

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon. 9.00am Tues. 9.00am. Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 7.00pm. Fri. 9.00am.**

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Bernie Crossan / Lily Casey / Brendan & Carmel Forkan / Ellen McManus / Deceased members of the Hannify family.*

**10.30am:** *Michael & Eilish Killeen. Thurs.: 7.00pm. Aloysius, Mary Kate and Thomas Manning.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Tommy Williams / Joe & Elizabeth Byrne. 10.30am. Jim Conlon / Arthur McKiernan.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1472. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

<b>Readers—Vigil: Anne McCann</b>	<b>10.30am: Patricia O'Brien</b>
<b>E.Ms. Vigil: Anne Duke</b>	<b>10.30am: P J Bennett</b>

### Feast Days

**Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>**                      **St Francis de Sales (1567-1622)**

*As bishop of Geneva he worked tirelessly to rebuild the church after the reformation.*

**Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>**                      **Conversion of St Paul**

*Out of a persecutor God made him a preacher and teacher of the Good News. His conversion happened on the road to Damascus (Syria).*

**Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>**                      **Ss Timothy & Titus**

*These two bishops were associates of St Paul & ministered in Crete.*

### Rota(s) for 2019

*Counters, Mass readers, and eucharistic ministers are asked to call to the sacristy to collect their rota for 2019*

### Do This in Memory Mass

*The first of the new year will be celebrated at **Vigil Mass** next weekend.*

## ‘The First of His Signs’

This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first ‘sign’ recorded in John’s gospel. These ‘signs’ in John’s gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to call them ‘signs,’ as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation to us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

**Jesus** transforms the water which used to be used for the Jewish washing rites. He takes something that used to give life to people, and transforms it into something that brings **joy, celebration** and **new life** to the party. There are many messages that we can take from this: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale.

We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention.

**Jane Mellett, Intercom.**

### Church Unity Week

This is the week when Christians from all over the world pray for Christian unity and for better understanding among all Christian denominations.

### Shane Brennan 5K Run/Walk

A cheque for €9,250 is being forwarded to the **MRI scanner fund**, Mullingar Hospital. Thanks to all who contributed.

### Senior Citizen’s Party

The annual get together for the senior citizens of the parish is in **McGowan’s Bar** today (Sunday) starting at 3.00pm. There will be refreshments, live music and a raffle for charity. If you need transport call **Bernie at 086 1585349.**

### Alzheimer Café

The café is open on the **last Wednesday** of every month from **7.00pm-8.30pm** starting on the **30<sup>th</sup> of January**. The venue is the Credit Union building, Longford. The speaker is **Gerry Farrell**. Topic: **Living with dementia.**

### Get on Track

**Clonguish GAA** are welcoming people to use their walking track around the pitches, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. each Thursday. All are welcome.

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