

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Jim & Betty McGarry & deceased family members / John McLoughlin / Margaret, Frank, Frankie and Paul Devine.*

10.30am: *Gerard McGrath.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special Intention. 10.30am: Nicola Murphy.*

Mon.: 7.00pm. *Charlie and Chris Yorke.*

Rest in Peace

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Oliver Gallagher, Carrickmoira,, whose funeral was, on Wednesday. May he Rest in Peace.

Last weekend Collection: €695.00. *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: Geraldine McVeigh. **10.30 am:** Anne O'Brien.

E.Ms. - Vigil: Garry Hughes. **10.30 am:** Michelle Ghee.

Feast Days

Sept. 20th **St Andrew Kim & Companions**

They were martyred during the persecution of the church in Korea between 1839-1867.

Sept.21st **St Matthew (Apostle & Evangelist)**

Sept.23rd **St Pius of Pietrelcina**

He is better known as Padre Pio. He died on this date in 1968.

God Inspired Ambition

In this weekend's Gospel story, we find **Jesus** very disappointed to discover that his disciples were arguing amongst themselves as to which of them was the greatest. They seem to think that being part of Jesus' inner circle would bring them privilege and status.

They wanted power and prestige and it seems, that they wanted it for its own sake. This is the kind of self-centered ambition that **James** talks about in the second reading today when he says "***You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy so you fight to get your own way by force.***" In place of that very worldly ambition, Jesus places before his disciples a very different kind of ambition, an ambition that has the quality of what **James** in the second reading refers to as "***the wisdom that comes down from above.***" This is God's ambition for all of our lives. **It is the ambition to serve.** As **Jesus** says in the Gospel, "***Those who want to be first must make themselves last of all.***" This ambition to serve, again in the words of **James** in the second reading, is something that "***makes for peace and is kindly and considerate, it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good.***"

Fr Martin Hogan

Comhaltas Classes

Comhaltas music and singing classes are commencing on Saturday **September 25th in Scoil Mhuire.**

Confirmation

A date has been set for the celebration of Confirmation, **Saturday October 16th.** There will be three celebrations on the day. Starting at **12noon**, followed by a celebration at **1.30 and 3.00pm.** First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday October 2nd.**

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community on Sunday, **Francis Lewis O'Reilly, Longford & Cloonellon.** We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his family.

