

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Jimmy & Alice Quinn / Chris Egan / Bridie Mahon.

10.30am: Bill Keighran. Fri. 7.00pm: Francis Quinn (month's memory).

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Mary McGinn / Christine & Ben Hughes & son Mark.

10.30am: Thomas Corcoran.

Last weekend Collection: €742.00. *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: Anne McCann.

10.30 am: Patricia O'Brien.

E.Ms. - Vigil: Geraldine Halpin.

10.30am: Michelle Ghee.

### Feast Days

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>

St Luke (Evangelist)

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the *New Testament*, a two-volume work comprising the third *Gospel* and the *Acts of the Apostles*.

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>

St John Paul II (pope)

He was pope from October 1978-April 2005. He visited Ireland from September 29 October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1979. to October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1979. He was canonized a saint in April 2014.

### Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community on Saturday last, (1) Hailey Robyn Lee, Lisnaboe/Maynooth and (2) Laoi Maria Barrins, Lisnaboe and Leixlip. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and on their families.

### Greatness- what is it?

The boxer **Muhammad Ali**, or **Cassius Clay** as he was known before, had a habit of saying '**I am the greatest**'. No one took exception to this statement because it was generally acknowledged that among heavy weight boxers he was indeed the greatest. But he wasn't taking himself too seriously.

The question '**Who is the greatest?**' is never far from us. An even more significant question is '**in what does greatness consist?**'

It is only when we have answered the question, '**In what does greatness consist?**' that the question, '**Who is the greatest?**' can be answered. **Jesus** defines greatness by his self-emptying love of others. As he declared at the end of today's gospel reading, he came not to be served but to give his life as a ransom for others. **St Paul** captures this truth about Jesus when he says of him that '**he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant**'. The truly great people among us are those who serve others in a selfless way, without looking for anything in return.

We can all identify such people in our own minds. If we encountered such people during our lives, we will have been greatly blessed by them. There will have been occasions in our own lives when we will have risen to this form of greatness. These are the times when we give ourselves to others at some cost to ourselves, without there being any obvious benefit to ourselves. Today's gospel reading suggests that such selfless service of others didn't come easy to the disciples and it doesn't always come easy to us either.

*Fr Martin Hogan*

### Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls who were Confirmed today (Saturday). May the Holy spirit be a source of strength and inspiration throughout their lives.

