

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: 10.30pm:

Last weekend Collection: €465.00. *Thank you.*

On Line contributions

IBAN: IE34 AIBK 9321 4026 9364 22 (BIC: AIBKIE2D)

A number of people have inquired about contributing to the weekly envelope and the dues collections on line. To do so you need the above details. The Parish of Clonguish A/C is with the A I B bank, Longford.

	Next Weekend
Readers – Vigil:	10.30 am
E.Ms. - Vigil:	10.30 am

Feast Days

Feb. 22nd

Chair of St Peter

This ancient feast relates to an early Roman custom at this time of the year of remembering the ancestors of the family. The feast celebrates St Peter as Bishop of Rome, head of the diocese.

Feb. 23rd

St Polycarp

He was bishop Smyrna, present day Turkey. Born around the year 69, he was a disciple of St John the Apostle.

Lent

The word **Lent** comes from an old English word **Lencten** which means a period of time leading to spring. The Lenten fast is the 40-day period that was established very early on in church history as a way to prepare for **Easter**. It was also a period of preparation for adults preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. It was later extended out to the rest of the Church world as a way of preparing for the Easter mysteries, a way of renewing our faith each year.

The three pillars of Lent, and indeed the Christian life, are **prayer fasting** and **alms-giving**, that is taking care of our brothers and sisters in need.

In the past, fasting in **Lent** was severe. Many foods we take for granted were prohibited. The pancakes of **Shrove Tuesday** began as a way of using up some of the ingredients not allowed in Lent.

Pope Francis says the Lent should be a time of hope when people turn back to **God** especially in these times when everything seems fragile and uncertain. He says “**To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord’s word to his Servant, ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you’(Is43:1).**

Covid 19 Support Line

ALONE is the name of a support line for older people who have concerns relating to the virus **Covid 19**. Professional staff are available to answer queries, and give advice and reassurance when necessary. This service is open 7 days a week, 8.00am to 8.00pm. Phone 0818222024.