

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 7.00pm. Tues. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am. Fri.: 6.00pm & 7.30pm.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Pat & Margaret McCormack.

10.30am: Peter & Patricia Mimmagh / James Reilly.

Mon.: 7.00pm. Margaret & James Byrne.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: (No vigil Mass) 9.00am & 10.30am. John & Mary Reilly.

Last weekend Collection: €1332.00. 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: No vigil Mass. 10.30 am: Anne O'Brien.

E.Ms. - Vigil: No vigil Mass. 10.30am: Liam Belton.

Feast Days

Dec. 20th

St Fachanan

Little is known about this Irish saint. He is associated with *Kilfinora* in Co Clare and the diocese of *Galway*.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm & 7.30pm. Christmas Day: 9.00am & 11.00am.

Christmas Mass Readers: Vigil: Liam Madden (7.30pm).

11.00am: Frank Quinn.

Christmas Eucharistic Ministers: Will be contacted.

Sunday December 26th: Masses: 9.00am and 10.30am.

Visitation

In today's Gospel **Mary** hears from the angel **Gabriel** that her cousin **Elizabeth**, who is of advanced years, is going to have a baby. It's a simple message, but **Mary** hears a call for help and responds: "*she went in haste*"

Mary herself was also with child, a difficult for a young woman, but she does not hesitate to respond in faith to the hidden invitation. **Even in difficult situations, God asks us to forget our worries and concerns and to see how we can help others. How generous are we when someone asks for help? Do we need to be asked? Or, are we attentive to the needs of others, so that we can respond without being asked.**

As **Mary** enters the house, the baby in **Elizabeth's** womb "*leaped for joy,*" and filled with the spirit, **Elizabeth** greets **Mary**: "*Blessed are you who believed,*" recognizing that **Mary** is carrying Jesus, "*the mother of my Lord.*" At this moment, **Elizabeth** also believes and is able to forget herself and praise God for what has been done in **Mary**.

True joy is based on faith, and faith leads to hope and love. **Advent is a time of joyful waiting.**

Rosa Maria Icaza, CCVI.

St Vincent de Paul

If you would like to donate to the **Longford** branch of **St Vincent de Paul's** Christmas appeal, there are envelopes at the doors. You never know who is in need at this time of the year.

Christmas Wreathes

Wreathes and flower arrangements are for sale in **Gamestop**, Grafton Court, Longford. All proceeds go to the **Alzheimer's Society**, the Longford branch.