

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Friday 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00: *Matthew Thompson, sister Mary & brothers John & Fr Noel.
/ Seamus O'Shea. 10.30am: No special intention.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Mary Kathleen & Tommy Doyle.*

10.30am: *Elizabeth & Vincent McVeigh / James & Elizabeth O'Neill.*

Last weekend Collection: €815. *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: *Anne Marie Williams. 10.30 am: Anne Devlin.*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Carmel O'Shea. 10.30 am: Bernie Reilly.*

Feast Days

July 3rd

St Thomas (apostle)

Thomas made one remark and has been branded as “Doubting Thomas” ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: “My Lord and my God”, a prayer that will be said till the end of time.

July 4th

St Elizabeth of Portugal (1271-1336)

First Friday

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

A Parable

It's the story of a Jewish rabbi who used to disappear into the forest on the evening of every **Sabbath**. His congregation presumed that he was going into the forest to commune with God in prayer. One **Sabbath** the congregation chose one of their members to follow the rabbi into the forest. They were hoping that in this way they might gain some insight into the rabbi's prayer. The member of the congregation set out after the rabbi keeping a discrete distance. Deeper and deeper into the woods the rabbi went until he came to the cottage of an elderly woman who was very badly crippled. Once there, the rabbi cooked for her, carried in firewood and swept the house. Then when all the chores were done, he returned immediately to his own little house next to the synagogue and began his prayers. When the member of the congregation returned to the village the people asked him: '*did our rabbi go up to heaven as we thought he would?*' After some pause for thought the one who followed the rabbi said '*Oh no. He went much higher than that*' The giving of the cup of cold water is more significant than we realise - and so too is the failure to give it.

Author unknown

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian family, **Alicja Krauze**, Caislean Breac, on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and her family.

Readers Rota

The new **reader's rota** for the second half of the year is now ready. Readers, please call to the sacristy and collect it after Mass.

Cemetery Sunday

A sincere word of thanks to all who helped with the celebration of cemetery Sunday. We were also blessed with fine weather.

Samaritans

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

