

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**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 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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. 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://churchtv.ie/newtownforbes)**

