

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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No Weekday Mass This Week

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Mick and Mai Barden

10. 30am. John and Brigid Ghee / Hannah and Michael Mullervy /  
Patrick O'Keeffe

## NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Not booked 10.30am. Mel Smith

## Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Clodagh McCann	10.30am. Sean Devlin
E.Ms.---Vigil: Anne Duke	10.30am. Michelle Ghee

## Feast Day

### July 21<sup>st</sup> St Lawrence of Brindisi

St Lawrence died at Lisbon on this date 1619 while on his way to the court of King Philip III to plead the case of the poor people of Naples

### July 22<sup>nd</sup> St Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene could be the *Patron Saint of the Slandered*, since she has been persistently mistaken for the sinful woman at the house of Simon the Pharisee (Lk.7;36-50). Mary Magdalene was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus at the Crucifixion with his mother Mary.

### July 23<sup>rd</sup> St Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373)

Married at fourteen Bridget and her husband had eight children. She worked at the court of King Magnus II and was quite put out by the excess she witnessed in the palace. In 1350 she travelled to Rome where she spent the final twenty-four years of her life working energetically for the reform of the Church. She is the Patroness of Sweden and co-patron of Europe.

**Recent Baptism:** We welcomed into the Christian Community, **Senan James Rock**, Scramogue, recently. We pray God's blessing for the newly baptised and her parents.

## Martha and Mary

When little Kathy returns from school she tells her mother what she has learnt. Patiently, her mother listens to her excited story. Today the subject was Christian family life. Ms. Knowles, her teacher, had said that when two Christians marry they do so for life, and that the man can have only one wife. Then, with obvious pride in her understanding of grown-up affairs, she declares, 'and that's called monotony'.

Many of us go through life like Kathy. We nearly get it right, but not quite because rarely are we fully clued in. More like Martha in today's gospel reading than Mary, we busy ourselves with doing, doing, doing. We don't know how to just plain be, especially in this age of endless electronic entertainment.

All too readily we flee from the prospects of being alone, from silence, for the dubious delights of virtual reality. Alone, we become bored, edgy, even scared. Strange, if we truly like ourselves, that this should be so! Perhaps it's because we don't see ourselves as God sees us.

But to get that vision, we too must sit at Jesus' feet and give him our undivided attention – and give it often. Its there we get the energy to do our work with and for others.

Fr Tom Cahill SVD - Intercom Magazine.

## The Deer's Cry

"I arise today, through the strength of **Heaven**; light of the **Sun**, brilliance of the **Moon**, splendour of **Fire**, speed of **Lightning**, swiftness of **Wind**, depth of the **Sea**, firmness of **Rock**

.I arise today, through **God's** strength to pilot me: **God's** might to uphold me, **God's** wisdom to guide me, **God's** eye to look before me, **God's** ear to hear me, **God's** word to speak for me, **God's** hand to guard me, **God's** way to lie before me, **God's** shield to protect me: **God's** host to secure me: against snares of devils, against temptations of vices, against inclinations of nature, against everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near, alone and in a crowd." *Translation of old Irish prayer from 8<sup>th</sup> century*

## Croagh Patrick

Sunday week, the last Sunday in July (July 31<sup>st</sup>) is the traditional day for climbing of Croagh Patrick or the Reek as it is known locally.