

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Brendan & Carmel Forkan / Bernard, Catherine & Eileen Rudden. 10.30am: Michael & Bernadette O'Reilly and their son James who died recently in America.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Tommy Williams / Karen Curran. 10.30am: Teresa Murphy.*

Last weekend Collection: €1230.00. *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: *Liam Madden. 10.30 am: Patricia O'Brien.*

E.Ms. - Vigil: *Anne Duke. 10.30am: Joanne Quinn.*

Feast Days

Jan. 17th St Anthony (Abbot)

St Anthony died in 356. Often referred to as the 'Father of Monasticism', he lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits. He is the saint you pray if you want to find something you lost

Jan. 21st St Agnes (Martyr)

Agnes was from a wealthy family. She was martyred at a very young age, twelve or thirteen in 258 during the last persecution in Rome. The daughter of the Emperor Constantine built a basilica in her honour. Agnes, is a Greek word meaning 'pure'.

Mass Readers

Please call to the sacristy to collect your **St Paul Sunday Missal** for 2022.

The Wedding at Cana

In the Gospel reading today, **Jesus**, his mother and his disciples are present at a wedding at **Cana**. According to the **Gospel of John**, the first of the signs or miracles of **Jesus** takes in the context of a wedding and the last of his signs takes place in the context of a funeral, the death of his friend **Lazarus**. Jesus was present to his people in times of joyful celebration and in times of harrowing grief. *The Lord is powerfully present to us in those times that engage us to the very depths of our being, times of new beginning and of significant transition.*

That is why many of the sacraments of the church mark those key moments of our existence: **Baptism** for the moment of birth and new life; **Confirmation** for the moment when we pass out of childhood into adolescence; **Marriage** and **Ordination** for those moments of commitment that shape the remainder of our lives and the lives of others; the **Sacrament of the Sick** for the moments we are brought face to face with our physical vulnerability, our mortality. The remaining two sacraments, **Eucharist** and **Penance**, are not so much for those special experiences of life. They are given to us for our day to day living.

The story of the **Wedding at Cana** reminds us that **Jesus** is present to us at all the significant moments of our lives and his presence makes all the difference in the world. **Fr Martin Hogan**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This annual week of prayer extends from January 18th to January 25th.

The theme this year is *'we have seen the star in the East and we have come to worship him'* It was prepared by the Middle Eastern Council of Churches based in Beirut.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic School's Week begins next Sunday. The highlight each year is always Grandparent's Day. More details next week.