

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

*Tues. 9.00am. Wed. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am*

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

*Vigil: Cissy, William and Kitty Nolan / John, Rose and Thomas Hannify.*

*10.30am: Jim Conlon / Michael and Bernadette O'Reilly.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

*Vigil: Bernie Crossan / Carmel & Brendan Forkan / Ellen McManus*

*10.30am Michael & Eilish Killeen*

**Last weekend Collection: €1,886 (including holyday) Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

<b>Readers—Vigil:</b> <i>Geraldine McVeigh</i>	<b>10.30am:</b> <i>Laura Hussey</i>
<b>E.Ms. Vigil:</b> <i>James Quinn</i>	<b>10.30am:</b> <i>Patricia Donegan</i>

### Feast Days

**Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>** **St Anthony** (251-356)

*In many respects St Anthony's life is very like St Francis of Assisi with one exception, Anthony spent most of his life in solitude. "Strangers knew him from his disciples by the joy on his face"*

**Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>** **Start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

*The service for the week of prayer for Christian unity is in St Mel's Cathedral on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8.00pm. The speaker is Mr Andrew McHugh.*

### Eucharistic Minister's Rota

*The new rota for the Eucharistic Ministers is available for collection in the sacristy.*

### St Paul's Sunday Missal

Mass readers should call to the sacristy to collect their **St Paul's Sunday Missal** for 2018.

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Today is the **104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees**, and this year's theme is 'welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees'

In his message to mark the day, **Pope Francis** spoke of our responsibility as individuals and church to welcome everyone, particularly those who have been forced to leave their home in search of a safety and a better future.

*'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ who identifies with the stranger in need in every age... This is a great responsibility which the church intends to share with all believers and people of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.'*

**Pope Francis** has spoken often of our brotherly responsibility towards our fellow human beings, and how our welcome ought to be a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to **love one another** as ourselves.

In today's gospel **Jesus** invites the disciples to '**Come and see**' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day. This example of **Jesus** encourages us to be welcoming, and to spend time with others in friendship. **Triona Doherty- Intercom.**

### Parish Calendar- Clearance Sale

The parish calendar will be on sale after each Mass this weekend, in both porches of the church at the unbelievable price of **€2**. This is a massive reduction of 33.33333%!!. **Have your €2 ready.**

### Newtownforbes- Longford CCE

Term 1 continues on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> @ usual time. Registration for Term 2 will be on Wed. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> in the Ralph Room from 7.00- 8.00pm. The Button Accordion is being introduced in Term 2. New members welcome.

### Senior Citizens Get-Together

The annual Senior Citizens social and get-together will be held in the **Castle Inn** on Sunday **January 21<sup>st</sup>**. Starting at 3.00pm. Anyone needing transport please contact any member of the Parish Pastoral Council or Fr McGovern.

**Bingo:** Bingo is on today at 3.00pm with the usual great prizes on offer.