

# 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:** *Philomena Gallogly (month's memory) / Charlie & Chris Yorke.*

**10.30am:** *Brendan Harris (month's memory) / Margaret & Edward Hughes.* **Mon. 7.00pm:** *Brian Murphy.* **Tues. 9.00am:** *Jim Ross.*

## ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

**Vigil:** *Jimmy & Alice Quinn. / Michael & Liam Farrell. / Special intention.* **10.30am:** *No special intention.*

**Last weekend Collection: €762.** *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. Andrew Hanly*

**E.Ms. – Vigil:** *Al Yorke. 10.30 am. Michelle Ghee.*

## Feast Days

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)**

*From the cross in the neglected chapel San Damiano, in Assisi, Christ told him, “Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is near falling down” Francis thought the Lord meant the building. What he really wanted fixed was the institution of the Church.*

**Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

*Pope St Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of the Christians over the Turks at Lapanto, a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary.*

**First Friday**

*The usual house calls will be done at the usual times, next Friday.*

## The Gift of Faith

Our faith can seem very brittle at times. As the prophet **Isaiah** said, our faith can seem like “**a bruised reed**” or **a smouldering wick**” Our faith has taken a battering in recent times, certainly our faith in the Church, whatever about our faith in the **Lord**. So much in our culture today is hostile to our faith. The request of the apostles in today’s gospel “**Lord increase our faith**” is a very contemporary prayer. It acknowledges that we have faith but that our faith is, at times, weak and vulnerable. The response of **Jesus** to the apostle’s request is striking, ‘**Were your faith the size of a mustard seed...**’ It is as if **Jesus** is saying to his disciples, ‘Even a little faith is something powerful. I can work powerfully in and through faith that is as small as a mustard seed.’ **St Paul** says in one of his letters that the **Lord’s** power is made perfect in weakness. A little opening is all the **Lord** needs. Even though our faith seems weak at times, we should never devalue our little faith, because the **Lord** values it greatly.

**Fr Martin Hogan**

## Help needed

We want to keep our church looking beautiful and clean. Can you help? If you would like to volunteer to join one of the teams please give your name to **Mary** (Sacristan) or **Fr McGovern**.

## Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community on Saturday last, **Michael Thomas O’Reilly**, Cluin Daire. We pray God’s blessing on the newly baptized and his family.

## Longford Pioneers Annual Dinner Dance

The venue is the **Rustic Inn**. The date is **Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>**. @ 9.00pm. Tickets costing **€30** can be purchased from **Mary McVeigh**. **Phone 086 1518479**.

## Adoration

From the beginning of **October** adoration on **Wednesday** evening will be for **1 hour**, from **7.00pm** to **8.00pm**.

