

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Thurs.** 10.30am. (*School mass*) **Fri.** 9.00am.

**Vigil:** Paddy & Mary Cox & Brigid O'Rourke. **10.30am:** Bill Keighran. / Larry McGlynn. **Thurs.** 10.30am. School Mass. **Fri.:** 9.00am Laurence & Alice Lockwood.

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil.:** Pat & Maura Cooney / Margaret & James Byrne.

**10.30am.** Nichola Murphy (*Months Memory*). John, Lena & Teresa Nolan / Lena Murphy & deceased family members.

**Last weekend Collection:** €1040. **Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

<b>Readers—Vigil:</b> Margaret Kilbane	<b>10.30am:</b> Angela Reynolds
<b>E.Ms. Vigil:</b> Garry Hughes	<b>10.30am:</b> Michelle Ghee

### **Feast Days**

**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>** St John Paul 11 (1807-1870)

*Its just over 40 years since Pope John Paul 11 visited Ireland in September 1979.*

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** St Anthony Mary Claret

*A Spaniard, he became Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba, before returning to Spain to be chaplain to the queen of Spain. He founded the Claretian Missionary order.*

### **First Holy Communion- Enrolment**

*The enrolment ceremony will take place at the vigil Mass (7.00pm) this Saturday. We welcome the boys and girls and their families. We have 42 children preparing for their First Holy Communion.*

### **Station Mass**

*Mary and John Joe McVeigh are hosting a **Station Mass** in their home for the **Leitrim Cross** area on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm.*

### **Crying out**

The judge in the parable we hear today is hardly a role model. He gives justice to the widow, not because he cares about her but because he wants to get rid of her. He acts out of selfishness. This unjust judge is in contrast with God who is full of compassion, particularly to those who are in need.

On the surface the parable is about the need to pray and not to lose heart, and the faithfulness of God. But like many of Jesus' parables, it has many layers. It also teaches us about justice, and how we should respond to those crying out for justice.

At the time of Jesus, widows were one of the most vulnerable groups in society; many were left without resources after the death of a husband. In our own country and in other parts of the world, millions of people continue to cry out for justice. We should not be like the unjust judge, burying our heads in the sand and hoping they will go away.

Triona Doherty- Intercom Magazine

### **Clergy Gathering**

The annual diocesan clergy get-together is on this week, ending on Wednesday afternoon.

### **Alzheimer Society**

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, **Longford branch** church gate collection came to **€349.82**. Thanks to all who contributed.

### **First Cardiac Responders**

The Newtownforbes branch has its church gate collection next weekend. Please support.

### **Longford CCE**

The **AGM** is being held in the Ralph Room on **Wednesday next 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 8.30pm.

### **Fr Patrick Payton**

Bus to the **Fr Patrick Payten Centre** on Mon. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> will leave the cathedral car park at 9.00am. To book a seat call 086 0405621.

