

# CLONGUISSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

*No weekday Mass*

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil: Mary and Peter Gallagher. 10.30am:** *No special intension.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil: Pat Walker 10.30am:** *Elizabeth Byrne (Months mind)*

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

### Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil: Anne McCann 10.30am Fionnuala Carthy**

**E.Ms. Vigil: Anne Duke 10.30am. P J Bennett**

### **Feast Day**

**August 21<sup>th</sup>**

**St Pius X**

Pius was pope from 1903-1914. He encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion.

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**St Rose of Lima**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**St Bartholomew**

*St Bartholomew's name appears only once in the gospels, in the list of the apostles.*

### **Knock**

*The diocesan pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The celebrations begin at 2.30pm and is followed by Mass at 3.00pm.*

*The bus will be in Newtownforbes village at 10.45am. The price of the tickets is €18. Tickets are available in the Parochial House.*

## **Crumbs from The Table**

She was a lady like many- the woman of the gospel today. She would fight for her child. So, she took on Jesus, the best known religious figure around. Like someone taking on the Taoiseach over a medical card for a chronically ill child, and not letting him off the hook.

Jesus was testing her. He saw faith, and he wanted everyone else to see it too. So, he told her she didn't fit into religious traditions because she was a foreigner. She knew she fitted into the heart of Jesus because she was the mother of a sick child. Jesus cured her child and praised her faith.

She is another of the unnamed ones in the gospel. Like the woman of Samaria, the rich young man, the thief on the cross. She is herself, and there is something of all of us in her. She is a woman of faith.

Faith in a surprising God who in Jesus his son never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired in soul as well as body.

**Donal Neary S J**

## **C A S A – Caring and Sharing Association**

C A S A are seeking new volunteers from September 2017 to June 2018. If you have five hours on a Sunday to give once a month and you are 16 years or over, they would like to hear from you. C A S A 's aim is to provide a social outlet for adults with physical and intellectual disability in our community. **For further information call 086 1296305.**

## **Longford Marathon 2017**

The 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the **Longford Marathon** is on next Sunday, sponsored by **Pat the Baker**. As well as the marathon, there is a half marathon and an ultra- marathon (39 miles). If you don't feel up for the long distance there is **The Streets of Longford 5K** around the town. **Entries are still open. Medals and t-shirts to all entrants.**

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