

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention. 10.30am: Michael & Bernadette Reilly / Michael Barden & daughter Carmel.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Karen Curran / Tommy Williams / Brendan & Carmel Forkan. 10.30am: Berney Crossan / Theresa Murphy.*

Last weekend Collection: €1851 (including holiday) *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: *Geraldine McVeigh 10.30 am : Frank Quinn*
E.Ms. – Vigil: *Al Yorke 10.30 am: Michelle Ghee*

Feast Days

Jan 17th St Anthony (251-356)

This Anthony is not Anthony of Padua, the Franciscan preacher who lived in the thirteenth century. Today's St Anthony is often referred to as "the father of modern monasticism" He lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The annual week of prayer for Christian Unity goes from January 18 to the 25th. The theme for this week's year of prayer is 'you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself' (Luke 10:27).

MARK

This year is the year of **Mark** which means the Gospel read on Sundays through the year will be **St Marks Gospel**, starting next weekend. It is noted for its simple and popular style. Mark's Gospel deals with **Galilean** ministry of Jesus, and the events of the last week in **Jerusalem**. Mark makes no reference to the birth of Jesus or to the the well known parables such as the **Good Samaritan** or the **Prodical Son**. Action dominates the Gospel throughout and there is a dramatic sense of urgency.

The shortest of the Gospels, it is presumed to be the earliest written account of the life of **Jesus**, within twenty five years of his death and resurrection. It was a primary source of information about the ministry of **Jesus**. The other Gospel writers relied heavily on Mark's account of the life and teaching of Jesus.

The late actor, **Alex McCowan** has staged St Marks Gospel as a one man show, word for word, in London and on Broadway, New York. The performance lasts just over ninety minutes. If you have a bible why not acquaint yourself with Mark's account of the teaching, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Dates to remember in 2024

Feb. 14 – *Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent and also St Valentines day.*

March 29th – *Good Friday. March 31 -Easter Sunday.*

May 11th - *The Sacrament of Confirmation and the first official visit of Bishop Paul Connell to the parish.*

May 18th – *First Holy Communion.*

June 30th *Cemetery Sunday.*

The Samaritans

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

