

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Last weekend Collection: € *Thank you.*

	Next Weekend
Readers – Vigil:	10.30 am
E.Ms. - Vigil:	10.30 am

Feast Days

Oct. 18th **St Luke**

St Luke was a physician and one of the four evangelists and credited with St Luke's gospel. In art he represented by an ox. He is the patron saint of doctors and surgeons.

Oct. 23rd **St John Paul 11**

*St John Paul 11 was pope for over twenty six years, from October 1978 until his death on April 2nd 2005. As bishop of **Rome** he visited almost all of the Roman parishes and made apostolic journeys to a hundred and forty four countries, including Ireland, in **September 1979**.*

Baptism

*We welcomed into the Christian community **Lauren Grace Hopkins**, Cleghil, on Saturday last, also **Mel Patrick Prunty**, Breanisk, on Sunday. We pray God's blessing of the newly baptized and their parents.*

Thanks

*Thanks to all the parishioners who have been returning their weekly, and **Harvest dues** envelopes over the last number of weeks. Every little helps.*

Mission Sunday

*Today is **World Mission Sunday**. Please take home and read the leaflet/envelope that's at each door.*

Fratelli Tutti

This is the title of the new encyclical of Pope Francis. Roughly it means "*fraternity and social friendship*". These words were first used by St Francis of Assisi eight hundred years when addressing his brothers and sisters.

In this letter **Pope Francis** attempts to show that a better way of living together is possible. Covid 19 has shown that we are a "**global community all in the same boat**" The pope calls for a new way of politics, one which is kinder, more open to dialogue and expressing love of neighbor. "**We need to think of ourselves as a single family living in a common house**"

To adopt the popular prayer attributed to **St Francis**: "**Where there is populism Pope Francis focuses on people; where there is nationalism, he calls for a reform of the United Nations; where there is individualism, he pushes for solidarity; where there is digital trolling, he asks for kindness; where there is inequality, he urges fairer distribution of the world's goods, when politicians hate, he recommends dialogue.**"

In the parable of the **Good Samaritan**, Pope Francis points out how humanity can be changed by suffering.

One commentator said this letter of **Pope Francis** is "*a kick in the head for the rising tide of barbarism*"

Implications of Level Three for Churches

(1) Public Masses cannot be celebrated.

(2) The following exceptions are allowed: (A) Funeral Masses with up to 25 mourners. (b) Marriages with up to 25 guests.

(3) The church will remain open for private prayer and reflection.

Eucharistic Adoration will also be suspended until we exit level 3.

.Covid 19 Support Line

ALONE is the name of a support line for older people who have concerns relating to the virus **Covid 19**. Professional staff are available to answer queries, and give advice and reassurance when necessary. This service is open 7 days a week, 8.00am to 8.00pm. Phone 0818222024.

Road, Longford. If you are lonely isolated or suffering from stress you are welcome here. **Phone Assumpta 086 8114135.**