are the son of God*”
Jerre Roberts

Mission Appeal

Fr Pat Byrne SVD wishes to thank all who contributed to his mission appeal. The collection came to a total of- **€1,640**.

Computer Training Course

QQI, level 5 computer training course in Mohill is starting on September 11th. Call 071 9632024.

Samaritans

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

