

CLONGUISSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Tony Corcoran.*

10.30am. *Mick & Mae Barden / John & Brigid Ghee.*

Fri. 7.00pm: *Margaret Feeney.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Peggy White (Months Memory) 10.30am. Mel Smith.*

Last weekend Collection: €1,174. **Thank you.**

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Colleen McHale</i>	10.30am <i>Patricia Keenan</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Al Yorke</i>	10.30am. <i>P J Bennett</i>

Feast Day

July 22th

St Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene was one of the many “who were assisting Jesus and the Twelve out of their means.” She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all “official” witnesses that might have been chosen for the first awareness of the resurrection, she was the one to whom the privilege was given.

Knock Shrine Counselling Service

This is an opportunity to discuss difficult or challenging life issues in a caring and confidential environment, one to one. No appointment necessary. There is no charge.

Times: Thursday 10.00am-5.00pm, Friday 2.00pm-5.00pm, Saturday & Sunday: 11.00am-5.00pm.

Sowing seeds

In this Sunday’s gospel story **Jesus** tells a story in which both failure and success feature. The sower who goes out to sow the seed meets with both. Much of what he scatters on the ground is wasted. There are a whole variety of obstacles impeding his work, the birds, the rocks, the thorns. He knows he has to make allowances for them, but they do not stop him casting the seed. He is confident that despite all these obstacles and the inevitable failure that results, some of the seed will take root and mature, and that, at the end of the day there will be a harvest to bring in.

When **Jesus** originally told this story, he was speaking about himself and his work. He was the sower who scattered the seed of God’s word. Much of what he did met with little or no response from people. What he had to say very often fell on deaf ears; what he did was often misunderstood.

When we are engaged in something worthwhile, and things are going against us we could probably find all kinds of reasons why we should pull back or give up.

In such circumstances the Lord may be calling us to be faithful to the good work we are doing. It was **Mother Teresa** who said that the Lord does not ask us to be successful but to be faithful. When we look around us we can see examples of that kind of fidelity in the face of huge odds.

Martin Hogan—Jesus Our Teacher.

Croagh Patrick—Bus

Sunday July 30th is **Reek Sunday**. Special bus will stop in Newtownforbes at **5.30am**. To book a seat call 086 0405621.

St Teresa of Calcutta—Relics

The relics will arrive in **St Mel’s Cathedral** on Monday July 31 and be there until August 2nd.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to **Nessa O’Brien**, Lamagh, and **Donal McElvaney**, Coolarty, who were married in **Rome** on Tuesday. We wish the newly-weds every blessing.

VMM- Thank: Recent church gate collection brought in €250. Thanks.

Famine Collection

Severe drought, driven by climate change, is affecting Kenya, South Sudan, and Ethiopia and has resulted in failed crops and widespread death of livestock. There will be a Trocaire collection next weekend.

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