

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm. *No special intention. Sun.10.30: Frank & Angela Beirne & deceased family members. / Mary Duke.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm : *Jack & Maureen O'Brien, their son Fr Pat & Annie Coffee.*

Last weekend Collection: €1920. 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: *Geraldine McVeigh 10.30 am. Andrew Hanly*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Al Yorke 10.30 am. Michelle Ghee*

Feast Days

April 21st

St Anselm (1033-1109)

As Archbishop of Canterbury, he was one of the leading theologians of his time.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian Community on Holy Saturday, Pdraic Francis Hurson, Lamagh and Fintan Patrick Concannon, Dublin/Castle Park. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and their families.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is from June 2-june 7. For information call Margaret @ 086 3918577

The cost is €879 per person. The return flights are from Knock airport

Doubting Thomas

Like Thomas, we can struggle to identify fully with those whose faith seems so much more assured than ours. The prayer of one of the minor Gospel characters, '*Lord, I believe, help my unbelief*' (father of a boy Jesus cured), may find a ready place in our hearts. Today's Gospel reading assures us that the Lord understands a doubting, questioning faith. When the Lord appeared to Thomas he did not rebuke him. His first words to Thomas were '*peace be with you*'. He invited Thomas to touch his wounds as he had requested, and then called on him to '*doubt no longer but believe*'

The Gospel reading does not state that Thomas actually touched the wounds of Jesus. Seeing the risen Lord was enough to dispel his doubt. Then out of the mouth of the great sceptic came one of the complete professions of faith in the four Gospels, '*My Lord and my God*'. We are being reminded that serious doubt and great faith can reside in the one and the same person. If we remain true to our spiritual search, the Lord has his own way to meet each of us and to invite us. He invited Thomas, to '*doubt no longer but believe*'

Martin Hogan

Ceremony of Light

The Ceremony of Light for Confirmation is on Thursday at 7.00pm. Confirmation is on Friday April 28th.

Samaritans

Their free to call, 24 hour Confidential Line is 116 123.

Gambling Therapy

For free confidential advice for those with a gambling problem call 086 0597441

Eddie Stone

Eddie Stone will conduct a healing service in St Mary's church, Newtownforbes on Friday April 21st at 7.00pm.