

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention.* 10.30am: *No special intention.*

Fri. 7.00pm: *Bernadette Brown.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *John & Thomas Hopkins.* 10.30am: *Eileen McGee.*

Last weekend Collection: €1090 *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: *Clodagh McCann* 10.30am: *Anne Devlin*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Martin Ross* 10.30 am: *Elizabeth Moore*

Feast Days

July 22nd

St Mary Magdalen

Mary Magdalen stood by the cross of Jesus: with two other women she discovered the empty tomb: she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early the same day, from which incident she has been described as 'the apostle to the apostles'.

July 23rd

St Brigid of Sweden (1303-1373)

Mother of eight children, she was married to the king of Sweden. She is patron of Europe.

July 25th

St James

He was the brother of John the apostle. He was the first of the apostles to be put to death for Christ. He was martyred by Herod about the year 44.

July 26th

Ss Joachim & Anne

Traditionally regarded as the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus.

Rest a While

The psalm today is the beautiful shephard song (Ps 22). I love the image of the restful waters. In the land of the bible, the sheep pastured on the rocky mountainsides. In contrast to other animals, sheep need very little water. Apparently, they cannot drink from fast flowing streams, so the shephard has to find a still pool or create one with a dam of stones '*He leads me beside still waters*'

The flowing water is an image of our busy times. Although God is everywhere, the hectic pace of life can mean we have little time to reflect. We need quiet times, periods of solitude. It is there that our drooping spirit is revived.

Unless we regularly come apart, we run the risk of being torn apart.

As one of the psalms says '*Be still and know that I am God*'

Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

Grandparents Day

Pope Francis celebrated the first **World Day for Grandparents and the elderly** in 2021 and decided that it be observed each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of **Sts Joachim & Anne**, Jesus' grandparents - Sunday next.

Croagh Patrick

Next Sunday, the last Sunday in July is known as "**Reek Sunday**" Bus leaving Newtownforbes at **5.30am**. To book a seat call **Marie @ 086 1900640** or **Kitty & 086 0405621**.

Readers Rota

The new readers rota for the second half of the year is ready for collection in the sacristy.

Pioneer Pilgrimage

The annual Pioneer pilgrimage to **Knock** will take place today, **July 21st** starting with Mass at **3.00pm**.

The Samaritans

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

