

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: *Brigid McGee. 10.30am Edward Carroll & deceased family members. Fri. 9.00am.: Paddy & Ned Flanagan.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Deceased members of the McCann family / Vincent & Anna Rose / Reilly / Mary O'Malley. 10.30am. No special intension.*

Last weekend Collection: €1,181 .00. Thank you.

Next Weekend

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| Readers—Vigil: <i>Margaret Kilbane</i> | 10.30am. <i>Laura Brennan</i> |
| E.Ms. Vigil: <i>James Quinn</i> | 10.30am. <i>Elizabeth Moore</i> |

Feast Days

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| May 25th | St Gregory V11 (Pope) |
| May 26th | St Philip Neri (1515-1595) |

First Holy Communion

*Congratulations to the 35 boys and girls who receiving their **First Holy Communion** today (Saturday) A special word of thanks to their teachers, Ms. Griffin and Ms. Dalton, and the staff of Scoil Mhuire.*

*Thanks also to the parents of first class pupils, the **Parents Committee** and the **Parish Pastoral Council** for organizing the after-Mass party which is much appreciated by the First Holy Communicans and their families.*

Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn

Bus to Knock (free) Wednesday May 23rd, leaving St Mel's car park at 9.00am. Info. Call Kitty @ 086 0405621.

Message from Bishop Francis

From the moment of conception human life begins its journey of growth and development. The baby in the womb is human, genetically unique, he or she has a right to that life. Human life once begun should be allowed to continue until its natural end. The one definite fact about abortion is that it will end a human life. The Eight Amendment does not victimize, or deny medical treatment, instead it protects mothers and babies. The right to life is the most fundamental right of all. I invite you and your family to pray that Ireland chooses life in the upcoming referendum, and always.

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life

Reawaken in us respect for every human life

Help us to see in each other the marvelous work of our creator.

Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift from God. Amen.

Bishop Francis Duffy

World Meeting of Families- Wedding Anniversaries

Already a number of couples have indicated that 2018 is a significant wedding anniversary for them. A special celebration will take place at the **vigil Mass of Saturday June 16th at 7.00pm**. We hope the new date suits everyone. If you intend to be present on the 16th please text Fr McGovern at 086 3550875.

Confirmation—Generosity

The boys and girls who were Confirmed in April have generously donated some of the money they got as gifts to charity. They have donated €100 to each of the following charities or groups; Longford Hospice, Temple Street Hospital, Make-A-Wish, Alzheimer's Society, St Christopher's, Longford, Pieta House, MRI - scanner, Mullingar Hospital, Longford Special Olympics, Newtownforbes Tidy Towns. And Trocaire (2 x chicks) Value €14. The total donated comes to €914. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are alive and well in this group of boys and girls.

County Choir: Concert in **St Mel's Cathedral**, Sunday May 27th. 8.00pm. The County Choir will be joined by a **Danish Choir**.

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