

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Wed 9.00am & 7.00pm Thurs 9.00am Fri 9.00am

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Gerry McCauley (Month's memory) / Josie Conboy (Month's memory)* 10.30am: *Sean & Winifred Manning.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention* 10.30am: *William & Eileen Wright.*

Last weekend Collection: €915. *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* 10.30am: *Fionuala Carthy*
E.Ms. – Vigil: *Carmel O'Shea* 10.30 am: *Bernie Reilly*

Feast Days.

March 5th

Ash Wednesday

Lent starts on Wednesday. There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday, 9.00am & 7.00pm. Ashes will be distributed after both Masses.

March 5th

St Kieran

St Kieran is associated with the diocese of Ossary, which takes in most of Co Kilkenny and some surrounding parishes.

March 7th

St Perpetua & Felicity (Martyrs)

St Perpetua, an upper class married woman & Felicity, a slave girl, were martyred in Carthage (North Africa) in 203.

March 8

St John of God (1495-1550)

He devoted his life to the poor and the sick.

First Friday

Usual house calls will be done at the usual times on Friday.

Temperance Sunday

Today, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday is Temperance Sunday. Temperance is defined as follows in the Catechism of the Catholic Church “*the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasure and provides balance in the use of created things. It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honourable*”

Commitment Ceremony

We welcome the boys and girls who are preparing for Confirmation and their families to today's Mass (vigil) which includes their Commitment ceremony. Many will also take the pledge today.

Baptisms

We welcomed into the Christian community, Jaxson Lee Bailess, Clonguish Court & Paidi Senan O'Reilly, Cluain Daire last weekend. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and their families.

Shane Brennan 5K

This event was a huge success. The profits came to €9,000. This sum will be divided equally between Clonguish Community Games, Parish Hall refurbishment and Newtownforbes tidy towns. Thanks to all for your support.

Cigarette Smoker ?

“We can quit” may be able to help you or someone in your family to stop smoking. Meeting in the Temperance Hall, Longford on Tuesday March 4th from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Further information 0873461927.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

The diocesan pilgrimage led by Bishop Paul Connell is from May 30th to June 4th. For booking and enquiries, call Joe Walsh Tours at 01 2410800. Pilgrims who need special assistance should contact pilgrimage matron, Margaret McDonnald at 086 3918577.

The Samaritans

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

