

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Fr P J Lee. 10.30am. Sinead Clarke & her grandparents James & Margaret.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Rose Mullaney / Peter Watters / Michael Mahon & deceased family members. 10.30am. John, Elizabeth & Liam Jordan & Sr Anne Jordan.*

Last weekend Collection: €1,275 .00. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Colleen McHale 10.30am: Patricia O'Brien*
E.Ms. Vigil: *Garry Hughes 10.30am. P J Bennett*

Feast Days

April 25th

St Mark

St Mark's gospel is the oldest and shortest of the four gospels. Mark makes no mention of the birth of Jesus. The gospel was written some time between 60-70AD. A winged lion is Mark's symbol.

April 28th

St Peter Chanel (1803- 1841)

He is honoured as the first martyr of the church in Oceania.

Trocaire

This year's Trocaire collection has brought in €4,500. Trocaire wishes to thank all who contributed.

Baptism

*We welcomed into the Christian community, **Ben Vincent O'Reilly, McArt Meadows, Newtownforbes, on Saturday.** We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his parents.*

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Good Shepherd Sunday, the gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who lays down his life for us. The gospel emphasizes the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them.

They 'follow him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a *genuine* relationship. Everybody matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told '*I know my own and my own know me*'

We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal, more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then- especially- that the Good Shepherd comes to our aid.

Jane Mellett

Bishop Duffy's Letter

'Life is both Sacred and a Human Right' is the title of the Pastoral Letter issued by **Bishop Francis** concerning the upcoming referendum. He states in the letter that it is worth reflecting on the actual words of the amendment:

"The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right"

'Its removal will not serve the common good', he states. Please take home a copy of the pastoral you will find at the doors of the church.

Parish Finance Committee

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held in the Parochial House on Monday at 9.00pm.

World Meeting of Families- Wedding Anniversaries

To mark the occasion of the **World Meeting of Families** in Dublin in August the **Parish Pastoral Council** would like to hear from married couples in the parish who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year- one ending in 0 or 5. A special Mass to honour marriage and the family will be celebrated at a vigil Mass the end of May. Already a number of couples have indicated that 2018 is a significant anniversary and they are delighted to be honoured in this way.