

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

No weekday Mass this week

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *Micheal & Frances Quinn / Jim & Betty McGarry & dec. family members.* **10.30am:** *Gerard McGrath / Winifred & Sean Manning.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm. *No special intention.* **10.30am:** *Nicola Murphy.*

Last weekend Collection: €1020. *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: *Clodagh McCann.* **10.30 am:** *Fionuala Carthy*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Martin Ross* **10.30 am:** *Elizabeth Moore*

Feast Days

Sept. 20th

The Korean Martyrs

Over 100 Koreans were martyred during the persecution of the church in Korean from 1839 -1867.

Sept. 21st

St Matthew (Apostle)

*Matthew, also known as **Levi** the tax collector, is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia.*

Sept. 23rd

St Pius of Pietrelcina

*He is better known as **Padre Pio**. He died in 1968 and was canonized in 2002*

Clonmacnois Pattern Day

*The pilgrimage to Clonmacnois is on this Sunday **September 17th**, a week later than usual.*

Forgiveness

When **Peter** asked **Jesus** how often he should forgive 7 times? -he probably expected **Jesus** to say, that 7 times was too many. As a matter of fact, two highly respected rabbis of his time taught that 3 times were the limit. Instead **Jesus** says 77 times. In other words there must be no limit 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? Just think for a moment what your anger is doing to you.. Listen to the beginning of the first reading today from the book of Ecclesiasticus. It says "**Resentment and anger, these are foul things**" If you 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.

If I have been badly treated, I have good reason to be resentful, and I don't have to apologise for it. If I don't feel up to forgiving, then I must pray for the grace to do so. **God** doesn't ask for the impossible; he only asks us to do our best with his help.

James DiGiacomo, SJ.

The Choir is Back

Rehearsals every **Tuesday** from **8.00pm** to **9.30pm**. New members are always welcome.

Active Retirement

The **Newtownforbes Active Retirement** group meet every **Thursday** in **Casey's lounge** at **2.00pm**. New members are always welcome. (must be over 55!).

Alzheimer Society- Memory Walk

The walk is in the Mall, Longford, on **Sunday September 24th** at 3.00pm. To join log on at www.memorywalk.ie.

Samaritans

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

