

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Nan Faichney / Patrick & Margaret McCormack.

10.30am. Peter & Patricia Mimmagh / Maria Heavey / Thomas O'Doherty.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

No special intentions

Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **James Reilly, Clonellan, whose funeral was on Saturday. May he Rest in Peace.***

Last weekend Collection: €1685 (including the holyday) Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Geraldine McVeigh	10.30am: Laura Hussey
E.Ms. Vigil: James Quinn	10.30am: Patricia Donegan

Feast Days

Dec. 16th St Peter Canisius (1521-1597)

*A teacher and writer, **Peter** established many schools in Germany.*

Penance Service

*A Penance Service for Christmas will be held on **Tuesday December 18th** at 7.00pm. On Monday there will be a Penance Service in **Ennybegs** at 7.00pm. and on Wednesday in **Drumlish**, also at 7.00pm.*

*Christmas is a good time to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.***

Do This in Memory:

*A warm welcome to all the children and their families who have come to the **Do This in Memory Mass** this evening (Saturday).*

The Reason for the Season

In the lead up to Christmas we often get caught up in a flurry of busyness. True much of the joy of Christmas comes from giving and thinking of others, but there is so much focus on material goods and spending money that it can be difficult to remember the good news at the heart of the season

Today is **Gaudete Sunday**, Gaudete means “**Rejoice**”. It’s a perfect time to recapture some of the quiet joy that **Pope Francis** talks about. “**The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus**” he tells us. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas. God becoming man, the **Good News** announced by **John the Baptist** in today’s gospel. This is the reason for our joy- the reason for the season.

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Trocaire Christmas appeal

In **Yemen** people are facing the worst famine in a century, with 5 million at risk of starvation. In **South Sudan**, 4 million have had to leave their homes and 7 million are in need of food aid. **Trocaire’s Christmas Appeal** focuses on providing food and support to people in countries such as these. If you wish to make a donation this Christmas please visit the Trocaire web site, www.trocaire.org/christmas.

Bishop Francis Duffy

Servers Practice

Part two of the training programme for new altar servers will be held in the church on **Thursday next at 6.00pm**. All servers must be accompanied by an adult.

Christmas Mass Times

Mass times for Christmas are as follows: Christmas Night **9.00pm**, Christmas Day **9.00am** and **11.00am**.

Parish Calendar – 2019

The parish calendar for 2019 is now on sale in the local shops and in the sacristy. **Price is €3.**

Longford County Choir

A Christmas Celebration Concert will be held this Sunday in St Mel’s Cathedral starting at 7.30pm. **Tickets €10**, at the door.

Social Services- Meals on Wheels- Transport Services

Church gate collection is being taken up this weekend. Please support.

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