

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Tom McGoldrick (Months memory)

Pat & Margaret McCormack / Sean, Sarah & Anne Marie Ryan & deceased family members. 10.30am. Marie Heavey / James Reilly

Fri.: 9.00am. Alice & Laurence Lockwood & deceased family members.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: James & Prudence Flynn & deceased family members.

10.30am: Thomas O'Doherty.

Last weekend Collection: €1285. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Geraldine McVeigh	10.30am: Patricia Keenan
E.Ms. Vigil: James Quinn	10.30am: Elizabeth Moore

Feast Days

Dec. 18th St Flannan

St Flannan, who lived in the seventh century, was a son of a king of Thomand (Limerick). He was a bishop and is patron of the diocese of Killaloe.

Do This in Memory

Welcome to all who have come for the Do This in Memory Mass this evening.

Christmas Mass Times

The vigil Mass for Christmas will be at 9.00pm and Christmas day Mass times will be 9.00am & 11.00am.

Parish Calendar 2020

The calendar is on sale in the sacristy and the local shops. Price €3.

Gaudete (Rejoice)

Today is known as **Gaudete Sunday**- Gaudete means 'rejoice'. In our churches the rose coloured candle is lit on the Advent wreath to symbolize joy. Today's readings bring out this joyful anticipation of the Lord's coming. The people of Jesus' time would have been familiar with Isaiah's talk of 'everlasting joy and gladness'. And Jesus tells us: *'Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me'.*

It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, God becoming man, the Good News announced by **John the Baptist** in today's gospel. We have reason to be happy- lets make this Gaudete Sunday a real celebration.

Triona Doherty- Intercom magazine

Penance Services

Our Penance Service for Christmas is on **Thursday next Dec. 19th at 7.30pm.** About the Sacrament of Reconciliation **Pope Francis** says..... *"Don't be afraid of Confession.....when someone is waiting for Confession one might feel embarrassedbut when after Confession one leaves feeling free, great, beautiful, forgiven, happy...."*

Also, Drunmlish on Wed. @ 7.30pm, Killoe on Mon. Dec. 23rd and all - day Christmas eve in St Mel's Cathedral.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Niall O'Reilly**, Castle Inn, and **Siobhan Cunningham**, Longford, who were married in St Mel's Cathedral on Saturday last. We wish the newly - weds every blessing in the times ahead.

Shane Brennan 5K, St Stephen's Day (1.00pm. / Walk 12.45.)

Preparations for the race are at an advanced stage. The designated charity is the **Ollie Cox (Clondra) Rehabilitation Fund.**

Meals on Wheels

Longford Social Services Christmas church gate collection is on this weekend. Social Services provide Meals on Wheels, transport to and from hospitals and clinics. **Please support.**

Longford CCE

Longford CCE wish to thank all who attended the launch of **Leabhar Fonn.** Classes resume on January 11 & 15.

