

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Tues 9am. Thurs 9.00am Fri 9.00am.

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: Peter & Mary Gallagher./ Patrick & Mary Gregg.

Sat: 8.30pm: Teresa Farrell. 10.30am: Philomena Gallogly.

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil, 7.00pm: Blaise Ireland (month's memory).

10.30am: No special intention.

Last weekend Collection: €1015. 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: Liam Madden 10.30 am: Anne Devlin

E.Ms. – Vigii: Garry Hughes 10.30 am: Sarah McCormack

### Feast Days

August 21<sup>st</sup>

St Pius X (1835-1914)

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of **Holy Communion**, especially by children.

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Queenship of Mary

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954.

August 23<sup>rd</sup>

St Rose of Lima (1586-1617)

She entered religious life despite the opposition of her parents.

August 24<sup>th</sup>

St Bartholomew (apostle)

In the New Testament, **Bartholomew** is mentioned only in the list of the apostles. Yet the unknown ones were also foundation stones, the twelve pillars of the new Israel whose twelve tribes encompass the whole world.

## “O woman, great is your faith”

How are we to respond when **God** feels distant and seems to ignore our prayers? Perhaps the **Canaanite** woman in today's Gospel should be our model. What compelled her to keep coming back to **Jesus**, even when it seemed futile? What qualities did she possess that finally persuaded **Jesus** to answer her request?

The woman was filled with love for her daughter, a love that reflects **God's** love for his children. **She made her daughter's suffering her own.** That love gave her the courage to approach **Jesus** and the stamina to persevere. Her faith grew over the course of their encounter. She possessed persistence fueled by her passionate hope for a cure, the urgent sense of need, and a refusal to give up.

She also possessed a certain gift of cheerfulness. What appears to be a rather harsh exchange might actually be the verbal sparring between two individuals who recognize the spirit and smile in one another's presence.

If we approach **God** with love, faith, persistence and joy - we can be certain **God** does respond to our prayers.

*Dan Hennessey*

### Direct Debit Returns

Some people chose to pay their weekly envelope by direct debit. So far this year **€4,115** has come in by direct debit. In some cases we do not know who is contributing by direct debit because the bank statement does not have a name. The parish would like to know who each contributor is so that we could acknowledge their contribution.

Bank details are printed here every week for those who would like to contribute by direct debit.

### Samaritans

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

