

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

*Mon 7.00pm. Tues 9.00am. Wed 9.00am. Thurs 9.00am, Fri 9.00am.*

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Vigil 7.00pm:** *Susan Harris -McNally. 10.30am: No special intention.*

**Mon 7.00pm:** *Mary & John Reilly & deceased family members.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil 7.00pm:** *Tim Rafter. 10.30am: No special intention.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1405** *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. Olga Hanley*  
**E.Ms. – Vigil:** *Cathy Murphy 10.30 am: Michelle Feeney*

### Feast Days

**Mar 20<sup>th</sup> St Joseph** spouse of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*The bible pays **Joseph** the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. By saying **Joseph** was “just,” the bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wants to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. He carried out his vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: ‘**Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord**’*

### Lourdes Pilgrimage

*The pilgrimage is on from **May 31<sup>st</sup>** to **June 5<sup>th</sup>**. Further details from Fr McGovern*

## St Patrick

During his 6 years as a slave **Patrick** learned the language of the Irish people and was sensitive to the culture. **Patrick** got to know Irish ways and grew to love the Irish people.

Later, his coming to Ireland as a missionary began a chain of events that not only led to the Christianisation of Ireland but to the arrival of Irish missionaries into mainland Europe. Missionaries including the monastic saints **Columbanus** (c.540-615) and **Malachy** (1094-1148) who brought with them key elements of the Christian faith, education, virtue and basic human rights.

This was the legacy of these Irish men and women of courage and it originated with **Patrick**, their father in faith. For this reason **Patrick** is celebrated by churches around the world, who thank God for the gift of faith received by their ancestors, who brought the faith to other cultures and peoples after the example of **Patrick** himself. This work continues to this day through missionary men and women who share Patrick’s vision and passion.

**Dr Miriam A Kelly**

### Accord- Marriage preparation

Accord, the Catholic marriage care service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic church and if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the **Accord** team in supporting couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage, **Accord** wants to hear from you. Call Ashling @ **01 5053112** or email [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

### The Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. This is a twenty four hour service.

