

**CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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**MASSES THIS WEEK**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND**

**Vigil 7.30pm:** *John & Phyllis Clarke / Anne Donnelly.*

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

**ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND**

**Vigil 7.00pm;** *Tim Rafter / Paddy & Bridie Mahon. 10.30am: Patsy Clarke (month's memory) daughter Sinead & parents James & Margaret / Ita & Peter Reilly / Jody Concannon / Marie Fennessy Smith.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1265 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 7.00pm.** *Clodagh McCann. 10.30am: Frank Quinn.*

**E.Ms : Vigil: Al York. 10.30 am: Michelle Ghee.**

**Feast Days**

**Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord**

*The celebration of the feast of the Annunciation goes back to the fifth century. Its central focus is the **Incarnation**: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the **Second Person of the Blessed Trinity** should become human. **Mary** has an important role to play in God's plan. To the angel **Gabriel** she replies.. **"Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word"***

**First Confession**

*The girls and boys preparing for their **First Holy Communion** will celebrate their first Confession on **Thursday** next at 6.30pm.*

## Vanessa and Ineza

**Vanessa** who is twelve and **Ineza** who is seven walk long distances to school, looking out for each other along the way. Both depend on their mother **Uwamahoro's** strength to keep a roof over their head and find enough food for them to eat.

When the floods come, both girls are cut off from their classes. Every day they carry the fear that one more flood could wash away their home. In **Rwanda**, the rains fall harder each year, and families like **Uwamahoro's** are left to pick up the pieces.

Each season brings new destruction to homes and crops before the last can be repaired. It is often women who are carrying the heaviest load. Across **Rwanda**, they do most of the farming, they gather water, they put food on the table – yet they are too often excluded from the decisions that shape their future. Our contributions to **Trocaire** can help make sure the next storm doesn't destroy what little they have left.

Please support the Trocaire collection which is taken up on **Holy Thursday** and the days that follow.

### Comhaltas Church Gate Collection

Comhaltas Longford is holding a church gate collection this weekend.

#### Parish Hall – Community Hub

Plans have been approved by **Longford Co Co** to renovate and extend the existing **Parish Hall**, now known as the **Newtownforbes Community Hub**. Please take home the **handout** at the church doors outlining the plans for the new facility. To view a virtual model of the building search **"Newtownforbes Community Hub"** on **YouTube** and the **QR** code on the handout page.

#### Fleadh Cheoil – Newtownforbes

Co Longford Fleadh Cheoil will be staged in Newtownforbes from April 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. More details later.

#### Samaritans

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

