

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER
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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Tues 9.00am Fri 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Hughie & Kitty Flynn / Christine & Ben Hughes & their son Mark.*
10.30am: *Donald Smith / James & Kathleen Killian.*

Mon 7.00pm: *Jack and Billy Byrne & deceased family members*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *John Curley / Philomena Doyle / Paddy & Mary Cox daughter Anne & Brigid O'Rourke.*

10.30am: *P J Bennett / Mattie & Margaret O'Hara.*

Resy in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Eileen Gilchrist, Carrickmoira whose funeral was on Tuesday. R I P.

Last weekend Collection: €1270 *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 7.00pm: *Geraldine McVeigh* **10.30am:** *Laura Hussey*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Martin Ross.* **10.30 am:** *Elizabeth Moore*

Feast Days

Nov 3rd

St Malachy (1094- 1148)

Malachy was bishop of Armagh. He founded the Cistercian monastery at Mellifort, Co Louth.; died in France.

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St Martin de Porres (1579-1639)

St Martin was the illegitimate son of a freed woman of Panama probably black but possibly of native American stock and a Spanish father.

Nov 6th

All the Saints of Ireland

First Fridy

Friday next is the First Friday. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times.

No-vember

November often feels like the ending of things. There is a popular poem which emphasises the 'no' part of the month. No sunshine, no flowers, no warmth, no butterflies, only dead leaves.

As we enter into the month's prayerful purpose in the Catholic tradition; remembrance of all the faithful departed, making our November lists of the dead and visiting cemeteries we may be tempted to dwell only on what has ended even as we entrust our dead to God's merciful love. In sadness we may forget for a while the Lord's reminder that the seed must first die in order to live.

Shortly before he died Pope Francis wrote of a '*consoling certainty; death is not the end of everythinng, but the beginning of something. Something that will never end*'

In November we not only watch the year die but enter into nature's cycle of death and rebirth. We honour the saints, pray for our dead and fix our eyes on the Eternal King who promises that death is but a gateway and that for those who believe, life is changed not ended.

Paul Clayton-Lea

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting in the Parochial House on Monday November 3rd at 8.00pm.

Depaul Longford Homeless Service

Depaul Homeless Services church gate collection on this weekend.

Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is 116 123. This is a twenty four hour service..

Alcoholics Anonymous

St Mel's Family Centre Meeting times – Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 1pm; Wednesday and Saturday at 8pm; Sunday @ 11.30am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

A reminder: adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.