

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: 10.30pm:

Last weekend Collection: € 892. Thank you.

### On Line contributions

IBAN: IE34 AIBK 9321 4026 9364 22 (BIC: AIBKIE2D)

A number of people have inquired about contributing to the weekly envelope and the dues collections on line. To do so you need the above details. The Parish of Clonguish A/C is with the A I B bank, Longford.

	Next Weekend
Readers – Vigil:	10.30 am
E.Ms. - Vigil:	10.30 am

### Feast Days

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>

St Anthony

St Anthony died in 365. He is referred to as the 'Father of Monasticism'. He lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits.

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>

St Agnes

Born into a wealthy family in fourth century Rome, Agnes was martyred for her faith during the last persecution of Christians there.

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

St Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

As the bishop of Geneva, Francis helped to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation.

Today marks the start of Catholic Schools Week.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Today, Sunday, marks the start of the week of prayer for Christian Unity. The Christian family is divided into many denominations, Catholics, Protestants etc. This is not how Jesus wanted it to be. His prayer was '*May they all be one so that they world may believe*'

The purpose of the Week of Prayer is to promote better understanding among Christians of all denominations.

### The theme

The theme of this year's Week of Prayer is summed up in the words of Jesus, '*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*'. The theme was chosen by the monastic community of **Grandchamp**, Boundy, in French speaking Switzerland. This monastic community brings together sisters from different churches and various countries. Their website says "*Our ecumenical vocation commits us on a path of reconciliation among Christians and within the human family*" The community consists of about 50 sisters.

### 'The building may be closed but the Kingdom is open'

These are the words you will see outside all Church of Ireland churches at this time reminding us of the pandemic and of the fact that we cannot gather for communal worship. These words are well chosen. Our faith isn't confined to buildings. As baptized Catholics we are all called to be '**Workers for the Kingdom**'. What is this Kingdom? The answer is best found in the Preface of the Mass for the feast of Christ the King. It says "As King he claims dominion over all creation, that he may present to you, his heavenly Father, an eternal and universal Kingdom: **a Kingdom of truth and life, a Kingdom of holiness and grace, a Kingdom of justice, love and peace.** That sums up our calling as Christians.

### Covid 19 Support Line

ALONE is the name of a support line for older people who have concerns relating to the virus **Covid 19**. Professional staff are available to answer queries, and give advice and reassurance when necessary. This service is open 7 days a week, 8.00am to 8.00pm. Phone 0818222024.