

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am Tues. 9.00am. Wed. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Ben Hughes / Joe & Agnes O'Brien / Paddy & Bridie McGowan and their son Fr Padraig. 10.30am No special intention.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Karen Curran (Month's memory) / Deceased members of the Nolan family. 10.30am. John Burke / J P McGlynn & deceased family members.*

Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Lou Tormey, Castle Gardens, whose funeral was on Thursday. May he Rest in Peace.

Last weekend Collection: €1120. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Eugene O'Brien</i>	10.30am: <i>Laura Hussey</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Garry Hughes</i>	10.30am: <i>Patricia Donegan</i>

Feast Days

Feb. 21st **The Chair of St Peter (Apostle)**

This ancient feast relates to early Roman customs at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. This feast celebrates Peter as bishop of Rome.

Feb. 23rd **St Polycarp (Martyr (1st Cen. Turkey)**

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian family Paudi Ward, Leitrim, Newtownforbes, on Sunday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his parents.

Who Are the Blessed?

What's so great about being poor? On the surface of it these Beatitudes of Jesus (**Today's Gospel**) seem very strange: 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it's better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times.

But Jesus is not interested in comfort or in maintaining the status quo. **Luke** reminds us that Jesus is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalized. Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty and hunger are swept away. But sadly, inequalities in our world today are as stark as ever in regard to wealth, education and health. The Beatitudes remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those who are on the margins of society.

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**'Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort
in order to help others'** **Pope Francis**

Lourdes Pilgrimage

This year's pilgrimage is from **May 26th to May 31st**. The full inclusive price for the 5 nights is **€749**. There are special concessions for invalids. For further details and to book a place contact **Joe Walsh Tours, Tel. (01) 2410811**. Last weekend's church gate collection came to **€410**.

Youth - Spring Gathering

This gathering organized by the diocese will take place in the **Pastoral Centre, St Mel's College**, on this Sunday from 2.30 – 5.00pm. Details of the annual trip to **Taize** (France) will be announced. The trip which is open to **Transition Year** students and up.

Holy Face Novena

St Mel's Cathedral, Sun. **Feb. 24** – **Mar. 4**. Weekdays @ 6pm, Sun. @ 4.

Scoil Mhuire N S Enrolment

Enrolment for junior infants for September 2019 takes place in the school until **March 1st**.

Get on Track

Clonguish GAA are welcoming people to use their walking track around the pitches, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. each **Thursday**. All are welcome.