

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Tues 9.00am Thurs 9.00am Fri 9.00am

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *J P & Mary McGlynn & deceased family members / Tommie, Eva & Pdraig Lenahan / Anthony and Mary McGowan, Margret Fox, Pat McGowan and Peter McGinnity. 10.30am:* *Kitty Quinn & deceased family members /John Burke & Jim McDonnell / Paddy and Bridie McGowan and their son Fr Pdraig.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Gerry McCauley (Month's memory) / Josie Conboy (Month's memory) 10.30am:* *Sean & Winifred Manning.*

Last weekend Collection: €1225. *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: *Confirmation class 10.30am: Andrew Hanly*

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

Feast Days.

March 1st St David

St David is the patron saint of Wales, where he was an abbot and a bishop in the sixth century. Several Irish saints were his pupils and he influenced monastic development in Ireland. He died in 601.

The Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is 116 123. This is a twenty four service

“Turn the other cheek”

Some stand out lines from today's Gospel.

“Love your enemies”

Loving is not the same as liking. It's impossible to like everybody, and we don't have to. Liking is about how we feel, and we don't have control over our feelings. But we do have control over how we act, and love is proved not by words but by deeds. Do no evil even to those who deserve it.

“Turn the other cheek”

This is not to be taken literally. It describes an ideal an attitude. Break the circle of violence. Stop looking for revenge. Know when to let go of your anger. This ideal offers the only hope for the troubled parts of the world that are in the news today.

“Stop judging”

Of course we have to judge what people do, when what they do is wrong and hurtful to others. But while you pass judgement on actions, resist the temptation to pass judgement on people. Only **God** can do that. Hate the sin, love the sinner. In a aword “*Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful*”

James DiGiacomo, S J.

Commitment Ceremony

Sunday next, the Sunday before **Ash Wednesday**, is **Temperance Sunday**. Temperance is the moral virtue that enables us to moderate the attraction of pleasures and to balance the use of created things. The candidates for **Confirmation** will celebrate their **Commitment ceremony** on Sunday and some will take the **Pledge**.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

The diocesan pilgrimage led by **Bishop Paul Connell** is from **May 30th to June 4th**. For booking and enquiries, call **Joe Walsh Tours** at **01 2410800**. Pilgrims who need special assistance should contact pilgrimage matron, **Margaret McDonnell** at **086 3918577**.

