

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am. Tues. 9.00am. Wed. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *No special intention. 10.30am: Eileen McGee.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Margaret & Anthony Feeney. 10.30am. Mel Smith.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1390. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil:** *Eugene O'Brien 10.30am: Sean Devlin*

**E.Ms. Vigil:** *Anne Duke 10.30am: Liam Belton*

### **Feast Days**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** St Bonaventure (1221-1274)

*Bonaventure joined the Franciscan Order having been inspired by the life of St Francis of Assisi.*

**July 16<sup>th</sup>** Our Lady of Mount Carmel

*Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in Northern Israel. There they had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady.*

### **Study Theology by Distance Learning**

*The **Priory Institute**, a Dominican Centre for Theological Studies (**Tallaght**) is offering courses aimed at those who wish to study their Christian faith at an academic level with the intention of deepening their understanding of the central themes in Christian theology following the 800- year old **Dominican** tradition. **Delivery is through 'blended' learning, with a mixture of on site (Tallaght) and online study.** For further information call **01 4048124** or [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) See brochure at church doors.*

## **Who is My Neighbour?**

'**Who is my neighbour?** The lawyer asks **Jesus**. At first sight **Jesus** instead seems to tell him what it means to be a neighbor- to reach out and help. But in a subtle way he tells him who the neighbor is by making him not a fellow Jew but a foreigner, an outsider, a member of a despised ethnic group. In the battered bleeding man on the side of the road, the Samaritan sees not a Jew but a fellow human being who desperately needs his help. And he does what we all like to think we would have done in similar circumstances.

This story must have bothered those who heard it; it was threatening to them. **What about us?** The name Samaritan has no negative connotations for us. But think of other names of other races, other nationalities, other religions, other ethnic groups. Do any of them arouse negative feelings in you? If you feel no hostility at all to any of them, you are most unusual. It means you have grasped one of the central features of Jesus' message: that in the sight of God, differences of race, nationality, sex have no importance compared to our common humanity.

**Christianity is a universal religion. It teaches that all men and women are sons and daughters of God, members of one great big family, all equally deserving of our respect and concern.**

There is no place for prejudice, disrespect or discrimination.

**Fr James DiGiacomo SJ**

### **Bus to Croagh Patrick**

The last **Sunday of July (July 28<sup>th</sup>)** is the date for the annual pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick. A bus will be stopping in **Newtownforbes at 5.30am**. For further details and to book a seat call **086 0405621**.

### **Grow (Mental Health Movement)**

Grow meets every **Monday from 10.45am – 11.45am** in the Community **Mental Health Centre, Dublin Road, Longford**. If you are lonely, isolated or suffering from stress why not go along and learn a practical psychology of mental health. Contact: **086 8114153**.

### **Bingo**

Bingo is on today in the **Paddy Joe Murphy Sports Hall at 3.00pm**. The usual great prizes are on offer.

