

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon.: 7.00pm Tues. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Mary & Peter Gallagher. 10.30am: Mary McGrath.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Kitty & Hughie Flynn. 10.30am: Elizabeth McVeigh.*

Last weekend Collection: €760.00. *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: Anne McCann.	10.30 am: Fionuala Carty.
E.Ms. - Vigil: Garry Hughes.	10.30 am: Joanne Quinn.

Feast Days

Aug. 17th Our Lady of Knock

Aug. 20 St Bernard (1090-1153)

He was made abbot of the Cistercian monastery of Clairvaux (France) in 1115. He is the patron saint of Gibraltar.

Aug. 21st St Pius X

St Pius was pope from 1903-1914. He encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion, to which he admitted young children.

Aug.: 22nd The Queenship of Mary

During the middle ages Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed the feast for the universal church at the close of the Marian Year in 1954. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary's Queenship with the Assumption.

Live in the Present

'Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within could be. Give Our Lord the benefit believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete'

These beautiful words from the French philosopher **Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ** speak to the sometimes-tortuous experience of waiting. In it the author gives us the permission to not have all the answers, to allow our faith time to grow and develop. Above all he invites us to do that most difficult of things: live in the present moment, and surrender ourselves to God in that moment.

This poem comes to mind as I think about today's celebration of the **Feast of the Assumption**, when we recall **Mary's** role in the life of **Jesus**. In today's gospel we meet **Mary**, pregnant and celebrating with her cousin **Elizabeth**. Given the circumstances, it would be understandable if she was unsure and fearful. Her future is uncertain, as is that of her soon-to-be-born son. She cannot yet comprehend the enormity of what is to come. But **Mary** seems content to wait. When **Elizabeth** proclaims Mary as 'blessed' **Mary** bursts into prayer praising God for his greatness and for '*looking upon his lowly handmaid*'. In modern times it is a lesson in mindfulness. When we find ourselves impatient, struggling to comprehend or to trust God's ways, let us turn to **Mary** who accepted God's plan with trust and hope, allowing it all to unfold one step at a time.

Trina Doherty – Intercom.

Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Gerald Farrell**, Curry Lodge, Newtownforbes, whose funeral was on Saturday. May he **Rest in Peace**.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Saturday **October 2nd** has been set as the date for the celebration of **First Holy Communion**. No date has been set for the celebration of the sacrament of **Confirmation**. A date will be set when the school reopens, in **September**.

