

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK: Fri: 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Liz O'Brien/Daniel Hopkins (Months Memory).

10.30am. John and Elizabeth Stapleton, Mary, Philip, Noel, John, Bridie and Tim O'Rourke.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: James and Elizabeth O'Neill. 10.30am Brigid Reilly.

Last weekend collection €1,201. Thank you.

Next Weekend--Cemetery Sunday

Readers: Vigil: Margaret Kilbane	10.30am: Fionuala Carthy
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Feast Day

June 20th

Irish Martyrs

June 21st

St Aloysius Gonzaga (1568—1591)

June 24th

Nativity of St John the Baptist

Cemetery Sunday

Cemetery Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday **June 26th at 12 noon** in the local cemetery followed by blessing of the graves in the old cemetery. There will also be a **10.30am. Mass** in the church on Sunday.

Parish Web Site

The new parish web site, www.clonguishparish.ie is in place. The parish also has a new eMail address, clonguishparish@gmail.com (see top left of page). Parish Newsletter will be on the website each weekend. This might be a good way for people from the parish living abroad to keep in touch with what's happening at home.

Following Christ

A set of pictures taken by a German staff photographer records an incident that took place in July 1941 outside a village in Yugoslavia. The Germans had conquered and occupied that area. Some of the villagers had committed sabotage, and now the Germans were taken reprisal. They lined up a group of peasants before a firing squad. The soldiers took aim—all except one. Private **Joseph Schultz** refused to participate. Nothing that his commanding officer said could change his mind. So he was lined up with the hostages and shot to death by his comrades.

When you look at those photos, the tragedy tears at you. What a waste! A young man loses his life—for what? The hostages died anyway, and he made just one more. What did he accomplish?

The answer is given by Jesus Christ. **He says that if you try too hard to save your life, you will lose it. Joseph Schulz knew him, knew that if he participated in murder he would save his life on one level: but on a deeper level, he would lose it.** Indeed, he would lose his very self. So he chose to be a martyr of conscience. On that day, he was a shining light, a true hero, an example of everything that is best in a human life.

Most people do not have to make such terrible life-or-death choices. But in order to follow Christ, somewhere along the line, choices must be made.

Sunday with Jesus James DiGiacomo, SJ.

Confirmation Class—2016

This year's Confirmation Class contributed to the following charities: St Christophers. Hungry Horses, Newtownforbes. Jack & Jill Foundation. Laura Lynn Childrens's Hospice, Irish Heart foundation, Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. and Trocaire. Total: €650.

Siamsa

An Irish language Siamsa course (Siamsa) will take place from Mondsy 4th July to Friday 8th July, 2016, in Gaelscoil Longfoirt. The course will take place from 9.30am—3.00pm. and will cater for students from 2nd class to First Year. Further info. And application forms available from Yvonne Ni Mhurchu 097-2642665.

Rotas

The New Rotas for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are now available in the Sacristy for collection.

