

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: Ben Hughes / Deceased members of the Nolan family.

10.30am: No special intention.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Joseph & Agnes O'Brien / Imy & John P Underwood.

10.30am. Betty Rogers and deceased members of the Rogers & Doherty families. / J P McGlynn / John Burke & Jim McDonald.

Last weekend Collection: €1295. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Clodagh McCann	10.30am: Patricia Keenan
E.Ms. Vigil: Geraldine Halpin	10.30am: Elizabeth Moore

Feast Days

Feb. 17th

St Fintan

He is mostly associated with **Co Laois**. Where he founded an abbey at Clonenagh. He died in 603.

Feb. 22nd

The Chair of St Peter (Apostle)

This ancient feast relates to an early Roman custom at this time of the year of remembering ancestors of the family. This feast day celebrates St Peter as bishop of Rome.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian Community, **Johnny Michael Flanagan**, Curryline Close, on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his parents.

Do This in Memory

Welcome to the boys and girls and their families who have come to the **Do This in Memory Mass** is this Saturday.

The Bare Minimum

There are times when we try to get by with the bare minimum. Maybe we have scraped through an exam with the minimum of effort.

Perhaps unconsciously, we sometimes take the same approach to our relationships- only phoning a parent once in a blue moon to 'check in' or visiting a friend only when we are reminded. **It can be easy to slip into a pattern of acting out of a sense of duty rather than love.**

Of course, our faith can go the same way. Are there times when we approach the Eucharist with a niggling feeling that something is not right? If so, Jesus has some strong words for us in today's gospel. If we believe that all we are expected to do is '**follow the rules,**' we have missed something important. **Jesus** does not want us to merely follow the letter of the law. Where is the joy or the challenge in that? He tells us that our virtue must go deeper than simply doing the mere minimum. Not only must we not kill, we must not be angry with others. Not only must we not break a promise, we must be honest in all our dealings and in our speech. If we approach the altar without being on good terms with others, we are not in true communion with God. Obeying the rules is the bare minimum. The gospel is calling us to a more radical way of living.

Triona Doherty - Intercom Magazine.

Festival of Faith

This Festival of Faith is on each **Thursday** in **St Mel's Cathedral** at 7.30pm for the next four weeks. This Thursday the speaker at the Mass is **Martin Kennedy** and the title of her talk is "*Are we open to the fruits of the Diocesan Assembly*"

CASA (Caring and Sharing Association)

Their church gate collection is on this weekend, Feb. 15/16. Please support.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The dates are **May 29th to June 3rd**. The cost for the fully inclusive. Five nights is **€749**. To book please contact **Joe Walsh Tours**, 143 Lower Baggot Street Dublin 2. **Phone- 01 2410812**.

Lourdes Church Gate Collection

This collection realized **€670**. Thanks to all who contributed. The money collected helps to fund the assisted pilgrims on the diocesan pilgrimage to **Lourdes**.

