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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm. Tues 9.00am. Wed 9.00am & 7.00pm Thurs 9.00am.

Fri 9.00am. Thursday 9.00am : Ben, Christine and Mark Hughes.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention.* **10.30am:** *No special intention.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention.* **10.30am:** *Joe & Agnes O'Brien & deceased family members / Betty Rogers & deceased members of the Rogers & Doherty families / John Burke & Jim McDonald.*

Last weekend Collection: €1107. *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 7.00pm: *Anne Marie Williams* **10.30am:** *Anne O'Brien*
E.Ms. – Vigil: *Cathy Murphy* **10.30 am:** *Michelle Feeney*

Feast Days

Feb 18th

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten season. There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday, 9.00am and 7.00pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed after both Masses. There will be Mass each day during Lent.

Trocaire boxes are at the church doors. Please take one home.

The Trocaire box contains a lot of information about the work of Trocaire through the world which is well worth reading. The collection is taken up on Holy Thursday and the days that follow.

Temperance

Today is Temperance Sunday. Temperance is one of the **Cardinal virtues** along with **Prudence, Justice** and **Fortitude**. They guide behavior, intellect and character.

Pope Francis had this to say about **Temperance**. “We need to learn the ancient lesson that is found in many religious traditions, even in the **Bible**. It is the conviction that ‘*less is more*’. A constant flow of new consumer goods can confuse the heart and prevent us from cherishing everything we have. On the other hand, if we are serenely present to all realities, however small they may be, we leave ourselves open to greater depth of understanding and personal fulfilment. Christian spirituality suggests both **moderation** and the capacity to be happy with little: a return to simpler ways, a chance to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities that life affords us, to be spiritually detached from our possessions and not succumb to sadness for what we lack.”

Mary's Meals – Thanks

The recent church gate collection came to **€455**. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

Senior Citizens

A social - get together for senior citizens is on in **Casey's lounge** today (Sunday).starting at 3.00pm. There will be food, music and a raffle for charity.

Adoration

There is Eucharistic Adoration each **Wednesday** from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. All are welcome to this very special time of prayer.

Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. This is a twenty four hour service.

Alcoholics Anonymous

St Mel's Family Centre Meeting times – **Tuesdays & Thursdays** 1.00pm; **Wednesday** and **Saturday** at 8pm; **Sunday** @ 11.30am