

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

No weekday Mass this week

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *May & Micheal McGuinness / John & Mary Reilly.*

10.30am: *No special intention.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Mary O'Malley / Bridget McGee.*

10.30am: *Ellie, Michael & Liam Farrell / Ned Stokes.*

Last weekend Collection: €1,200 *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: *Anne Marie Williams 10.30am: Anne O'Brien.*
E.Ms. – Vigil: *Garry Hughes 10.30 am: Sarah McCormack.*

Feast Days.

May 19th

St Mel's Cathedral

Today is the anniversary of the Dedication of the cathedral of St Mel, Longford, on the 19th May 1893.

Diocesan Priests Retreat

*The annual priests retreat is on this week. The venue this year is **Knock**. There will be no weekday Mass this week. Should a priest be required please call 043 3346465.*

St Padre Pio's Annual pilgrimage

On Sunday May 25th a bus leaves for Holy Cross Abbey, Thurles from St Mel's car park at 9.15am Bus is free. To book call : 087 9019092

Ministry of Encouragement

St Paul in his letters was fond of calling on the members of his churches to encourage one another in their faith. In today's first reading we find Paul, along with Barnabas, engaged in that same ministry of encouragement. The reading tells us that Paul and Barnabas '*put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith*'.

In a sense the primary role of a priest in a parish is to be an encourager, to encourage people in their faith, in their relationship with the Lord. Nearly all priests would say that they themselves receive great encouragement from the parish community in which they work. The struggle of people to persevere, even in the face of personal difficulties, is a great encouragement to priests.

We are all called to be ministers of encouragement to each other.

One of the important ways we encourage each other is by being people of **hope**, people who have a hopeful vision. (This is the ***Jubilee Year of Hope***). We need people to remind us of God's vision for our lives and our world, and to keep us focused on that, lest we forget.

Martin Hogan

Trocaire

The Trocaire collection for this year's Lenten campaign has come to **€6,405**. This amount will be forwarded to Trocaire headquarters during the week.

Lough Derg

The three day pilgrimage starts on **Friday May 30th** and continues to **August 12th**. Lough Derg also offers **One Day Retreats, Quiet Day, Heritage Day** and **Lake Shore Pilgrimage**. All details are on the church notice board. You can also call **353(0)719861518**, for further information.

Samaritans

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

