

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special intention. 10.30am.: Sean & Winnie Manning.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *John McLoughlin / Jim & Betty McGarry & deceased family members / Mary McGoey.*

10.30am: *Gerard McGrath & parents Murtagh & Margaret McGrath.*

Last weekend Collection: €1443. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Anne McCann</i>	10.30am: <i>Laura Hussey</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Garry Hughes</i>	10.30am: <i>Patricia Donegan</i>

Feast Days

Sept. 16th **Ss Cornelius (pope) & Cyprian (bishop) Martyrs**

They were martyred in Rome back in the third century.

Sept. 20th **Ss Andrew Kim & Paul Chong**

They are known as the Korean Martyrs. They died during the persecution of the church in Korea, 1839-1867.

Sept. 21st **St Matthew (Apostle & Evangelist)**

Matthew was a tax collector. He is said to have been a missionary to Persia & Ethiopia. He patron saint of accountants and the Collector General.!

Mission Appeal

Holy Ghost Fathers mission appeal three weekends ago got a good response. A total sum of €887 was collected. The Holy Ghost Fathers wish to thank to all who contributed.

Bus to Knock: *The Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday Sept 29th. Bus leaves Ballymahon St. at 10.00am. Booking 086 0405621.*

The Grace of God

What this weekend's gospel stories have in common (the Shepherd & Lost Sheep & The Prodigal Son) is that both brought the lost home. Jesus is saying, this is what God is about and this is what I am about. He also seems to be saying that 'repentance', coming home, is much more about allowing ourselves to be found by a searching God than it is about anything we do ourselves. Yes, we have a role to play- the son staggered in the direction of home-however, our role is tiny in comparison to God's role. Our coming home to God, coming to our senses, is the work of God, above all; it is the work of **grace**. Our part consists of allowing God's grace to work in us.

St Paul was very aware of this from his own experience. In the second reading, he declares that he was the greatest of sinners because of all he had done to injure and discredit the faith. Yet he goes on to say, '**The grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus**' God's searching love embraces those who are lost, calling on them to come in from the cold.

Martin Hogan

Diocesan Assembly

The first meeting of the **Diocesan Assembly** took place in St Mel's Pastoral Centre today (Saturday). There were five delegates representing Clonguish Parish. Theme is "**Shaping the Future with Hope**" The next meeting is on Saturday November 23rd.

Newtownforbes Cardiac First Responders

The **AGM** is on Monday September 16th in the **Ralph Room** at 8.00pm.

Active Retirement

The Clonguish Active Retirement Group has resumed meetings, after the summer break, in **Casey's Bar** on each Thursday. Meetings are from 2.00pm-4.00pm. New members are always welcome.

Alzheimer Society

Church Gate collection is on weekend. September 21/22.

Pro-Life Meeting

In John Browne's Bar, Longford, on Thursday Sept. 19th at 8.30pm.

Bingo: Bingo is on today (Sunday) at 3.00pm in the Paddy Joe Murphy Sports Hall. The usual great prizes are on offer.

