

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

*No weekday Masses this week*

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil: Kitty & Hughie Flynn. 10.30am: Elizabeth McVeigh.**

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil: Nora O'Reilly & son Conor. 10.30am: Pat Walker.**

**Last weekend Collection: €1080.00. 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: Anne Marie Williams. 10.30 am. Laura Hussey.  
E.Ms. - Vigil: Anne Duke. 10.30 am: Michelle Ghee**

### Feast Days

**Aug. 22th St Rose of Lima (1586-1617)**

Rose of Lima served the poor in Peru. She was a Dominican sister.

**Aug. 24th St Bartholomew**

*The only mention he gets in the gospels is his listing among the apostles.*

**Aug. 28th St Monica (324-387)**

*Brought her husband and her son, St Augustine to Christianity and to a moral life.*

**Aug. 28th St Augustine (354-430)**

*Influenced by his mother he became a Christian and later became bishop of Hippo in North Africa. As a theologian he has had significant influence in the church especially on the understanding of God's grace. He is the patron saint of theologians.*

## Bread of Life

Terry Anderson was an American journalist who was held captive in Lebanon for seven years. In spite of everything he went through, he continued to be a man of deep faith. He wrote a book of poems on his experience there entitled **Den of Lions**. In one of those poems he describes a Eucharist in a Lebanese prison.

*Five men huddled close  
Against the night and our oppressors  
around a bit of stale bread  
hoarded from a scanty meal  
And a candle, lit not only as  
a symbol but to read the text by.  
The priest as poorly clad  
as drawn with strain as any,  
but his voice is calm, his face serene.*

The poem concludes:

*The familiar prayers come  
straight from the hearts.  
Once again, Christ's promise  
is fulfilled; his presence fills us.  
The miracle is real.*

Martin Hogan

This poem is a truly remarkable profession of faith in the eucharist in an hour of great darkness. Today's gospel is the conclusion of that long teaching in chapter six in St John's gospel on Jesus as the **Bread of Life**.

### Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Leonie Carrig**, Creenagh and **Paul Conway**, Ballygarve, Killoe, who were married on Friday in **St Mary's church**, Newtownforbes. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the years ahead.

### Virtual Alzheimer Café

The Longford Branch of the **Virtual Alzheimer Café** will hold their next meeting on Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. The guest speaker will be **Dr Niamh Moran** and the topic will be '**Caring for the Carers**'. For further information call-085 8724475