

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon.9.00am. Tues.9.00am Wed.9.00am Thurs.9.00am Fri.9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *John Hopkins 10.30am: No special intention*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Peter Watters 10.30am: No special intention.*

Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Christine Hand**, Foynes Court, Longford, whose funeral was on Thursday. May she **Rest in Peace**.

Last weekend Collection: €465.00. Thank you.

On Line contributions

IBAN: IE34 AIBK 9321 4026 9364 22 (BIC: AIBKIE2D)

*A number of people have inquired about contributing to the weekly envelope and the dues collections on line. To do so you need the above details. The **Parish of Clonguish A/C** is with the **A I B bank, Longford.***

Next Weekend

Readers – Vigil:	10.30 am
E.Ms. - Vigil:	10.30 am

Feast Days

May 3rd

Ss Philip and James (Apostles)

St James wrote an Epistle and led a life of penance. He converted many of the people in Jerusalem. He was martyred in the 62.

May 4th

St Conleth

*He associated with the Co Kildare. He lived at the time of **St Brigid** and is buried beside her in the church in **Kildare** town.*

St Joseph

St Joseph, whose feast day is today (Saturday) has never had it so good, or at least he's never had such a friend as in Pope Francis. The pope announced that from Dec. 8th 2020 the church would have a special Year of St Joseph. It would honour "**the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence, who nonetheless played an incomparable role in the history of salvation**" In being tender, open to the demands of faith, obedient, creatively courageous and humble, Pope Francis says **St Joseph is a model for all of us.**

There are only five episodes involving St Joseph in the gospels: the **annunciation**; the **Nativity**; the **presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple**; as **refugee to Egypt**; and the **loss and discovery of the boy Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem**. One can see why the earliest church may have been slow to make a fuss of him. He is not recorded as ever saying anything in the New Testament-not a word. He should be the patron saint of shy, hard-working backroom players who say little but do a lot.

Richard Leonard SJ

Pope Francis also gave us a new prayer to St Joseph

Hail guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Trocaire Collection

The Lented Trocaire campaign this year has now reached **€3,000**. The money will be forwarded to Trocaire this week. You can personally contribute to: Trocaire, Maynooth, Co Kildare at any time.

Church Web Cam

A web cam has been installed in our church and is now available to view. A reminder of our Mass times; **Vigil Saturday 7.00pm and Sunday 10.30am** Our Web Cam address is, **churchtv.ie/newtownforbes**

