

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Jim & Betty McGarry & deceased members of the McGarry family / John McLoughlin 10.30am. Patrick Watters & Peter, his grandson.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special intention. 10.30am: No special intention.*

Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Tom Prunty, Moydow and formerly of Cloontagh whose funeral was on Saturday in Moydow. May he Rest in Peace.

Last weekend Collection: €1043 Thank you.

	Next Weekend
Readers—Vigil:	10.30am:
E.Ms. Vigil:	10.30am:

Feast Days

Sept. 21st **St Matthew (Apostle)**
Matthew was a tax collector when called by Jesus. As well as an apostle he is also one of the four evangelists. He is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia. He is the patron saint of accountants and tax collectors.

Sept. 23rd **St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**
Padre Pio was a Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor and friend of all who suffer. He died on this date in 1968.

Sept. 23rd **Ss Cosmos and Damien (physicians)**
They were martyrs of the early church in Syria. They were known as the Anargyri because they never took money for their medical services.

God is Just and Generous

Jesus does not see things as we do. Time & time again in his parables, he turns our expectations upside down and helps us to see things in a different light.

Today, he tells the story of the land owner who pays all his workers the same wage – those who came at the crack of dawn and those who came at the eleventh hour. Naturally, the ‘early birds’ are put out by this- they feel it is unjust, even though they receive the wage they were promised.

Maybe we sympathise with the complainers. In our individualistic society, we can fall into the trap of thinking that only certain people deserve good things. Those who work hard, who are law abiding, who make the most of opportunities- they deserve a decent standard of living. Think of how often we hear people complaining about those who are struggling, saying they do not deserve assistance or ‘handouts’? **Such criticism fails to take into account that not everyone has the same opportunities or privileges in life.**

But in this parable of Jesus, the landowner treats everyone the same, regardless of their productivity. **He recognizes that not all of them had the same opportunity-some were just luckier than others, in the right place at the right time.**

God is just and generous, and he expects us to have the same respect for everyone, regardless of their position in life.

Triona Doherty -Intercom magazine.

First Confession & First Holy Communion

It will come as welcome news to the boys and girls and their families that dates have been set for First Holy Communion and Confession. **First Confession** will be celebrated on **Thursday October 1st** in the church during school hours starting at **1.30pm**. **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on the weekend of **Sat/Sun. October 17/18**. More details later.

Thanks

Thanks to all the parishioners who have been returning their weekly, **Harvest dues** and **Pentecost** dues envelopes over the last number of weeks. *Every little help.*