

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil: John & Annie Murray. 10.30am. Jimmy & Mary Farrell / Vera Gormley.**

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil Tim Rafter. 10.30am Jim McDonnell**

**Last weekend Collection: €1,472 .00. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

<b>Readers—Vigil: <i>The Passion</i></b>	<b>10.30am: <i>The Passion</i></b>
<b>E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Al Yorke</i></b>	<b>10.30am: <i>Joanne Quinn</i></b>
<b>Readers will be notified</b>	

### **Feast Days**

**March 19<sup>th</sup> St Joseph**

*St Joseph was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife.*

### **Baptism**

*We welcomed into the Christian family, **Rian Shane Brennan**, Castle Glen, on Saturday. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his parents.*

### **World Meeting of Families Collection**

*This **collection** was taken up three weeks ago even though the special envelope in your box falls on this weekend. If you haven't yet made a donation, this weekend would be a good time to do so in the special envelope.*

**Palm Sunday:** *Sunday next is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week.*

## **Kumba's Story**

**Kumba** was a bright, happy little 7 year old, until August 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 when her life was changed forever. **(See Trocaire Box)**

She woke as her house began to shake and a deafening roar filled her bedroom. Her mother **Finda** grabbed her arm and dragged her from the house as mud enveloped their home. Her little sister fell and as they tried to pull her from the deepening mud and she detached her kneecap. Eventually, injured they reached safety, but other villagers weren't so lucky. **Kumba** watched many perish, believing her father who wasn't at home, to be among them.

Thankfully, her father survived but her home and the life she'd known were destroyed.

They lost everything. Her parent's livelihoods were stripped away. With nowhere to live. **Kumba** has been separated from her family and is staying in a children's home with her mother and siblings, while her father lives with his brother. All want to be together again. This is where Trocaire comes in. Our donations go to helping families like **Kumba's**. The Trocaire collection is taken up on **Holy Thursday** and the days that follow.

### **Mission Appeal**

Fr Charlie Timoney of the **Missionaries of Africa**, also known as the **White Fathers** will speak at the Masses this weekend, the fifth Sunday of **Lent**, about the work of their missionaries, and envelopes will be left in the seats if you wish to contribute to their work.

The **White Fathers** were founded in **Algeria** in 1868. They have about **500 students**, mostly in Africa studying for the priesthood. At one time the **White Fathers** had a house in **Longford**.

### **Tusla**

Tusla is currently **recruiting foster families** to care for children of all ages, from birth to eighteen years and to recruit **Supported Lodgings** and **After Care** families for children from 15 to 18 years and older. For further **info**. Call- 043 3350584 or 043 3350798.

### **Blood Donation Clinic**

The next Blood Donation Clinic is in the Longford Arms Hotel on Tues. 27<sup>th</sup>, Wed. 28<sup>th</sup>, & Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup> of March from 4.30pm-8.00pm.

**Congratulations to Scoil Mhuire on winning the football final**