

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon.7.00pm. Tues. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 7.00pm.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: James Mahon (*Month's memory*) Jimmy & Alice Quinn / Anthony & Margaret Feeney. **10.30am:** Bernie Earley and Michael & Hanagh Mullervy

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: John Hopkins. **10.30am:** Elizabeth Neary.

Last weekend Collection: €940.00. *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:	10.30 am
E.Ms. - Vigil:	10.30 am

Feast Days

July 22nd

St Mary Magdalene

*Mary stood by the cross of Jesus; with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the **Risen Lord** early the same day. She has been described as 'the apostle to the apostles'.*

July 23rd

St Bridget of Sweden

Born in 1303 she raised eight children and after the death of her husband, she founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She was declared a Patron of Europe in 2000

July

St Declan

He dates back to the time of St Patrick. He is associated with Ardmore, Co Waterford.

Take a Break

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a **Mother's Day** competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all gave the same reasons – she never does anything for herself; she is always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's gospel the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with **Jesus**, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest a while. But there is no time to rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by the sight of the crowd because they are '*like sheep without a shepherd*'. He is the **Good Shepherd** and always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love.

We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver.

Jesus valued time apart, rest time, as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes off by himself to pray. In the busyness of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.

Triona Doherty – Intercom Magazine.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community, **Esme Alaya McGrogan**, Castle Crescent, Newtownforbes, on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and her family.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers

We hope to have our **Eucharistic ministers and readers** back at Mass in August. New rotas are being drawn up at the moment.

Croagh Patrick

The pilgrimage can be done any day during the month of July. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Pilgrims are asked to plan their trip to Croagh Patrick as early as possible and to keep in mind that mid-week is traditionally a quieter time to climb. Pilgrimage information at www.westportparish.ie.