

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Vigil:** *Betty Rogers & deceased members of the Rogers & Doherty families.* **10.30am:** *John Burke & Jim McDonnell / Ben & Christina Hughes / Paddy & Bridie McGowan & their son Fr Padraig.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *John Christie & parents John & Sarah & sister Mary McGrath.*  
**10.30am:** *Michael Barden (Month's memory) / Eileen & William Wright / Tommy, Eva & Padraig Lenahan*

**Last weekend Collection: €1233. 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:** *Anne O'Brien.*

**E.Ms. – Vigii:** *Carmel O'Shea.* **10.30 am.** *Bernie Reilly.*

### Feast Days

**Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**The Chair of St Peter (Apostle)**

*This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of the year of remembering the ancestors of the family. The feast celebrates Peter as bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.*

### Baptism

*We welcomed into the Christian community, Samuel O'Gorman, Castle Glen. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his family.*

## Lent 2023

In 325 the Council of Nicea (an ancient Greek city) decreed that **Easter Sunday** should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the **spring equinox (March 21)**

Wednesday next, is **Ash Wednesday**. These forty days are an opportunity to reflect on our lives, on where my life is taking me at the moment.. Am I becoming a better, happier, more generous or compassionate and understanding person, or am I growing more bitter, angry, selfish as time passes? **Lent** encourages us to do a number of things in order to find our way forward in the spiritual life. To be self disciplined with things like **food** and **drink** and **luxury goods**. To be generous to those who are worse off than us; to be less judgemental and to be more tolerant and forgiving of the faults of those we live with; to be more trusting of **God**. We can begin to achieve these things through prayer. So this **Lent**, may the traditional pillars of **prayer** **fasting** and **almsgiving** help us make the changes we need to in our lives so that we may be happier and more **Christ** like people.

**Paul Clayton-Lea**

### Ashes

*'Ashes signify man's overthrow by time. Our own swift passage, ours and not someone else's, ours mine...everything turns to ashes, everything whatever. This house I live in, these clothes that I am wearing, my household stuff, my money, my fields, meadows, woods...whatever was great in my eyes upon earth, whatever small and contemptible, all without exception will fall back to dust'*

**Romano Guardini**

**Masses for Lent:** There will be **Mass** each morning @ **9.00am** except Monday. **Monday Mass** will be at **7.00pm**.

### CASA – Church Gate Collection

Their church gate collection is on this weekend. Plesa support.

