

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

## MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2023

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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: *Joseph Hopkins & Daniel Hopkins*

10.30am: *Shane Brennan*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Deceased members of the McCann family / Michael & Liam Farrell.* 10.30am: *Moira Connolly (Month's memory)*

Last weekend Collection: € 1790 *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 : *Anne McCann* 10.30 am. *Anne Devlin*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Cathy Murphy* 10.30 am. *Michelle Feeney*

### Feast Days

May 15<sup>th</sup>

St Isidore (1070-1130)

*Isidore was a Spanish farmer and he is the patron saint of farmers and of the city of Madrid. He is known for his care of the poor and the proper treatment of animals.*

May 19<sup>th</sup>

Dedication of St Mel's Cathedral

*On this date in 1856 St Mel's Cathedral was anointed with Chrism. The walls were marked again with Chrism at the rededication celebration on Sunday May 17 2015.2015.*

May 25<sup>th</sup>

Venerable Bede (672-735)

*He was abbot of the monastery of St Paul in Jarrow, Northumberland, England.*

## Mary

During the month of May we celebrate the feast of **Our Lady of Fatima**, (May 13<sup>th</sup>) **Mary Mother of the Church**, **The Visitation** (May 31<sup>st</sup>) and this year, **Pentecost Sunday** (May 28<sup>th</sup>) when **Mary** gathered with the apostles in prayer. But the whole month of **May** has been known as the month of **Mary** for centuries. (**Queen of the May**) A month dedicated to **Mary** has existed outside May from **15 August to 14 September** but at some point **Mary** and **May** combined and the tradition of crowning the statue of **Mary** with flowers representing her beauty and virtue became a great celebration. Whether we mark this month with an altar to her, crown her with flowers or with our own spiritual exercises or pray the rosary may we invite **Mary** and her example of courage and faith more deeply into our lives.

**Mother Teresa** once said ;' *If you ever feel distressed during your day- call upon our Lady – just say this simple prayer 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit- this prayer has never failed me.*

Paul Clayton-Lea

### First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is being celebrated on Saturday next at 12.00noon. There are **34 boys and girls** receiving the **Body of Christ** for the first time this year.

### Lough Derg- Bus

The pilgrimage season has begun. The one day retreats started on **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. The three day pilgrimages begins on **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. The **St Mel's pilgrimage** to Lough Derg is from June 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves from **Connolly Barracks** at 9.00am. To book a seat call **087 6613510**.

### Samaritans

Their free to call, **24 hour Confidential Line** is **116 123**.

