

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Thurs 10.00am. Fri 10.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Elizabeth Caslin (nee McVeigh) month's memory.*

10.30am: *No special intention.*

Thurs 10.00am: *Thomas & Maureen Prunty & daughter Anne Prunty-Killian.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.30pm: *Hugh Quinn.* **10.30am:** *No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €1050. *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: *Geraldine McVeigh* **10.30am:** *Anne O'Brien*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Carmel O'Shea* **10.30 am:** *Bernie Reilly*

Feast Days.

Dec 25th Feast of the Nativity

Christmas Mass Times

Mass on Christmas eve will be at 9.00pm. There will be two Masses on Christmas Day – 9.00am and 11.00am.

Dec 26th St Stephen

Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was a man 'filled with grace and power'. He was stoned to death.

Dec 27th St John the Evangelist

He was the closest of the Apostles to Jesus. John's own Gospel refers to him as 'the disciple whom Jesus loved'

Dec 28th Holy Innocents (martyrs)

One Solitary Life

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman, he worked in a carpenter's shop until he was 30, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never owned a home, never wrote a book, never held an office, he never went to college, never travelled more than 200 miles from his place of birth. He never did any of the things that normally accompany greatness. **He had no credentials but himself.**

Twenty centuries have come and gone and today **Jesus Christ** is the centerpiece of the human race.

I am far within the mark when I say, that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not effected the life of men and women upon this earth as powerfully as this one solitary life.

Author, Dr James Allen Francis

Shane Brennan 5K

This annual event is a great opportunity to get out of the house on **St Stephen's day**, get some fresh air, a bit of exercise and meet your neighbours over a glass of mulled wine or a coffee and a mince pie. **Runners** start at **1.00pm** and the **walkers** go off any time before **12.30pm**. Tickets will be on sale for a raffle for 3 lovely hampers.

All proceeds will be divided between **3** local organisations (1) **Parish hall refurbishment**, (2) **Community games** & (3) **Tidy towns**. It would be helpful if as many as possible could park in the church car park.

The Samaritans

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

