

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Hughie & Kitty Flynn / Mary & Peter Gallagher.*

**10.30am:** *Elizabeth McVeigh / Mary McGrath.*

**Mon.:** 7.00pm.: *John & Peig & John (Jnr) Houlihan.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *No special intention. 10.30am: No special intention.*

**Last weekend Collection: €680.00. Thank you.**

		Next Weekend
Readers—Vigil:		10.30am:
E.Ms. Vigil:		10.30am:

### Feast Days

**Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Lady of Knock**

*There is no Knock novena this year because of the pandemic.*

**Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**St Bernard (1090-1153)**

*He was a Cistercian monk and was chosen Abbot of the famous monastery of Clairvaux in 1115.*

**Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>**

**St Pius X (Pope) 1835-1914.**

*He was a **Franciscan** who died in **Auschwitz** sacrificing his life so that another prisoner could go free.*

**Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*During the **Middle Ages** **Mary** was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of **Mary's** queenship with the Assumption.*

**Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**St Rose of Lima (1586-16170).**

### God of Surprises

In today's gospel **Jesus** is completely taken by surprise by a very determined mother, a pagan whose child is sick. **Jesus** didn't expect to find such strong faith in the region of **Tyre** and **Sidon**, a predominately pagan area. Like **Jesus**, we can find ourselves going to a place where we don't expect much to happen or, maybe, meeting up with people from whom we don't expect to learn much. Having gone to this place, having met these people, we discover that, in fact, we learn something very important. I think we learn the very important lessons in life when we are not trying to learn anything. **The really significant human encounters in our lives, the ones that have most to teach us, are often not the ones we have planned or organized for ourselves, but the ones that just happen without our having done anything to make them happen.** We can receive as much from the unexpected interruptions as from what we have carefully arranged.

God can touch our lives in places we would not normally associate with God, and at times when God might be the furthest thing from our minds.

Fr Martin Hogan

### Confirmation 2020

There are **49** candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation this year. The celebration with **Bishop Francis Duffy** was due to be held on **Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>** but was cancelled for obvious reasons. The ceremony is now on **Friday** next **August 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Because of the restricted numbers there are **3** celebrations on **Friday**. The first is at **12.00noon**, followed by one at **2.00pm** and **4.00pm**. The celebrant, in the absence of the bishop, will be the parish priest.

### Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities

This is a big source of income for the parish each year. If you got a form to sign please do so and return it to the **Parochial House**. Most people are already signed in and have not received this form.

### Thanks

Thanks to all the parishoners who have been returning their weekly, Easter dues and Pentecost dues envelopes over the last number of weeks.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings take place every **Tues.** and **Thurs.** at 1.00pm and each **Sunday** at **11.30am.** in the **Family Centre, St Mel's Road, Longford.** Anyone who feels the need to attend is most welcome.

