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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: No special intention. **10.30am:** Michael & Eva McCann. **Mon 7.00pm:** Molly & Tommy Sharkey / Alice & Laurence Lockwood.

Tues 7.00pm: Libra Borza Macari.
ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: James & Kathleen Farrell / Elizabeth Caslin. **10.30am**: Henry Ellis (month's memory)/ John & Patrick McGivney & deceased family members / James & Mary Mulfaul.

Last weekend Collection: €1405 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: Clodagh McCann. 10.30am: Anne Devlin. E.Ms. – Vigil: Cathy Murphy. 10.30 am: Michelle Feeney.

Feast Days

Nov 17th

St Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231)

Elizabeth was queen at fourteen, widowed at twenty, and a Franciscan novice until her deathat twenty four. She was a woman of prayer and service to the poor.

Nov 21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgim Mary

Nov 22nd St Cecilia (third century martyr in Rome)

Cecilia is the patroness of music and musicians. According to tradition she refused to worship a Roman god and was beheaded.

Lists of the Dead

People are invited to make a list of their deceased loved ones and to place the list in the **box in the sanctuary**. They will be prayed for during Masses in the month of **November**.

Red Wednesday

You have heard of **Black Friday**. It's the Friday after Thanksgiving in America, the last Friday in November. This is the day retailers make many special offers. Store owners hope to go from being 'in the red' to being 'in the black'

Now we have another day with a colour; **Red Wednesday**. This is the day set aside by the Church to remind us of the fact that throughout the world, catholics / Christians are being persecuted because of their religion. This persecution is happening mostly in the **Middle East** and **Africa**.

Red signifies blood. In some countries catholics / Christians are living in fear, churches are being burned, and worshipers being martyred because of their faith.

The readings at Mass this weekend speak of trials and endurance. In the Gospel Jesus foretells the destruction of the **Temple** in **Jerusalem**, and warns of persecution in the times ahead. He urges the disciples to persevere.

Today we pray for all Christians who are suffering because of their beliefs and ask the Lord to support us when we are slighted or ridiculed because of our faith.

Remembrance Mass

The 10.30am Mass next Sunday, the feast day of Christ the King will be a Remembrance Mass where we pray for the happy repose of the souls of all those from the parish who passed away since this time last year.

Envelope Boxes

The boxes for **2026** are ready for distribution. We are very grateful to those who distribute the boxes each year.

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** @ 1pm; **Wednesday** and **Saturday** at 8pm; **Sunday** @ 11.30am.