

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Tues 9.00am. Fri 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *Brigid & John Ghee.*

10.30am: *Bernie Earley, Mary Jane & Frank Earley Michael & Hanna Mulervy.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Anthony & Margaret Feeney / Rudy DeVincenzo & son Hugh / Larry & Peggy McGlynn.* 10.30am: *Eileen McGee.*

Last weekend Collection: €1280. 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* 10.30 am: *Anne o'Brien.*

E.Ms. – Vigiiil: *Garry Hughes* 10.30 am: *Sarah McCormack*

Feast Days

July 22nd

Mary Magdalene

Except for Mary mother of Jesus, few women are more honoured in the bible than Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene was one of the many “who assisted 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 the “official” witnesses that might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to which the priveledge was given.

Sowing the Seed

As with the farmer in today’s gospel, much of what Jesus scattered was lost: his teaching and preaching: it met with little or no response from his listeners. Indeed his gracious words often met with hostility. Yet, **Jesus** knew that some people were taking his words to heart and that would be enough to bring about **God’s Kingdom.**

In speaking this parable, **Jesus** may have been speaking a word of encouragement to his disciples, saying to them, “*Despite all the setbacks, the opposition and hostility, God is at work and that work will lead to something wonderful*’ In other words the seed is good and powerful. Despite, against the odds, we must keep sowing.

We are as much in need of **Jesus’** encouraging words today as the disciples were then.

Mission Appeal

Next weekend, **Fr Pat Byrne S V D** (Divine Word) will speak at the Masses as part of the Divine Word mission appeal.

Basket Collection

We hope to resume the basket collection at Mass after an absence of over three years due to the virus. A rota is being drawn up at the moment and should be available in a week’s time. The new rota is based the same collectors from before the pandemic. If anyone would like to be dropped from the new rota please contact **Fr McGovern.**

Croagh Patrick

Sunday July 30th is ‘**Reek Sunday**’. A bus to Croagh Patrick will leave the village at **5.30am** and be at the cathedral carpark at 5.40am. To book a seat call **086 0405621.**

Readers Rota

Readers, please call to the sacristy and collected it after **Mass.**

Samaritans

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

