

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues: 7.00pm **Wed:** 9.00am **Thurs:** 9.00am **Fri:** 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Ellen McManus / Lily Casey / Brendan and Carmel Forkan.

10.30am. Fran Martin/Tony O'Loughlin/ Michael & Bernadette O'Reilly.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Berney Crossan / Maura and Jim McCann and son Shane.

10.30am. Marie Heavey / Teresa Tubridy. (Months Memory).

Last weekend Collection (Including Holy Day) €1,992. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Ann McCann **10.30am.** Anne O'Brien

E.Ms. Vigil: Deirdre Houlihan **10.30am.** P J Bennett

Jan. 17th

St Anthony (251—356) Abbot

Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant struggle with the devil—the cross his constant means of power over evil Spirits. He is the “go to” saint when you lose something.

Do this in Memory

The first “Do this in Memory” Mass of 2017 is on Saturday (Vigil) next at 7.00pm.

Church Unity Service

This years' service takes place in St John's Church, Battery Road, Longford on Thursday January 19th at 7.30pm.

Stations of the Cross: *Would those who contributed financially to the refurbishment of the Stations of the Cross when the church was renovated in 2009 please contact Fr McGovern.*

Nasir's Story

Nasir left home in Afghanistan's Baghlan province seeking safety in Europe. He travelled to Iran by foot and in the back of smugglers' trucks.

At the border with Turkey he escaped the bullets of Iranian border guards, who killed seven people just behind him. He spent four days hiking in the mountains before arriving in Bulgaria, where he ran from gunshots again. It took him almost three weeks to cross that country, and most of it was spent in deep forest with little to eat and no shelter at night.

A smuggler left **Nasir** in Belgrade, and he waited for another smuggler to take him on the next leg of his journey to Germany. He joined a group of four others refugees who had a tent. This was the first piece of shelter he had since he began his journey. He was able to escape the cold and wet rain that night. Unfortunately, the tent could not sustain that many people sleeping in it, it was too camped, and **Nasir**, the smallest, was forced to leave by the others. He spent the night sitting in the rain, trying to stay warm.

Nasir is just eleven years old. He says he left home to escape for his life after an earthquake killed his parents. He is one of over 83,000 unaccompanied children making their way to Europe this year. Some are about to arrive in Balladereen, Co. Roscommon. in the coming days.

Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Scoil Mhuire Enrolment

Scoil Mhuire Newtownforbes is now (**Jan. 16th - Feb. 3rd**) enrolling pupils for September 2017. Please contact the school for an enrolment form. Tel: 043—3345220.

Senior Citizens Party

The party is in **Casey's Bar** on Sunday January 22nd from 3.00—6.00pm. There will be refreshments, live music and a raffle. For to arrange transport call Bernie at 086-1585349. All welcome.

Public Meeting

An information evening is been held in the Parish Hall, on **Saturday 21st of January at 4pm** to discuss the plans for a proposed retirement village to the rear of the premises formerly known as Bohan's Bar

