

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER
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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention. 10.30am:* Joe & Agnes O'Brien & deceased family members / Betty Rogers & deceased members of the Rogers & Doherty families / John Burke & Jim McDonald.

Mon 7.00pm: J P & Mary McGlynn / Tommie, Eva & Pdraig Lenehan.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: Kitty Quinn & deceased family members. **10.30am:** Mary Connolly. / Paddy & Bridie McGowan & their son Fr Pdraig / Pat & Kathleen Stenson.

Last weekend Collection: €786. 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 7.00pm: Clodagh McCann. **10.30am:** Andrew Hanly.
E.Ms. – Vigil: Al Yorke. **10.30 am:** Michelle Ghee.

Feast Days

Feb 22nd

The Chair of St Peter

This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of the year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. St Peter presides over the Church the family of God.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian family, Cuan Michael Halpin, Carrabeg, on Saturday. We pray God's blessing on thr newlt baptized and his family.

Ceremony of Light

The Ceremony of Light for the boys and girls preparing for their Confirmation is on Thursday next at 7.00pm.

Lent

Jesus' victory in the desert (today's Gospel) wasn't easy. It was achieved through prayer, fasting and reflection on the will of the heavenly father. He is with us also in our struggles too. It is a great consolation this Lent to consider in our hearts that God is not outside our struggles but is with us during them.

There is one aspect of gardening that most gardeners find difficult – the job of pruning fruit trees. Pruning time is a painful time for a fruit tree. The pruner gets rid of all those suckers which use up a lot of energy but produce no fruit. The aim of the surgery is not to inflict pain, but to help the tree to produce more and better fruit.

Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time. There is much that is useless and harmful in our lives which saps our energy. We ask the question... 'of what shall we prune ourselves this Lent so that we may become more fruitful branches of Christ, the true vine'

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Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **May 30th to June 4th**, led by **Bishop Paul Connell**. Flights are from **Knock** airport. Cost is **€989**. For further details contact **JWT Pilgrimage** travel website or call **(01) 2410800**.

Adoration

There is Eucharistic Adoration each **Wednesday** from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. All are welcome to this very special time of prayer.

A special information meeting will be held in **St Mel's Cathedral** (the crypt-downstairs) the purpose of which is to promote **Eucharistic Adoration** through the diocese, on **Thursday February 26th at 7.00pm**. It is hoped that each parish will send delegates to the meeting. Those wishing to attend please contact Fr McGovern.

Samaritans

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

St Mel's Family Centre Meeting times – **Tuesdays & Thursdays** 1.00pm; **Wednesday** and **Saturday** at 8pm; **Sunday** @ 11.30am