

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: Jim & Betty McGarry & deceased family members.

10.30am: Peter Murphy / Roger Ward / Thomas Kearns.

Fri. 7.00pm: Michilin O'Murchu.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: Charlie & Chris Yorke **10.30am:** Gerard McGrath / Michael & Patrick Donegan, & deceased members of the Donegan & Brady Families.

Last weekend Collection: €1195. 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 7.00pm: Liam Madden **10.30am:** Laura Hussey

E.Ms. – Vigil: Al Yorke **10.30 am:** Michelle Ghee

Feast Days

Sept. 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

*“At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.
Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,
All his bitter anguish bearing,
Now at length the sword has passed”*

(Stabat Mater)

Sept. 16th

St Cornelius (died 253)

Cornelius became Pope in 251 and died in 253. He is the patron saint of cattle and domestic animals.

Sept 16th

St Cyprian

Triumph of the Cross

Today is the feast of **The triumph of the Cross**. The discovery of the relic of the true cross by **St Helena**, the mother of the **Emperor Constantine**, is dated to **14 September 320**. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated each year since.

No one in the time of **Jesus** would ever have put together the two words ‘**triumph**’ and ‘**cross**’. Far from being a triumph death by crucifixion was considered to be the most degrading and terrifying form of execution. It was a way for the **Roman** authorities to terrify all those who dared to threaten **Roman** order and peace. Yet as **Christians**, we have no difficulty in looking upon the cross of **Jesus** as a triumph. The Romans did not have the last word when it came to **Jesus**, because God raised **Jesus** from the dead and made him the cornerstone of a new community. Through the eyes of the resurrection we see the cross of **Jesus** as a triumph of **love** over **hatred**. **Jesus** himself says that a man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

That is why the earliest **Christians** tended to depict the crucifix as a glorious **Christ** with arms outstretched reigning in love from the cross.

Fr Martin Hogan

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place in the Parochial House on **Monday at 8.00pm**.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Clonmacnois

The pilgrimage to Clonmacnoi is on today, Sunday @ 3.00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

A reminder: **adoration** each **Wednesday** from **7.00pm – 8.00pm**.

Samaritans

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

St Mel's Family Centre Meeting times – **Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 1pm; Wednesday and Saturday at 8pm; Sunday @ 11.30am.**