

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: Deceased members of the Curley family.

10.30am: Gerard FitzGerald (*Month's memory*)/ Patrick & Brian O'Keeffe.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Pat & Maura Cooney / Eileen Quinn & deceased family members.

10.30 am. Larry McGlynn (*Months memory*) / Thomas Lyons.

Last weekend Collection: €1,493 Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Margaret Kilbane	10.30am: Sean Devlin
E.Ms. Vigil: Al Yorke	10.30am: Joann Quinn

Feast Days

November 21th

The Presentation of Mary

Mary's Presentation has been celebrated in the Church since the sixth century. A church was built in Jerusalem in honor of this mystery.

November 22nd

St Cecilia

One of the Roman martyrs in the early church Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians.

November 23rd

St Columban (543-615)

Columban, also known as Columbanus, was the greatest of the Irish Missionaries who worked on the European continent. He established the famous monastery at Bobbio (Italy) where he died.

Confirmation Enrolment

We welcome the boys and girls and their families to their Confirmation enrolment ceremony this evening. They celebrate their Confirmation on Friday April 13th.

Every Little Helps

The parable of the talents in today's gospel is reminding us that God gives gifts and talents to all of us to be put to good use. When we talk about the 'gifted' we usually apply it to people of extraordinary talent. But God gives every one of us some gift.

Known as the Little Flower, **St Therese of Lisieux** (France) 1873-1897 explained in her autobiography about the 'little way' of following **Jesus**. Her idea was that what mattered in life was not great deeds, but **great love**. Throughout her life, Therese strove to do the ordinary things with extraordinary love. She felt that life presented challenges enough and that every situation gives us an opportunity to show love.

Perhaps then, when we consider how we can make a return to the Lord, we should remember to offer a **smile**, a **hand on a shoulder**, an act of anonymous generosity.

Sometimes the hardest things for us to do are found in daily challenges-like being **patient** with those we live with, showing **kindness** to people who do not like us. Such things will matter to the Master when he returns, and in the end, they are not really small things at all.

In these humble ways we make the most of what we have been given, to contribute to the common good.

Envelope Boxes

Most of the parish envelope boxes have been distributed. We are very grateful to the people who do the work of distributing the boxes each year.

Gorta Thanks

Gorta wishes to thank all who contributed to their church gate collection last weekend. The collection came to **€373**.

Longford Women's Link

Longford Woman's Link provides emotional and practical support to women subjected to domestic violence and abuse. This service is free and confidential. You are not alone- call **043 3341511**.

Do This In Memory

The next Do This in Memory Mass will be celebrated at the vigil Mass next Saturday