

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

*Mon. 9.00am Tues. 9.00am Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am.*

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Bridie Mahon / Jimmy & Alice Quinn. 10.30am: Bill Keighran*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Annie & Bertie Allen / Michael & Liam Farrell.*

**10.30am:** *William Murphy & deceased family members.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1,281 Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil:** *Geraldine McVeigh 10.30am: Patricia O'Brien*

**E.Ms. Vigil:** *Deirdre Houlihan 10.30am: Michelle Ghee*

### Feast Days

**October 17<sup>th</sup>**                      **St Ignatius of Antioch (Martyr)**

*St Ignatius was bishop of Antioch and died a martyr in Rome around the year 105. He was a leading figure in the early church.*

**October 18<sup>st</sup>**                      **St Luke (Evangelist)**

*St Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising **St Luke's Gospel** and **The Acts of the Apostles**. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch and St Paul calls him the "**the beloved physician**"*

### Station Masses

*Any home that would like to host a **Station Mass** during the month of **October** in their area, please contact Fr McGovern to set a date.*

### Do This In Memory

*We welcome the boys/girls and their families this evening to the enrolment ceremony for **First Holy Communion**. There are 34 in total.*

## We Are All Invited

When you think of your Christian faith, does it seem like an invitation to a happy celebration? For many people when they think of religion, that's the last thing that comes to mind. Those outside our faith often feel sorry for us. They see Catholics as limited by all sorts of rules and commandments, a killjoy faith.

In the story in today's gospel the king, who is God, invites the people to join his son, **Jesus**, at table, at a wedding celebration, to become his companion, to enter into communion with him. This is the great Christian calling, the great invitation that God extends to all men and women.

**There is joy at the heart of the Christian life.** That joyful, hopeful living that God calls us to is not a way of life that leaves us self-satisfied and smug. On the contrary a joyful and hopeful life will always overflow into service of others (love of neighbour). **With love in our hearts we are moved to bring joy where there is sadness, hope where there is despair, courage where there is fear, companionship to the lonely acceptance to those who have experienced rejection.**

This is the wedding garment that is referred to in today's gospel reading. Those who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb must dress accordingly, must live accordingly.

Each day we are invited to taste the joy and the hope of the gospel for ourselves and to become messengers of it to others.     **Fr. Martin Hogan.**

### Simon Community

The church gate collection next weekend is in aid of the Simon Community. The **Simon Community** is involved in helping those who are homeless.

### Parish Calendar 2018

We are always on the lookout for interesting photographs, either current or from the recent past. Contact **Fr. McGovern**.

### Calendar Sponsors

Having a sponsor for each month keeps down the cost. Enquiries to Fr McGovern.

### Bingo Today

Paddy Joe Murphy Hall @ 3.00pm. Usual great prizes to be won.