

CLONGUISSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues: 9.00am Wed: 9.00am Thurs: 7.00pm. Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Jim and Betty McGarry and deceased family members / John McLoughlin. **10.30am.** Thomas and Mary McGoey and deceased family members. / Laurence Lockwood.

Thurs: 7.00pm. Gerard McGoldrick (Months Mind)

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Margaret, Frank, Frankie and Paul Devine. **10.30am:** Gerard McGrath and parents Murtagh and Margaret McGrath.

Last weekend Collection's €1,035 Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Margaret Kilbane	10.30am. Laura Hussey
E.Ms. Vigil: James Quinn	10.30am. Joann Quinn

Feast Day

Sept. 20th Korean Martyrs (1821--1846)

Sept. 21st St Matthew (Apostle & Evangelist)

Matthew, a Jew, got Jesus into trouble by holding a party in his house. The Gospel says that many tax collectors and sinners came to the party with Jesus in the midst of them. The Pharisees were shocked. Jesus reminded them "I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners".

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian family **Myah Kate Byrne**, Longford/Ballagh and **Daniel Edward Nolan**, Lismore, into the Christian family last weekend. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptised and on their families.

A Bad Man's Good Example

The story in today's gospel reading is probably the strangest parable in all of the gospels. Neither the **rich man** nor his **steward** is a particularly praiseworthy person. Yet, Jesus told this story to his disciples, presumably because he recognised that it had something to teach them. Perhaps we are being reminded that God can speak to us through all sorts of people, including those who have something of the rogue about them. Jesus is telling us that God communicates with us through all of life's situations, including those situations that are not particularly noble.

Jesus wanted his disciples to learn something from the way that the steward coped with a crisis situation in his life. The steward was very resourceful in securing his own future when that future appeared to be very bleak. Jesus wanted his followers to be equally resourceful in securing God's future. The steward was on the ball when it came to looking out for his own interests. Jesus implies that the qualities that the steward displayed in a crisis will also be very necessary in the service of God's kingdom – in particular, his sense of **urgency**, his **decisiveness**, and his **imagination**. If God's kingdom is to come, the followers of Jesus will need all these qualities. We cannot wait for God to do everything, decisive action from us is needed if the future God intends for our world is to come about. (Jesus Our Saviour--Martin Hogan)

Parish Choir

We welcome back the Parish Choir. This would be a good time for new members to join the choir or for former members to return. The choir will sing at the Vigil Mass on Saturdays occasionally.

Parish Calendar 2017

Work has commenced on the Parish Calendar for 2017. The Parish Pastoral Council would welcome old photographs, recalling times past in the parish or Clonguish. If you have any photo you might think would be of interest, please give them to Fr McGovern.

Irish Heart Foundation—Thanks: The church gate collection realised €242. Thanks to everyone who supported.

The Alzheimer Society

Church gate collection is next weekend.

The Legion of Mary—Knock

Bus leaves Heaton's, Longford at 10:00am on Sunday September 25th. Booking Tel: 0860405621.

