

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues: 9.00am. Wed: 9.00am. Thurs: 9.00am. Fri: 9.00am.

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Peter & Mary Gallagher. 10.30am. Not booked.

## NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Pat Walker. 10.30am: Elizabeth and Patrick Dolan.

## Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Sinead McGuinness**, Clonrollagh. Her funeral was on Wednesday last. Also for the happy repose of the soul of **Arthur Coughlan**, Mitchelstown, Co Cork, father of Margaret Kilbane, Caldra. **May they Rest in Peace.**

Last week Collection + Feast of Assumption = €1,745. Thank you.

## Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Clarice Barry 10.30am. Patricia O'Brien  
E.Ms. Vigil: Garry Hughes 10.30am. Michelle Ghee

## Feast Day

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Queenship of Mary

During the middle ages **Mary** was venerated as *Queen of the Angels and Saints*. Pope Pius prescribed this feast in the Marian Year, 1955.

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>

St Bartholomer (Apostle)

One of the twelve apostles. He later preached the gospel in India.

Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>

St Monica (332—387)

St Monica is the mother of St Augustine. She continually prayed for the conversion of her son. Her prayers were answered when Augustine converted to Christianity and later became a great theologian and saint.

## The Path Less Travelled

In today's gospel someone asks Jesus the question that we have all wondered about: will few, or many, be saved? Jesus doesn't answer directly. He says, try to squeeze through the narrow door.

Jesus says that on the day of reckoning there are going to be some surprises. People we never expected to meet in heaven will be there. Some who thought they had reserved seats are going to be turned away at the gate. Some who expected luxury boxes are in for a shock.

**There is the story of a rich woman who was used to every luxury and respect. She died and was admitted to heaven and was greeted by an angel who showed her around. They passed many impressively beautiful mansions each time she thought the next one was hers. But they kept going, into a rundown neighbourhood, and finally came to a hut. "This is yours," the angel said. "Oh, she said, "I can't live in that!" The angel replied, "I'm sorry we couldn't do better for you, but this is all we could put together with the materials you sent up."**

Don't get the wrong idea. Jesus is not saying these things in order to scare us and make us get in line. He's just reminding us that the love of God and neighbour is a serious business. It includes a lot more than just keeping rules and staying out of trouble. He's being honest with us, telling us that following him is not always going to be a bed of roses; that sometimes it's going to *cost*; that we shouldn't be surprised when we are called upon to suffer. It's a narrow door, and sometimes it's a tight squeeze. But he is with us, always by our side, assuring us of his grace when we need it. We can always count on him. He just doesn't want to be taken for granted.

Sundays with Jesus—James DiGiacomo, SJ.

## Family Fun Day

The Family Fun Day is on this Sunday in Allen Park with the usual fun and games for all the family. Please support.

**Clonguish Community Games:** Congratulations on their recent success, especially the U 14 Tag Rugby winning All Ireland Gold.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The pilgrimage is on **Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Bus leaves the village at **10.45am**. Tickets €16 may be purchased in the sacristy or the Parochial House.

