

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: 10.30pm:

Last weekend Collection: €. *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

Mar. 25th The Annunciation of the Lord

The feast of the Annunciation goes back to the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. At the Annunciation the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is to be the mother of Jesus. Mary has an important part to play in God's plan. From all eternity God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world.

Mar. 28th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Although there will be no public celebration of Palm Sunday, blessed palm will be available at the church doors for people to take home where they will serve as a reminder of the victory of Christ which we celebrate during Holy Week.

Passiontide

Passiontide, the last two weeks of Lent, was dropped in the reform of the Church Calendar in 1969 in order 'to preserve the unity of Lent'. It had existed to emphasise the suffering and passion of Christ, which remains true for the last weeks of Lent but is also true for the whole season.

Its first Sunday was known as the First Sunday of the Passion or Passion Sunday but now as the fifth Sunday of Lent. Crosses and statues are no longer veiled unless the local bishop asks that they be. This custom went back to the 11th century when a Lenten veil was drawn in front of the altar, hiding the altar so that people 'fasted with their eyes' (we know all about that, its called 'lockdown'!) deprived of the sight of the altar. This veil was known as 'the hunger cloth'. Crosses, statues and pictures were veiled. It was also seen as a reminder of how the gospel of the day, from the eighth chapter of St John, ended, 'But Jesus hid himself and left the temple' (8:59)

Fr Paddy Jones—Intercom.

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.

Growing old Gracefully

She sat in a doctor's waiting room and noticed the name on the brass plate. She knew a boy the same name in school. She wondered might it be him. He was good looking, bright and she could easily imagine him being a doctor. When called in she was shocked to see an old man, balding, grey and a bit overweight and smiled to herself as she thought: "My God, that's not him, look how old he is, thank God I've kept myself better than that" Later it emerged in conversation that he had been in her school during her time there. And she said "Do you know I think you were in my class" He looked at her and asked "What did you teach?"

