

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Thurs. 7.00pm. Fri.:7.00pm.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Tommy Williams / Karen Curran / Bernie Crossan.*

10.30am: *Teresa Murphy. Thurs.: 7.00pm. Hugh Quinn (Month's memory) Fri.: 7.00pm Bridget Vaughan.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Deceased members of Hannify family. 10.30am: Mel Tighe.*

Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Liam Egan**, *Cloontagh / Briskil, whose funeral was on Friday. Also, for Patrick Costello, Briskil, whose funeral was on Saturday.*

May they **Rest in Peace.**

Last weekend Collection: €1640.00. *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 McCann. 10.30 am: Anne Devlin.*

E.Ms. - Vigil: *Al Yorke. 10.30am: Michelle Ghee.*

Feast Days

Jan. 24th **St Francis de Sales**

As the bishop of Geneva (Switzerland) he worked to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. He died in 1622.

Jan. 25th **The Conversion of St Paul**

Following his conversion on the road to Damascus, the onetime persecutor of Christians became a teacher and preacher of the people.

Jan 26th **Ss Timothy & Titus (First century)**

St Luke's Gospel

The Gospel of Luke will be read at Sunday Mass this year (cycle C). The Gospel of Luke has been described as “**the loveliest book in the world**” and of the four Gospels it is the one closest to a life of **Christ**. Luke addresses his Gospel to **Theophilus**, a name meaning a friend of God. We can take it as addressed to all friends of God.

His stated purpose is to show how well founded is the Christian message of salvation. There are three stages in the development of a Gospel. **(A)** Everything is based on events that happened. **The Gospels are not pious fiction but the stories are grounded on historical people, facts and teaching.** **(B)** The second stage was the handing down of these facts orally by the people who remembered them, and treasured them. **(C)** The third stage was the writing of these memories in, as Luke puts it “an orderly account”

Luke's is the **Gospel of prayer**. At all the significant moments of his life, Luke shows Jesus at prayer. Luke in his Gospel gives a very special place to women, contrary to the culture of the time. Luke shows Jesus as the friend of outcasts and sinners. Some of the best-known Gospel stories are only found in Luke; the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, Zacchaeus (up the tree!) Luke's Gospel has been called the Gospel of the underdog, a Gospel of God's mercy.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This annual week of prayer ends on **January 25th**, the feast-day of the **Conversion of St Paul**. The theme this year is *‘we have seen the star in the East and we have come to worship him’* It was prepared by the Middle Eastern Council of Churches based in Beirut.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic School's Week begins this Sunday. The highlight each year is always **Grandparent's Day**. However, it will **not** be celebrated this year because of the pandemic.