

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETT

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil: Noel & Bridget Pigott . **10.30am:** James Reilly / Thomas Lyons.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Pat & Margret McCormack / Hugh Shannon (month's memory)
Elizabeth McVeigh (month's memory) / Bernard & Catherine Rudden.

10.30am: No special intention.

Last weekend Collection: €1130 *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: Al Yorke **10.30 am.** Michelle Ghee

E.Ms. – Vigil: Anne Marie Williams **10.30 am.** Laura Hussey

Feast Days

Dec. 12th **Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)**

St Lucy was martyred in Sicily in 304.

Dec. 14th **St John of the Cross**

A Spanish Carmelite priest, John is renowned as a poet.

Christmas Mass Times: Vigil : Christmas Eve : 8.00pm.

Christmas Day: 9.00am & 11.00am.

County Longford Social Services: The County Longford Social Services church gate collection will take place on the weekend of **December 17/18.** Please support.

“Are you the one who is to come.....?”

We might find it easy to identify with the image of **John the Baptist** that we find in today's gospel. **John** is having a crisis of faith. From his prison cell he sends his disciples to ask Jesus “*Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?*” John has a crisis of faith. It can happen to anyone.

Like John, we can discover that the **Lord** is not who we thought he was. Our expectation of him may not have come to pass. The image we had of the **Lord** no longer seems valid. What we were once certain about now leaves us full of questions. Like **John**, we suspect we might have got it wrong. Yet, such moments of uncertainty and doubt are inevitable on the journey of faith because we are always being called to grow in our relationship with the **Lord**. What satisfied us in our youth will not necessarily speak to us in the present and what satisfies us now may not serve us well in the future.

In one of the great beatitudes of the Gospels, **Jesus** declares blessed all those who keep faith in him, especially in those times when we begin to doubt everything and find ourselves asking **John's** question “*Are you the one who is to come...?*”

County Choir

Longford Co. Choir is holding its annual Christmas concert in **St Mel's Cathedral** on Sunday **December 18th at 7.00pm.** Donations optional at the door on the night.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Paddy Dowd**, Castle Gardens, Newtownforbes and **Laura Hynes**, Longford, who were married in **St Mel's Cathedral** last Friday. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.

Longford Flower Club

Gala Night on **December 13th** starting at 8.30pm, in **Backstage Theatre**. Enjoy an evening of “**Christmas flowers spectacular**” Proceeds go to local charities. Book at Backstage. Tickets €15.

