

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: 10.30pm:

Last weekend Collection: € 2,360.00. *Thank you.*

### On Line contributions

IBAN: IE34 AIBK 9321 4026 9364 22 (BIC: AIBKIE2D)

*A number of people have inquired about contributing to the weekly envelope and the dues collections on line. To do so you need the above details. The Parish of Clonguish A/C is with the A I B bank, Longford.*

Next Weekend	
Readers – Vigil:	10.30 am
E.Ms. - Vigil:	10.30 am

### Feast Days

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

### Ash Wednesday

*In the readings for Ash Wednesday there is a great consciousness of our sinfulness, as we pray 'Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned' The gospel tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives. It puts before us the remedy in **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. These three strands of Lenten observance are as ancient as Christianity itself. There is no substitute for them. 'Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing' says **St Peter Chrysologus**.*

### Temperance Sunday

The Sunday before **Ash Wednesday** is the day we celebrate the virtue of Temperance. **Fr Theobald Mathew** a Capuchin friar (Franciscan) is widely regarded as the “**Apostle of Temperance**” in Ireland. The Co Tipperary friar gained that title in the nineteenth century after he conducted a crusade against the abuse of alcohol.

Fr Mathew's call to sobriety has relevance to modern Ireland. The cost to the nation by way of, poor health, human suffering, abstention from work, criminality and social upheaval is inestimable.

*“Compassionate Lord and Saviour, you inspired the Capuchin Friar Fr. Theobald Mathew to show your compassionate face to those addicted and burdened by the abuse alcohol, or addicted behavior, and to promote temperance.*

*May we today, continue to serve our brothers and sisters with love and joy, and to foster balance, and moderation in our lifestyles with the help of God. So, we pray, “here goes in the name of God”. Amen.*

### Lenten Pack – ‘Our Journey through Lent’

A **Lenten Pack** of resource material has been prepared to help people to celebrate **Lent** based on the three pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting and alms giving. The pack which will be available at the church doors will include the following (1) A small envelope with Blessed Ashes from the morning Mass on Ash Wednesday. (2) A folded page with the Stations of the Cross. (3) A prayer card with prayers for children preparing for the sacraments this year.

The pack will be available for collection at the church doors on Ash Wednesday.

### Covid 19 Support Line

ALONE is the name of a support line for older people who have concerns relating to the virus **Covid 19**. Professional staff are available to answer queries, and give advice and reassurance when necessary. This service is open 7 days a week, 8.00am to 8.00pm. Phone 0818222024.

**Coffee Break:** “What did the coffee say to the cream?” “It’s really hard for me to espresso myself, but I love you a latte”