

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: John Houlihan / Mary & Thomas McGoey & deceased family members. 10.30am: Gerard McGrath & parents, Murtagh & Margaret McGrath / Sean & Winnie Manning.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Jim & Betty McGarry & deceased family members / John McLoughlin. 10.30am: John & Elizabeth Stapleton & deceased family members & Bridie & Tim O'Rourke.

Last weekend Collection: €1,150 Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Eugene O'Brien **10.30am:** Cathal Sorohan
E.Ms. Vigil: Geraldine Halpin **10.30am:** Patricia Donegan

Feast Days

September 20th Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions

They are also known as the Korean Martyrs (1821-1846) Pope John Paul II canonized these martyrs on a visit to South Korea in 1984. Among the martyrs were 47 lay women and 45 lay men.

September 21st St Matthew

Matthew was a tax collector, collecting taxes for the Roman occupying forces. It was shocking for the Pharisees to see Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

September 23rd St Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968)

This saint is better known to most people as Padre Pio

Parish Choir

Choir practice resumes after the summer break - each Thursday @ 8.00pm. As always new members are welcome.

Forgiveness

When Peter asked Jesus how often he should forgive some-one who wronged him- seven times?- he probably expected Jesus to say, that seven times were too many. As a matter of fact, two highly respected rabbis of his time taught that three times were the limit. Instead Jesus says seventy-seven times. **In other words, there must be no limits on our readiness to forgive.** That's a tall order! It goes deeply against the grain, especially when we have suffered wounds that are slow to heal.

How can God expect this of us? **Well, for a moment, think not about not what the other person has done, but about what your anger is doing to you.** The beginning of the first reading is eloquent: "Wrath and anger are hateful things, / yet the sinner hugs them tight." If you've ever nursed a grudge for a long time, you know how resentment can eat you up. **In wishing we could hurt others, we do damage to ourselves.**

We're not just talking about feelings here. If I have been treated badly, I may have a good reason to feel resentful, and I don't have to apologize for it. But I must try to get beyond the offence, and reject the temptation to take revenge. If I don't feel up to forgiving, then **I must pray for the grace to do so.** God doesn't ask the impossible; he only asks us to do our best with his help.

James DeGiacommo S J.

Oscar Wilde: "Always forgive your enemies, nothing annoys them more"!

Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS)

Over 21, and you would like to receive business and computer training free of charge? Call **Maeve Madden**, VTOS Co-ordinator @ 087 2050589.

Draft Register of Electors

The register is now prepared for 2018/2019. You should check the register to see that you are registered correctly to vote by calling 043 3343362.

Dancing Classes

Dancing classes resume for all ages (children) in the Ralph Room on Friday September 22 @ 6.30pm. Maureen @ 086 3702719.