

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: John McLoughlin / Jim & Betty McGarry & deceased family members / Mary McGoey.

10.30am: Gerard McGrath & parents Murtagh & Margaret McGrath / Margaret, Frank, Frankie & Paul Divine & Kathleen Harvey.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Special Intention. **10.30am:** No special intention

Last weekend Collection: €1003. Thank you.

Next Weekend

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| Readers—Vigil: Geraldine McVeigh | 10.30am: Sean Devlin |
| E.Ms. Vigil: Anne Duke | 10.30am: Elizabeth Moore |

Feast Days

Sept. 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Padre Pio, Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor and friend of all who suffer, died on September 23rd 1968.

Sept. 27th St Vincent de Paul (1580-1660)

He founded the Vincentians and the Daughters of Charity, the first sisters to work outside their convents. His priesthood was dedicated to the service of the poor.

Bus to Knock

The Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock is on **Sunday Sept 29th**. Bus leaves Ballymahon St. at 10.00am. **Booking** 086 0405621.

Active Retirement

The Clonguish Active Retirement Group has resumed meetings, after the summer break, in **Casey's Bar** on each Thursday. Meetings are from 2.00pm-4.00pm. New members are always welcome.

The Importance of People

The gospel reading this weekend reminds us that a crisis of one kind or another teaches us that what really matters to us is the people in our lives, how much we need them, how much they mean to us. The things in our life become less important; the people in our lives become more important.

The gospel reading today, suggests that our first investment should be in people. We are to invest ourselves in others; we are to use whatever resources we have in the service of others whether that be material resources or personal resources of time, energy, training or talent.

Jesus is the supreme example of someone who invested himself fully in others. **St Paul** said of him that 'for your sakes he became poor so that by his poverty you might become rich'

In today's parable, a crisis moment brought home to the steward that his true wealth consisted not in accumulating goods for himself but in having good friends.

It can take a crisis in our lives to bring home to us that our true wealth lies in the loving relationships that we have formed with others, with our family, with our friends, and with those who have crossed our path in life. The difficult and painful experiences in life can bring us closer to others and, thereby to the Lord.

Martin Hogan

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Damien Lee**, Lisnabo, and **Louise Muldowney**, Longford who were married on Saturday last in the church of St Martin of Tours, Culmullen, Co Meath. Also, to **Brendan McGlynn**, Briskil, and **Joanne Courtney**, Dublin who were married on Friday last in St Mary's Church Newtownforbes. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.

Alzheimer Café

The next get together of the Alzheimer Café is on Wednesday September 25th at 7.00pm in the room at the back of the Longford Credit Union. **Mr Frank Gearty** will speak about, Advice on Legal Matters. Anyone affected by dementia is welcome.

Alzheimer Society **church gate collection** is on this weekend. September 21/22.

