

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

No special intentions Easter weekend.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Sammy Denniston / Rose Mullaney / Michael Mahon / Peg and John Houlihan.

10.30am: John, Elizabeth and Liam Jordan and Sr Anne Jordan.

Last weekend Collection: €1542. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Margaret Kilbane	10.30am: Anne Devlin
E.Ms. Vigil: Geraldine Halpin	10.30am. Liam Belton

Feast Days

April 25th St Mark (Evangelist)

St Mark's Gospel is the oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels. Mark was not one of the twelve apostles .and we cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. His Gospel was written sometime between AD60 and 70.

Baptisms

*We welcomed into the Christian Community recently (1) **Shay Manning**, Ballagh. (2) **Luke McKenna**, Cluain Daire. and (3) **Freddy McGoey**, Currygranny. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and their families.*

Lough Derg

*The Lough Derg one day retreats begin on Saturday **May 4th** and continue throughout the month of May. For bookings call **071 9861518**.*

Easter Joy

When **Mary Magdalen** approached the tomb of **Jesus** on the first Easter morning, she was thinking only of death. **Jesus** had been cruelly put to death on the cross. She had stood by the cross and watch him die. Now she approaching the tomb to anoint the body. The gospel says 'it was still dark' when **Mary** approached the tomb. The darkness of the morning echoed her darkness of spirit. To her amazement she found the tomb was empty. This discovery only added to her darkness of spirit. Not only had **Jesus** been put to death, but his body had been stolen. Her discovery of the empty tomb only deepened her grief. It was only when the risen **Jesus** appeared to her and called her by name that she understood why the tomb was empty.

The tomb was empty because **Jesus had** been raised from the dead and was now alive. Filled with new **joy**, new **hope** and new **energy**, she went to the disciples and excitedly declared, '**I have seen the Lord**.'

We are faithful to the Easter calling when we help others to make new beginnings, when we work with others to help those who are struggling to live life to the full, when ever we are present to people that enable their gifts to come alive and be placed at the service of others.

Martin Hogan

Accord Marriage Preparation

Accord Longford is recruiting Volunteer Facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church, and if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the **Accord Team** in supporting couples who are preparing for the sacrament of marriage, call Fr. **Michael McGrath** at 043 3346465 or Fr **Pat Murphy** at 071 9631024.or see www.accord.ie

Alzheimer Café

The next meeting is on Wednesday **April 24th** at **7.00pm** in a room at the back of the **Longford Credit Union** building. The guest speaker is Pat Chapman.

Easter Thanks

A special word of thanks to all from the parish who have helped with the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

Happy Easter