

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 23rd 2018

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00pm Tues. 9.00 & 11.00am Wed.: 10.00am. Thurs. 10.00am.
Anne Killian-Prunty & parents, Tommy & Maureen. Fri. 10.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: No special intention. 10.30am. *Dec. members of the Flynn family.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Mary Bryson (months memory) 10.30am: *Jenny McAvey (months memory)*

Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Frances Prendergast** (nee O'Brien) Kilkenny and formerly of Cahanagh, whose funeral took place in Kilkenny on Saturday last. **May she Rest in Peace.***

Last weekend Collection: €1400 Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Sonia Flynn 10.30am: Cathal Sorohan
E.Ms. Vigil: 10.30am: Liam Belton

Feast Days

Dec. 25th The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Mass Times

Mass times for Christmas are as follows: Christmas Night 9.00pm, Christmas Day 9.00am and 11.00am.

Dec 26th St Stephen

St Stephen was the first Christian martyr.

Dec 27th St John (Apostle & Evangelist)

John, Apostle, brother of James, son of Zebedee, the disciple who Jesus loved is also author of the fourth gospel.

Dec 28th The Holy Innocents (Martyrs)

Dec 29th St Thomas Becket (1118-1170)

An Advent Poem

Light looked down and saw the darkness.

“I will go there” said the light.

Peace looked down and saw the war.

“I will go there said peace.

Loved looked down and saw hatred.

“I will go there” said love

So he,

The lord of **light**, the prince of **peace**, the king of **love**,
came down and crept in beside us.

(John Bell, Iona, Scotland)

Shane Brennan 5K Race/walk

Walkers set off at **12.45pm** and the race starts at **1.00pm**. Doors open at **11.00am**. Runners should come at least 1 hour before the race so as to get their race number and chip and avoid a possible queue. A large crowd is expected. If at all possible, leave your car at home or use church car park and avoid traffic congestion. All money raised will go to the fund for the **MRI scanner for Mullingar Hospital.**

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian family on Sunday last, **Isabelle McGrath**, Lucan and Lamagh, Newtownforbes. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and her parents.

Trocaire Christmas appeal

In **Yemen** people are facing the worst famine in a century, with **5 million** at risk of starvation. In **South Sudan**, **4 million** have had to leave their homes and **7 million** are in need of food aid. **Trocaire's Christmas Appeal** focuses on providing food and support to people in countries such as these. If you wish to make a donation this Christmas please visit the Trocaire web site, www.trocaire.org/christmas.

Bishop Francis Duffy

Parish Calendar – 2019

The parish calendar for 2019 is now on sale in the local shops and in the sacristy. **Price is €3.**

Social Services- Meals on Wheels- Transport Services: Church gate collection realized **€545**. Thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.

Happy Christmas

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