

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: Joe & Hugh Shannon (jnr)

10.30am: Peter Clarke (month's memory) / Pat & Kathleen Stenson James & Kathleen Farrell. Mon.7.00pm: Thomas Farrell, his wife Teresa & deceased members of the McGee & Farrell families.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: No special intention. 10.30am: Mary Bryson.

Last weekend Collection: €1240 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 10.30 am :Patricia O'Brien
E.Ms. – Vigil: Carmel O'Shea 10.30 am: Bernie Reilly**

Feast Days

Nov.21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Nov.22nd St Cecelia

According to legend, Cecelia was a young Christian betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. She is the patron of music and musicians.

Nov.23rd St Columban (543-615)

He was one of the greatest Irish missionaries. He died at Bobio (Italy)

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community, Katherine Rose Killian, Cahannagh on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and on her family.

Seeds of Conflict

A nine year old boy asked his father, 'Dad, how do wars start?'

'Well, son,' his father began, 'take **World War 1.** that was started when Germany invaded Belgium...'

'just a minute,' his wife interrupted. 'It began when **Archduke Francis Ferdinand** of Austria was assassinated by a **Serbian** nationalist.'

'Well, dear, that was the spark that ignited the fighting, but the political and economic factors leading to the war had been in place for some time.'

'Yes, I know, honey, but our son asked how the war began and every history book says that **World War 1** began with the murder of the **Archduke Ferdinand** of Austria.'

Drawing himself up with an air of superiority, the husband snapped, 'Are you answering the question or am I?'

The wife turned her back on him in a huff, stalked out of the room and slammed the door behind her.

When the dishes stopped rattling an uneasy silence followed' The nine year old boy then broke the silence; '**Dad, you don't have to say any more about how wars start. I understand now.**'

November 11th is **Armistice Day.** The day World War 1 ended in **1918** but wars continue to rage in the world today.

Parents Meeting

A meeting of the parents of the children for **First Holy Communion** will be held in the school on **Thursday** next at 7.00pm.

Longford Hospice Homecare

Arts and crafts fair is on **Saturday Nov. 25th** from 10.00am-4.00pm in the **Pig Market**, Ballymahon St.

Weekly Envelopes

The weekly envelope boxes for **2024** are ready for distribution. They may be collected in the sacristy. We are very grateful to those who distribute the boxes each year.

DEPAUL Church Gate Collection

The collection realized **€300.** Thanks to all who contributed

The Samaritans

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

