

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Karen Curran / Bernie Crossan / Ellen McManus.

10.30am.: No special intention.

Thurs.: 7.00pm: Aloysius Manning, Mary Kate & Thomas Manning.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Tommy Williams / Brendan & Carmel Forkan / Deceased members of the Hannify family. **10.30Am:** Jim Conlon.

Last weekend Collection: €1158. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Anne McCann **10.30am:** Anne Devlin

E.Ms. Vigil: Garry Hughes **10.30am:** Liam Belton

Feast Days

Jan.21th St Agnes

St Agnes was martyred in Rome in the first century.

Jan. 24th St Francis de Sales (1567- 1622)

He was bishop of Geneva. He helped to rebuild the Church after the Reformation.

Jan. 25th Conversion of St Paul

St Paul's conversion happened on the road to Damascus, in modern day Syria.

Reader's Eucharistic Minister's and Collector's Rotas

Please call to the sacristy to collect the new rotas and St Paul Sunday Missal.

Do This in Memory: *The first of the new year, next Saturday. evening @ 7.00pm.*

'Look There is the Lamb of God..'

When I was a child, if either I or my brothers pointed at something, my mother would always say, 'Don't point' Pointing was always considered bad manners, at least for children. There are times of course, when pointing is considered appropriate especially if you are giving someone directions.

In today's gospel reading, **John the Baptist** points to **Jesus** so as to direct people to him. Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John declared '**Look there is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world**' Pointing to one greater than himself and leading others to this person was the purpose of **John's** life and mission.

Most of us can think of people who, in the course of our lives, pointed us in the right direction. These were people who could see just that little bit more clearly than we could at the time. We all need good guides from time to time; we need people who can point the way for us. Those who point us in the right direction are sharing with us something of their experience; its an invitation, a suggestion, not a command.

God calls each of us, through our baptism to be a **John the Baptist** for others. Our baptism calls on us to live lives that help point others in the direction that God wants them to take. We need each other.

Martin Hogan

Christian Unity

The week of prayer for Christian unity begins next Saturday and continues to January 25th. An **Ecumenical Service** will be celebrated in the **Methodist Church**, Battery Rd, Longford on **Tuesday January 21st** at 8.00pm. The speaker will be the **Rev. Edward Yendel**, Boyle.

Senior citizen's Party

This annual get-together will be held in **Casey's Bar** on this Sunday **January 19th**. The get-together which starts at 3.00pm. will consist of light refreshments, drinks, live music and a raffle for charity. Anyone looking for transport please contact **Bernie @ 086 1585349**.

Pro-Life Meeting

A pro-life meeting will be held in the **Family Centre** (beside St Mel's Cathedral) on Thursday **January 23rd** at 7.30pm. For further information call **Edward at 0894634558**.

