

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil: Anthony & Margaret Feeney 10.30am: No special intention.**

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil: No special intention. 10.30am: Elizabeth Neary / Eileen McGee**

**Last weekend Collection: €920.00. Thank you.**

*Thanks also to all the parishoners who have returned the weekly, **Easter dues** and **Pentecost dues** envelopes over the last few months, through the letterbox. Your contributions are always welcome at all times. Thank you.*

		Next Weekend
Readers—Vigil:		10.30am:
E.Ms. Vigil:		10.30am:

### Feast Days

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

St Mary Magdalene

*She stood by the cross of Jesus. With two other women she discovered the empty tomb. She was granted an appearance of the **Risen Lord** early the same day. She has been described as 'the apostle to the apostles'*

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

St Bridget of Sweden

*St Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303. She raised eight children, and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an ascetical life. Later she founded the **Bridgettine Order** and lived in Rome.*

July 25<sup>th</sup>

St James the Apostle

*His shrine is at **Compostella** in Spain. Son of **Zebedee** and brother of **John**, he was put to death by Herod Agrippa in the year 44.*

## Flawed Goodness

A weed-free garden may be highly desirable, but the gospel this weekend suggests that we may have to learn to live with weeds. We need to be patient with imperfection in ourselves and others. As we know only too well, life is not tidy. It is not like a well-manicured garden, in which order and harmony prevail.

Our personal lives are not like the garden displays that win prizes at the **Chelsie flower show**. Each of us is a mixture of wheat and weeds; we are each tainted by sin and yet touched by grace. Our calling is to grow in grace before God and others, as Jesus did.

We look to him to help us to keep on turning from sin and growing in grace. **St Paul** assures us in today's second reading that the **Holy Spirit** helps us in our weakness. With the Spirit's help, you and I can grow more and more to become the person God wants us to be.

The parable of the weeds and the wheat also teaches us we do not always have the necessary insight to distinguish who is good and who is bad. How often have we judged someone harshly only to discover in time we were wide of the mark.

Fr Martin Hogan

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration continues each Wednesdays from- **6.00pm – 10.00pm.**

### Newtownforbes / Killoe Community Employment

There are two vacancies on the scheme at this time. Anyone interested should contact Michelle Ledwith at 087 7568525.

### Covid 19 Support Line

Alone is the name of a support line for older people who have concerns relating to the outbreak of **Covid 19**. Professional staff are available to answer queries, and give advice & reassurance when necessary. This service is open 7 days a week, 8.00am-8.00pm. **Phone 0818222024.**

