

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am. Tues. 9.00pm Wed. (*Christmas Day*) 9.00am & 11.00am.

Thurs. 10.00am. Fri. 10.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: James & Prudence Flynn & deceased family members.

10.30am: Thomas O'Doherty.

Thurs.: 10.00am: Thomas, Maureen & Anne Prunty.

Fri.: 10.00am: Alice & Laurence Lockwood.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: John McGivney 10.30am: No special intension.

Last weekend Collection: €1197. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Eugene O'Brien. 10.30am: Angela Reynolds.

E.Ms. Vigil: Anne Duke. 10.30am: Joanne Quinn.

Feast Days

Dec. 26th St Stephen

The first Christian martyr. He is renowned for his forgiveness of his enemies.

Dec. 27th St John (Apostle & evangelist)

One of the twelve apostles, John is also an evangelist and is considered to be the author of the fourth gospel, the book of Revelation and three letters.

Dec. 28th Holy Innocents (Martyrs)

Christmas Mass Times

The vigil Mass for Christmas will be at 9.00pm and Christmas day Mass times will be 9.00am & 11.00am.

Happy Christmas everyone

Christmas – A Reflection

If I decorate my house perfectly with streamers, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls but do not show love to my family

I am just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of mince pies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautiful adorned table, but do not show love to my family,

I am just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, and sing carols on the church steps and give all I have to charity,

but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I decorate the tree with baubles and fairy lights and attend a myriad of Christmas parties but do not focus on **Christ,**

I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. **Love** sets aside the decorating to listen to loved ones.

Love is kind though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful that they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who can give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't. **Love never fails.**

Adapted from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians: 1: Cor. 12-31—13-13.

Shane Brennan 5K, St Stephen's Day (1.00pm. / Walk 12.45.)

Please support. Be sure to come early, at least an hour before the start.

Parish Calendar 2020 The calendar is on sale in local shops and sacristy - Price €3.

