

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil: No special intention. 10.30am. John Gregg**

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

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**Last weekend Collection: €1440. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil: Colleen McHale 10.30am: Fionuala Carthy**

**E.Ms. Vigil: James Quinn 10.30am: Joanne Quinn**

### Feast Days

**Feb.5<sup>th</sup> St Agatha**

*A martyr of the third century, Agatha, legend has it, is the one to pray to for protection against fire.*

**Feb.6<sup>th</sup> St Paul Miki & Companions (Martyrs)**

*Franciscans, they were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan in 1597.*

**Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. St Mel**

*St Mel, the patron of our diocese, died in 488. He is said have been a Briton who came to Ireland with St Patrick with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh.*

### Blessing of Throats

*The blessing of throats for the feast of St Blaise will take place on Monday after the 7.00pm Mass.*

### Parish Pastoral Council

*The February meeting of the PPC will be held in the Parochial House on Tuesday at 8.00pm.*

## God of Surprises

When Jesus returned to his native village, at first the people welcomed him and were impressed with his eloquence. They were happy when he kept to the script but became enraged when the tone of his message became more challenging and he failed to live up to their expectations. Some years ago the Holiday Inn hotel chain ran an advertising campaign. Its motto was 'no surprises.' They promised that your room and service would be just like the last time you stayed with them with no unexpected features to disturb you. The church is not Holiday Inn. It is the house of God. The church offers comfort and encouragement but it can't guarantee that there will never any surprises in life. Our God is too big to be limited by our expectations. He challenges us, and he guarantees us the strength to meet these challenges.

### Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Aine Mitchell**, Main St, Newtownforbes and **Fergus Kelly**, Dublin, who were married on Thursday in **St Mary's Church, Haddington Rd, Dublin**. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.

### Scoil Mhuire N S Enrolment

Enrolment for junior infants for September 2019 takes place in the school from Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Festival of Faith.

The **Festival of Faith** continues in **St Mel's Cathedral** this week until closing on the **Feast of St Mel** on Thursday. There are two sessions each day, **10.00am and 7.30pm**. There is a guest speaker at each session. See church notice board for details

### Senior Citizens Club

The Senior Citizens Club resume their meetings in Casey's lounge on Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm. New members welcome.

### Get on Track

**Clonguish GAA** are welcoming people to use their walking track around the pitches, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. each Thursday. All are welcome.

### Rota(s) for 2019

Collectors Mass readers, and eucharistic ministers are asked to call to the sacristy to collect their rota for 2019.