

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

No Masses this weekend or during the week.

View Mass on the web. See www.longfordparish.com

Daily @ 8.00am & 10.00am

Weekend Vigil: 7.30pm. Sunday 8.00 & 11.30am. & 1.00pm.

Alone

The charity **Alone** has launched a national supports programme for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the virus. A support line is open **Monday to Friday from 8.00am-8.00pm** by calling **0818 222024**. Professional staff are available to answer queries and to give advice.

Coronavirus Crisis

In these days of crisis in the middle of March 2020 its worth reflecting on that lovely hymn to our patron saint, **Hail Glorious St Patrick**. Here are some of the lines.

On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile.

On Erin's green valley look down in thy love.

O come to our aid in our battles take part.

God Bless and defend the sweet land of our birth,

For God & St Patrick and our native shore.

St PATRICK PRAY FOR US.

A Coronavirus prayer

Loving and Healing God

We the people of **Clonguish** turn to you in prayer confident that you are with us and with all people at every moment.

We stand before you as people of hope trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God

Fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging times.

Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families. May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort their families and dear ones. Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of all people

We give gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe.

Oh God of creation and life

we place ourselves in your protection. May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow.

Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted, Pray for us.

St Patrick, pray for us.

St Mel, pray for us

St Ciaran, pray for us

Happy Mother's Day

