

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER
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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Bernard & Christine Hughes & their son Mark.*

10.30am: *Betty Rogers & deceased members of the Rogers & Doherty families. Fri 7.00pm: John Sorohan (Month's memory)*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *J P & Mary McGlynn & deceased family members. / Tommie, Eva & Pdraigh Lenehan. 10.30am: John Burke & Jim McDonnell / Kitty Quinn & deceased family members.*

Last weekend Collection: €1580. *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 10.30am: Anne O'Brien*
E.Ms. – Vigil: *Cathy Murphy 10.30 am: Michelle Feeney*

Feast Days.

Feb 21st

Peter Damian (1007-1072)

Peter was the cardinal-bishop of Ostia (Italy). His great mission was to try to restore discipline among the clergy which at this time in the Church was at a low ebb.

Feb 22

The Chair of Peter

This feast commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant authority of the whole Church.

Baptisms

We welcomed into the christian community last weekend, James Arthur Denniston, Shrygarrow and Natalia Alicja Hawrylo Main Street, Newtownforbes. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and on their parents.

Forgiveness

When Jesus asks us to love one our enemies, he does not mean that this person should become one of my best friends. **Jesus** understands that forgiving is first a decision. However it is also a process.

The path to forgiveness may take a long time, and understandably so. However we have to choose to take the first step. No one can force us to take this step; we are the only ones who can make this decision. And in reality it may take a long time before we are ready and willing to begin the process of forgiveness.

Jesus does'nt ask for miracles nor does he want '*play*' forgiveness. He continually invites us not only to free the individual who wounded us, but also to free ourselves from the pain, anger and hurt that binds us. **Jesus** is patient and yet persistent. He continually invites us and calls us to forgive. Perhaps today we can take one small step in this decision.

Kristina Anne Harpenau O S B

Celebrating Marriage

All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this **Jubilee Year (5, 10, 15, 20, silver jubilee etc)** are welcomed to the vigil Mass this Saturday **February 15th**. for a special blessing.

Pope Francis has a refrain he often uses when speaking with families and married couples, listing the three most important words in a marriage: '*May I - Thank you*' and '*Im sorry*' He also exhorts married couples "*After every argument don't let the day end without making peace*" This is very much in keeping with the message of the **Gospel** this weekend, the importance of forgiveness.

The Samaritans

Their free to call **Confidential Line** number is **116 123**. This is a twenty four service.

