

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *No Intention.* **10.30am.** John Burke

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Joe Byrne (Months Memory)*
10.30am. J.P. McGlynn / John and Anna Beattie.

Last weekend Collection €1,450. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Eugene O'Brien* **10.30am.** Cathal Sorohan
E.Ms. Vigil: *Al Yorke* **10.30am.** Elizabeth Moore

Feast Days

Feb 20th **Blessed Jacinta & Francisco Marto**

Jacinta and Francisco are two Portuguese shepherds who received apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima in 1917.

Feb 22nd **Chair of Peter**

This feast day commemorates Christ choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant authority of the whole church.

Commitment Ceremony

The boys and girls preparing for Confirmation are celebrating their Commitment Ceremony this evening (vigil) It is part of the preparation for Confirmation which will be celebrated on March 31st.

Novena to the Holy Face

For details see the notice board. It starts on Sunday February 19th at 7.20pm.

Love Your Enemies

In today's Gospel Jesus talks about getting even. He says the old system, an eye for an eye doesn't work. It was part of the ancient code of Hammurabi, a Babylonia lawgiver of two centuries earlier. In its own time, it was an improvement over the tribal customs that carried punishment and vengeance to extremes. So, Jesus was not the first one to preach against vengeance. But he goes further than anyone ever has, before or since.

If we take him too literally, he sounds utterly unreasonable. Of course we have a right to legitimate self-defense. We mustn't let bullies have their way; if we do, they'll just get worse. We cannot lend money or make donations to everyone who asks us. That's not just impossible; it's irresponsible. So, what is he saying?

He says that from now on, retaliation is out. Even when we have good reason to be angry, we are not to seek revenge against those who insult us or treat us unfairly. In order to be able to act this way, we have to get past the hurt feelings and renounce the kind of resentment that insists on revenge. This is a big order, and we may not feel up to it. Our only hope lies in reconciliation. And that goes for all of us.

James DiGiacomo, SJ.

Passion Play

Anyone who would like to help out with a Passion Play on Good Friday please contact Fr. McGovern.

Theology of The Body for Teens

This is being offered to TY, 5th and 6th years students over ten Sunday evenings in the Family Centre, St. Mel's Road, Longford. Commencement on 19th February. Parental consent required. To register or for further information email tobteens@gmail.com or telephone 085 8297780.

Grow

Community Mental Health Movement meets on Monday at 11.00am in Community Mental health, Dublin Road. If you are lonely, isolated, or suffering from stress why not come along and learn a practical psychology of mental health. Contact John 086 8033126.

Lourdes Church Gate Collection

Raised €475. Thanks to all who contributed.