

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Each morning- 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Sinead Clarke & grandparents, James & Margaret / John & Brigid Campbell, Pat & Kathleen Reilly & deceased family members / Fr P J Lee. **10.30am:** Mary Duke.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Rose Mullaney / Richard Anna Mae & Margaret Gregg
10.30am: No special intention

Last weekend Collection: €1,464. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—**Vigil:** Clodagh McCann **10.30am.** Sean Devlin

E.Ms. **Vigil:** Al Yorke **10.30am.** P J Bennett

Feast Days

April 25th

St Mark

The **Gospel of Mark** is the oldest and shortest of the four gospels. It was written between **60AD and 70AD**. Mark was not one of the twelve apostles but was very close to Peter and Paul. A winged lion is Mark's symbol.

April 28th

St Peter Chanel (1803-1841)

He was a Marist priest. He worked in Oceania where he died a martyr's death. He is the patron saint of Oceania.

April 29th

St Catherine of Sienna (1347-1380)

She was a Dominican Sister a mystic and a reformer of religious life in Italy.

Do This In Memory

The final **Do This In Memory** Mass before First Holy Communion will be celebrated next weekend at the vigil Mass.

SHALOM

The disciples in today's Gospel must have been so excited to tell Thomas their news: '**We have seen the Lord**'. Sometimes when we try to share something of our faith with others, we can meet similar responses- doubting, cynicism- we can even be made fun of.

The risen Lord bears the wounds of his suffering and even invites Thomas to touch them, to get in touch with the reality of his suffering. We might remember times when we have been overwhelmed by pain but looking back on these times we can see that they sometimes brought us to a different place, to new life. Perhaps today recall those times of 'wounded-ness'- and hear Jesus's 'Peace be with you', the promise that he is with you.

The word '**peace**' (**Shalom**) is more than a wish for a good evening or a peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Lord brings a peace that is life giving. ***The disciples were locked away, afraid, closed off from the world. When Jesus is present with them, their hearts are opened again, they rejoice. The Risen Lord in today's Gospel moves the disciples from total fear and despair to 'rejoicing'***. The same Risen Lord is active in all our lives and in the world.

Wedding bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Liam Kiernan**, Leitrim, Newtownforbes and **Christine O'Connor**, Four Mile Road, who were married (Saturday) in **St Brigid's Church**, Four Mile Road, Co Roscommon. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times to come.

Clonguish Og GAA

Clonguish Og is holding a Family Table Quiz in the Paddy Joe Murphy Sports Hall today at 3.00pm. As well as the quiz there will be a raffle with some 'super prizes' on offer. Please support.

Trocaire

A reminder to bring in your donation to Trocaire if you have not already done so. The total will be published in the newsletter next week. Remember, every little helps.

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