

# 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: Peter & Bridie Toher & daughter Breda / Kitty Griffin / John & Annie Murray. 10.30am: Vera Gormley**

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil: Betty Rogers (month's memory) / Tim Rafter.**

**10.30am: Jim McDonnell.**

### Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Jude Norton**, Corry Park, whose funeral was in St Mel's on Sunday last.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1260. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Geraldine McVeigh</i>	10.30am: <i>Mary Ginty.</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Geraldine Halpin</i>	10.30am. <i>Joanne Quinn</i>

### Feast Days

**Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>** **St Joseph**

*This is the feast of St Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>.** **St Enda**

*St Enda is an Irish saint of the sixth century. He is associated with the Boyne Valley area and Co. Louth.*

### Do This in Memory

*We welcome the boys and girls and their families to the **Do This In Memory Mass** this evening (Saturday).*

### Station Masses

*If any home in the parish would like to host a **Station Mass** for their area between now and the **1<sup>st</sup> of June** please contact Fr McGovern.*

### St Patrick

In celebrating the **Feast of St Patrick**, we are celebrating the roots of our Christian faith on this island. We remember him as the great preacher of the gospel in our land. He has lit a flame that has remained for close on sixteen hundred years. We are very fortunate that two of Patrick's own writings have been preserved, his **Confessions** and a letter he wrote to the soldiers of a chieftain called **Coroticus**.

Patrick was brought to Ireland as a slave at 16 years of age. At 22 he managed to escape and make his way home to Wales. His parents thought he was dead. They were overjoyed to see him. Patrick states that **'they earnestly begged me that I should never leave them'**.

Some years later Patrick tells us he had a vision in which he heard the words **'We ask you, boy, come and walk once more among us.'** Patrick answered the call and returned to Ireland after study and ordination.

Patrick's feast day invites us to trust that God can turn even our darkest experiences to good and can bring unexpected new life out of our losses in way that we might never have suspected at the time. **Martin Hogan**

### Parish Hall – Open Meeting

For some time, the **Parish Hall**, in the centre of the village, has been closed because it was in poor repair and unsafe for gatherings. The **Parish Finance Committee** has decided to refurbish the building to modern standards. Plans have been drawn up. The people of the parish are invited to a public meeting in the **Ralph Room** in the Paddy Joe Murphy Sports Hall on **Monday March 25 at 8.00pm**. The proposed plans for the hall will be on display and **Sweeney architects** will be present. All are welcome, especially organisations and groups who have used the hall in the past or hope to it in the future.

### Live Long and Prosper

**Newtownforbes Senior Citizens** and **Active Retirement Association** are putting on, in association with EDI, a free four-day programme on healthy eating, gentle exercise, socializing with health promotion speakers, beginning on **Wed. Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>** and continuing on **Thurs. March 21<sup>st</sup>**. Time, each day is **10.30am-3.30pm**. Venue is the **Ralph Room**. Two additional days will be added later. Contact **Madeline** 0879465199 or **Kitty** 0873959179